

NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S NOTES



LBC UK Conference Sponsorship

It gives me great pleasure to announce that LBC Information Services will sponsor an outstanding Australian law librarian to attend the AALL/BIALL/CALL Joint Study Institute

to be held in Cambridge from Monday 7 September to Thursday 10 September and the Annual Study Conference and Exhibition of BIALL to be held in Portsmouth from Friday 11 September to Monday 14 September. The successful applicant will participate in the final panel session of the Joint Study Institute entitled 'International co-operation between law library associations'. Many thanks to LBC for enabling the ALLG to send an official representative to these important international conferences.

The Selection Criteria for the scholarship are published in this issue at page 115.

ALLG Web Site

Discussions are continuing with Harvest Road, a software technology company specialising in advanced web services. We are aiming to incorporate design excellence with practical information such as the membership directory and links to relevant sites. The Victorian and NSW Web Site Sub-committees have already put considerable effort into the preparation of information that will go onto the site. We are planning to launch the site at the Law Symposium in Melbourne in early October. Selected legal publishers have been invited to sponsor the project and discussions to date are promising.

ALLG Submissions

Two submissions have been prepared recently. The first related to electronic citation standards and was sent to the Legal Information Standards Council (LISC), an

initiative by the Law Foundation of NSW and the Law Society of NSW. The second, which was sent to Ausinfo (formerly AGPS), referred to the Federal Register of Legislative Instruments (FRLI) which is to be available on the Internet once the Legislative Instruments Bill has been passed. This submission dealt with problems relating to the size of the hardcopy version and distribution issues.

ALLG Objectives

In line with the objectives set out in the National Constitution, the National Executive is actively seeking to promote the Group to the benefit of the profession as a whole and its members in particular. Legal publishers are an important part of the equation. I have met with senior managers from Butterworths and CCH recently and have regular contact with other publishers such as Aunty Abha, Pink Ribbon and LBC. The legal publishers are all very aware of the importance of the ALLG and members can be assured that we are taking every chance to provide feedback on changes and initiatives and to canvass and present the views of the membership.

We are also trying to forge greater links with our colleagues overseas. It is encouraging to know that many members regard overseas conference attendance highly as evidenced by the number who have built such a conference or conferences in some cases into their schedules for the year. The ALLG will be endeavouring to offer more opportunities of this sort through initiatives such as the LBC UK Conference Scholarship. I am currently liaising with Oceana Publications regarding the sponsorship of an ALLG member to attend a US conference.

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