

## FROM THE EDITOR

Each year our conference seems to get bigger and better - and our recent gathering at Morling College in Sydney was no exception. About 50 delegates including three overseas delegates (see photograph p.14) gathered over the weekend 5-8 July and were treated to several stimulating and thought-provoking addresses and discussions. Reader Education was the theme of the first two sessions, in which Joyce Kirk and Robin Walsh broadened our understanding of both the theory and the practical possibilities, and motivated us all to take stock of what we are already doing and consider how we might improve this aspect of our library services.

Other sessions included a report by Trevor Zweck on the use of automated facilities in theological libraries in North America as observed during his recent exchange experience. Trevor's enthusiasm for all things automated never fails to encourage us to "press on" towards the goal. A comprehensive presentation of the "state of the art" in machine readable databases - on CD Rom particularly - of especial interest to theological libraries was given by Hans Arns.

For the benefit of those members who were not able to join us, this Newsletter publishes the papers of Joyce Kirk, Robin Walsh and Trevor Zweck. (We hope to have Hans' paper for the December issue.) We trust all will find it stimulating reading. We also encourage you to consider joining us at next year's conference to be located at Luther Campus, Adelaide.

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