



NOTES FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Update on the Corporate Plan and Review

The Corporate Plan and Review Committee has met several times since the December meeting of Council, and plans for carrying out the review have now been finalised and are underway.

The Review is being carried out by calling for submissions and holding a series of hearings around Australia to obtain comment on the Association.

Dates for hearings have been set to fit in, as far as possible, with movements of the Committee and the following dates for hearings have been set:

Canberra	— 26 and 27 March
Melbourne	— 12 and 13 April
Rockhampton	— 22 April
Townsville	— 23 April
Brisbane	— 26 and 27 April
Perth	— 16, 17 & 20 June are reserved at present
Darwin	— 4 July
Adelaide	— 19 and 20 July
Sydney	— 6 and 7 August
Hobart	— 18 September.

The Call for Submissions has been sent to all divisions, all LAA committees, to related bodies, to library schools, information courses not attached to library schools and has been placed in *InCite* and in the body of the newsletter. The insert is designed to be placed on noticeboards to give the widest audience the opportunity to comment, and Peter Judge has been asked to assist in identifying and contacting information related workers, e.g. research and information officers.

General Councillors have been asked to act as State Liaison Officers for the Committee to assist in setting up venues for hearings etc.

Two sub-committees have been set up by CPRC. A finance sub-committee which at present is looking at program budgeting for divisions, and a membership sub-committee which is drawing up a questionnaire to survey the membership. This will be distributed later in the year.

The success of the hearings depends on wide-ranging comments and the CPRC has made many personal contacts to ensure that as many people as possible put forward comment at the hearings. The hearings will also run in the evening to provide the opportunity for comment outside working hours.

The first hearings, which were held in Canberra, were regarded by the CPR Committee as a positive contribution to their work and it was felt that the comments received will greatly assist the Committee in its review of the Association. The Committee is extremely grateful for the effort made by those persons who made submissions, particularly in view of the short time frame. A broad range of membership of the Association was represented at the hearings, however the Committee recognised that there is a need to involve more non-members in the review. To this end all divisions of the Association are being asked to try and involve non-members and non-active members in local hearings. The Committee is also hoping to identify groups of non-members in some large institutions and possibly hold some informal discussions with these groups to elicit further comment.

The Committee has been overwhelmed by the response to its call for submissions and the requests to attend hearings and is sure that this method of approaching the review is giving the widest opportunity for comment.

The Committee has accepted an invitation to meet formally with the Queensland Branch and hopes to meet in this way with the other Branch Councils as the hearing progresses.

Any person wishing to discuss the review in more detail is invited to contact any one of the Committee members.

Warren Horton (03) 669 9910
Anne Hazell (08) 227 3241
Jenny Adams (02) 692 9233

Persons wishing to attend hearings are asked to contact Jenny Adams in order for these to be co-ordinated.

Document Delivery report

The final report of the Document Delivery Summit, held at the Australian National University on the 19/20 November 1984 has now been published.

Copies have been sent to all participants in the conference, as well as to all divisions of the Association.

Interested persons may obtain a copy of the report by contacting Angela Brommann at LAA House.

The carriage of the resolutions passed at the meeting has been handed to ALIC and regular reports on their progress will be reported in *InCite*.

Investment advice

In order to ensure that the LAA is receiving the best possible return on its investments, the Association has retained the investment advisers Potter and Partners to assist in the investment of Association funds. Potter and Partners are one of the best known financial advisers in Australia, and one small piece of advice has already meant the Association will be another \$3,000 better off in two years time.

The Association has very strict requirements about the types of investment which may be made on its behalf and Potter and Partners will have to limit their advice to areas in which the Association may invest.

As the Association receives most of its income in the first four months of the year it is important that this income is invested wisely to ensure that the Association has an acceptable cash flow throughout the year and still receives a good return on investment.

Jenny Adams
Executive Director

AUUG BULLETIN

3rd National Workshop on Current and Future URICA Developments, Palm Lake Motel, Melbourne, 29-30 November, 1984

Fifty-eight people attended the URICA Workshop, which was organised by the Victorian Branch of the Australasian URICA Users Group, including fifteen from inter-state. There were representatives from each URICA site in Victoria and three from AWA.

Papers presented:

- Interfacing with ABN, by David Pike.
- Introduction to URICA — Software developments and overseas developments, by Caroline Power.
- URICA implementation and interfacing with existing systems at the Borchardt Library, LaTrobe University, by Geoff Payne.
- URICANET (The network between LaTrobe University, Phillip Institute, Preston College of TAFE and Preston City Library), by Bill Cations.
- Understanding barcodes, by Tony Codd.
- Administration aspects of computer installation, by Alan Thompson.

Practical workshop sessions were run each afternoon to demonstrate the URICA modules — Cataloguing and Enquiry, Circulation, Acquisitions and Serials Control. Some participants took up the offer of site visits to LaTrobe University, Phillip Institute and Northcote Public Library.

One of the main software developments which Caroline Power spoke of is for the Enquiry module. The enhancements to this module are linked to the McDonnell Douglas installation in the United States. Caroline gave us some interesting news about other overseas developments and also some news about the re-organisation and expansion of the URICA teams in Melbourne, Canberra and Sydney. Janette Wright, formerly from RMIT Department of Librarianship, is now the URICA Manager in Melbourne.

The 2-day workshop was a valuable forum for those who wanted information about an automated system from the users point of view.

Those who attended from institutions which already have the URICA system also found the information exchange very useful.

Jan Stewart
Preston College of TAFE

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