

The aims of the Institute are set out in each issue :

- To develop arts-related resources for the church
- To promote courses of study
- To sponsor arts events
- To co-ordinate conferences
- To promote scholarly study of the relationship between religion and the arts
- To establish a national slide archive of the visual arts
- To develop an archive of Christian art
- To promote a Christian contribution to cultural studies in the wider community.

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NOTES AND NEWS

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN CHAPTER

It is with great pleasure that the "birth" of the Western Australian Regional Chapter of ANZTLA is announced, with twelve members to date, including the office bearers :-

Denise Hallion (Catholic Institute) - Secretary/Treasurer.
Alan Meers (Perth Bible College) - Executive member.
Marcia Harrison (Ada Purnell Library) - Chairperson/President

A constitution similar to the one adopted by the Melbourne chapter has been accepted by the members at a meeting, cum social gathering, held during the week of the ALIA Conference. Those present were given a resumé of the 'state of the art' in theological education in Western Australia and Sydney, together with the library resources supporting the various establishments. We were particularly happy to welcome Lynette Champion from the Catholic College in Sydney.

Plans for the future meetings include implementing some of the suggestions already put forward by other chapters, together with a report on the ALIA conference which will be given by Val Wilde (Baptist College), who had the fortitude to attend each of the five days.

The Western Australian branch welcomes any information which might be considered useful to us in our pursuit of service excellence to our customers.

GERMAN TOUR OFFER

Planning to visit Europe? Would you like to include in your itinerary visits to some of the theological libraries of Germany? You are invited to undertake such a tour, all arrangements made for you. If interested, write for details to:

Dr J.A. Cervello-Margallef, Erzbischhöfliche Diözesan - und Dombibliothek, Postfach 10 06 90, Kardinal-Frings-Strasse 1-3, D-5000 Köln 1, Germany.

A MEDIEVAL CURSE

"For him that stealeth a book from this library, let it change into a serpent in his hand and rend him. Let him be struck by palsy and all his members blasted. Let him languish in pain, crying aloud for mercy, and let there be no surcease for his agony until he sink to dissolution. Let book-worms gnaw his entrails in token of the worm that dieth not, and when at last he goeth to his final punishment let the flames of hell consume him for ever and aye."

- From the monastery of San Pedro, Barcelona.