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**ANZTLA AFFAIRS**

There was an appropriately festive atmosphere about Canberra when we met there for the celebratory tenth annual conference in September. While the events themselves and the proceedings of the AGM are reported elsewhere, I want to pass on to you a greeting received from Dr Andre J Geuns, Chairman of the International Council of Theological Library Associations, Valcanetto di Cerveteri, Italy:

The 26th issue of the *ANZTLA Newsletter* informed me about the tenth anniversary of your Association. Even if the official celebration of this past decade is already over, I wish to congratulate ANZTLA on behalf of the International Council with all the things that have been achieved in this relatively short period and wish you all the best for the numerous challenges that surely will lie ahead.

I hope the contacts between ANZTLA and the International Council may be strengthened in the future, even if geographically the distances are enormous. I assure you that, via your Newsletter, I follow as well as possible your efforts and achievements. If one or more members of your Association might come to Europe, I hope they will take the opportunity to re-establish the contacts Mrs Lynn Pryor made some years ago. Even if the local circumstances will be rather different, I am convinced that we have to meet much the same problems. Anyhow, dialogue and exchange of ideas will never be an obstacle to our common goals, and, if we are able to co-operate in some way or other, all the better. If you have some suggestions to improve this way of collaboration, I will be very grateful to receive them.

Elsewhere in this Newsletter, you will also find a communication from Dr Lawrence McIntosh, acknowledging the Honorary Life Membership of the Association to which he was appointed at the conference. The following text of the resolution passed at the AGM conveys something of what Lawrence has contributed to the Association and to the wider theological community in our two countries:

That the ANZTLA place on record the distinguished service of Dr Lawrence McIntosh to the

Australian and New Zealand theological library community and admit him as the first Honorary Life Member of the association.

As Librarian of the Joint Theological Library, Parkville, Vic, from 1982 until his retirement in 1995, he has established an outstanding library service and has developed the pre-eminent example of interdenominational library co-operation in Australia.

He has given his services widely and generously as a consultant on many library developments and projects in Australia and New Zealand, promoting the highest standards of professionalism and service to theological and religious study and research.

He has rendered distinguished service to the ANZTLA since its establishment in 1985, presenting papers on professionalism in theological librarianship, on reference work and on acquisitions, writing articles on reference works for the ANZTLA Newsletter, and serving on the organising committees of the 1987 and 1994 conferences.

He was responsible for the drafting of the ANZTLA Standards for Theological Libraries and for the publication of his *A Style Manual for the Presentation of Papers and Theses in Religion and Theology*, for which he has been recognised as the first recipient of the Trevor Zweck Award for services to theological librarianship.

He was the Co-ordinator of the Editorial Management Committee of the Australasian Religion Index from its inception in 1989 to his retirement in 1995, not only contributing unselfishly to its production, but setting the highest of standards for future emulation.

His career in theological librarianship has been marked by professionalism and propriety, by excellence of service, provided with grace and dignity. It exemplifies par excellence the distinguished service for which the category of Honorary Life Membership has been created and makes him a most worthy first recipient of the honour.

As a last word on the conference, I would like to again express our thanks to Judy James and her committee for a very full and enjoyable program and fitting celebration of our tenth anniversary.

(Revd) Trevor Zweck  
President

### THANK YOU - FROM LAWRENCE

I take this opportunity to say, 'Thank you' to my friends in ANZTLA for the many kindnesses bestowed on me at the time of my retirement. I was quite overwhelmed at receiving the first *Trevor Zweck Award* and also Life-Membership of ANZTLA. Such honours, as awarded by colleagues who understand the nature of our professional role, are of the highest order. I am aware also that ANZTLA was joint-publisher of the Festschrift, *So great a cloud of witnesses*, with its array of important contributions. I am most grateful to all who were responsible for the concept and its production.

Thank you too for so many personal good wishes which came by means of cards, and calls and lovely flowers. I shall continue to cherish my membership in this quite wonderful library family, and value the friendships made along the way.

Our address is 3 Langford Court, Strathdale, Vic. 3550 (Phone 054 426 399) and, should any of you be in the Bendigo area, Pamela and I would love to see you.

Lawrence McIntosh