



ALLG Objectives

The National Executive and State Committees are working hard to achieve a number of objectives. These include increasing the ALLG's profile as a lobby group, providing opportunities for members to network and keep up-to-date with new developments, forging stronger links with the legal publishing industry and other relevant organisations and promoting the Group on a national and international basis.

I hope that most of you are aware of the activities and initiatives which have and are being organised to fulfil these objectives. Some highlights include the Law Symposiums organised by the Victorian Division, the publication of a high quality journal and the redevelopment of the ALLG Website. Recently attention has been given to the issue of sponsorship. A number of agreements have been negotiated with the major legal publishers including sponsorship of the ALLG Website and the expansion of the ALLG Australian and overseas conference scholarship programme. The selection criteria and process for conference scholarships/bursaries are currently being revised.

Written submissions were prepared regarding the Reed Elsevier PLC/Wolters Kluwer NV merger, electronic citations and the Federal Register of Legislative Instruments. The Group has regular contact with the legal publishers with lobbying activities being overseen by the National Publishers' Liaison Co-ordinator. All Divisions have a busy schedule of meetings, seminars and social functions. A number of Divisions hold an annual Publishers' Forum, conduct salary surveys, keep an employment register, publish a Union List of Serials and produce a regular newsletter.

Future directions for the Group were discussed at the National Executive Committee meeting held during

the Law Symposium. I will include a report on the meeting in my next column.

LBC UK Conference Scholarship Winner

I am pleased to announce that Ruth Bird, Law Librarian at the University of Melbourne, is the winner of the inaugural LBC UK Conference Scholarship. Ruth is well qualified to represent the Group at these important conferences. By now she will have participated in a panel discussion at the Joint Study Institute, been an official guest at various social functions at the BIALL conference and be thinking about her report. Congratulations Ruth and thank you to the other ten applicants.

Oceana Publications US Conference Sponsorship

Oceana Publications will sponsor an ALLG member to attend a US conference in 1999 and 2000. I will keep you informed of developments.

CCH Bursaries to National Specials, Health and Law Conference, Tasmania, 1999

I know many of you are hoping to cross the Tasman in August next year to participate in the 8th Asia Pacific Specials Health and Law Librarians Conference to be held in Hobart. CCH has generously agreed to offer five \$1,000.00 bursaries to assist ALLG members to attend.

ALLG Website

The launch of the new ALLG Website at the Law Symposium enhanced the Group's profile considerably. Thanks to the major sponsor Butterworths and the other sponsors CCH, LBC, Aunty Abha and Pink Ribbon. Thanks also to Anne Gardner, the ALLG's National Website Co-ordinator and the State Website representatives and to the award winning website developer, HarvestRoad. The site can be found at <http://www.allg.asn.au>

ALLG Constitution

The WA Division has taken on responsibility for the review of the ALLG Constitution. Hopefully the revised document will be able to be ratified at the AGM next year

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