

ANZTLA AFFAIRS

Plans are well advanced for our ninth annual conference, to be held at Ormond College, University of Melbourne, Parkville, Vic, 1-4 July, 1994. It is likely to be our biggest (in terms of attendance) and local organisers are determined to make it the best. You will find further information and registration details elsewhere in this issue. Plan now to participate. The conference dates overlap those of the joint ANZATS/ANZSTS Conference, which will be held in conjunction with the AASR Conference in Adelaide from 3 July.

Meanwhile, planning has also begun for the decennial conference of ANZTLA in Canberra in 1995. This also promises to be a very special event.

The 1993 Annual General Meeting left the matter of the production of the *Style manual* in the hands of Dr Lawrence McIntosh (the author) and the undersigned. We have decided to have it published by the Centre for Information Studies, Charles Sturt University, Wagga Wagga, NSW, the publishers of the *Australasian religion index*. Following discussions with the Australian and New Zealand Association of Theological Schools, we have decided to involve both the ANZATS and the ANZTLA in the publication and to name both in the title of the work. The ANZATS has generously contributed \$2000 towards the cost of publication. As a consequence, we anticipate that individual copies will cost \$13 and bulk orders (10 or more) \$10, including postage. We anticipate that it will be published early in 1994 and that it will be adopted by many theological colleges and consortia. Advice of publication and ordering information will come from the Centre for Information Studies and will be reported in the next newsletter.

Progress has also been made on the publication of the five-year cumulation of the *Australasian religion index*. John Mills and Gary Gorman from the Centre for Information Studies had a meeting in Adelaide with the undersigned, and, by telephone extension, with Lawrence McIntosh to finalise details. The cumulation will present the five years of indexing data in one sequence, with subject index and book reviews; but it will also have

a couple of extra features not included in the semi-annual issues. It will include an introductory essay on the church history of the five year period in question and a list of reviewers (showing who has reviewed what items). Dr Maurice Schild, lecturer in Church History at Luther Campus, has been asked to write the introductory essay. The cumulation will be published and marketed as a monograph, with its own title and with its dependence on *ARI* clearly indicated in a subtitle or elsewhere on the title page. It will cost approximately \$90 and will be marketed by the Centre for Information Studies. It is hoped that subscribers to the semi-annual will also purchase the cumulation, but it is also hoped to reach a much wider clientele, both locally and overseas, with the monograph format. Progress towards publication will begin as soon as the fifth annual issue of *ARI* is completed. The Editorial Management Committee will undertake a thorough clean-up of the database at the end of January, 1994 and publication should proceed soon thereafter.

The committee appointed to plan the future updating of the *Australasian union list of serials in theological collections* met recently and will report independently on what is required of libraries to make the update possible. [See "Aulots" in this issue - Ed.]

I have had discussions with the Australian Bibliographic Network on the problems facing non-participant libraries which want to contribute data on theses produced at their institution to the National Bibliographic Database. It creates problems for ABN when such data is sent to them on cards or sheets. They would prefer to have it sent to a participant library to be input by them. Most participants will be willing to input limited amounts of data from worksheets, as they receive a \$7 credit for every record contributed. So if you have data on theses to contribute, it is suggested you contact one of the theological library participants (Luther, Joint Theological and St Mark's) to see if they will do the data entry for you. The participant library will want to receive a clear worksheet with full cataloguing details, including: (1) author's name in AACR2 format; (2) title, subtitle (if any) and statement of responsibility; (3) pagination and size; (4) subject headings; and (5) statement on the award, the institution, and the year of submission. e.g. 'Thesis (M.Th.)--Luther Seminary, North Adelaide, S. Aust., 1993'. The latter is vitally important and must not be

omitted.

One of the decisions of the recent Annual Users' Meeting of the ABN is worthy of special note. As reported in *ABN news*, it reads: 'That the National Library of Australia and the ABN Office explore with the National Library of New Zealand and the NZBN the possibility of a shared bibliographic database and a joint mechanism for setting cataloguing standards in the redeveloped ABN/N7BN.' A shared database would be a great benefit to ANZTLA libraries, because of the assistance it would provide for trans-Tasman cooperation. We will watch developments with interest.

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