

MINUTES

MEETING	Asia-Pacific Library Advisory Committee (APLAC)
PRESENT	Amelia McKenzie, Ewan Maidment, Benjamin Penny (for Geremie Barme), James Fox, Jenny Corbett, Kam Louie, Kirill Nourzhanov, Peter Jackson, Richard Barz, Tana Li, Terry Hull, Vic Elliott, Sue Kosse, Kathy Collier and Renata Osborne
APOLOGIES	Chris Ballard, Colin Jeffcott, Geremie Barme, Ken Wells, Nicholas Tapp, Robert Cribb
DATE/TIME	5 August 2005, 2pm
VENUE	Library Meetings Room, R G Menzies Building

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.

The issue of providing access to specialised datasets held at ANU was raised.

2. Report from the Librarian

2.1 Budget Matters

a 2005 budget estimates were delayed because of revised reporting procedures, changes to budget codes and difficulty in reconciling internal expenditure estimates with financial figures.

b There is sufficient funding to meet 2005 commitments together with a strategy for risk management including:

- The A\$700,000 reserve funds maintained as a hedge against inflation, together with bulk purchase of foreign currencies (US\$, GBP and EURO) at an advantageous rate
- Director's contingency fund
- Contracts with subscription agents for the supply of serials

2.2 Division of Information Update:

- The Art and Music Libraries are now incorporated into the University Library
- The Archives Program, including the Noel Butlin Archive Centre, now reporting to the Director, Scholarly Information Services
- NARU Library to be closed and the collections distributed between Northern Territory Library, Charles Darwin University Library and the ANU Library
- ANU E Press is now in its third year of operation. A survey on ANU publishing has been conducted and a report is being considered.
- Two senior positions in the Division of Information are to be advertised: Director, Scholarly Technology Services and Director, Corporate Information Services

2.3 The Quality Review recommended closer relationships with NLA and CSIRO:

- a) Collaborative effort underway with the NLA and other universities on digitizing one newspaper from each state capital. Application for a \$600,000 grant from the ARC, with matching contributions from partner universities to undertake this project.
- b) Cooperation with CSIRO is likely to be in the area of IT infrastructure and possibly storage.

2.4 New modules have been purchased to enhance Library services:

- a) Automated inter-library loans with request via the web.
- b) Enhanced searching across electronic resources.

2.5 Purchase of expensive items at the end of 2004:

- a) Defining Gender - online from Adam Matthews.
- b) Empire Online - online from Adam Matthews.
- c) Oxford Dictionary of National Biography - 60v. set plus online access.
- d) ScienceDirect backfiles from Elsevier including 96 Social Science journals back to 1949 and 59 Economics, econometrics and finance journals back to 1967.

2.6 Space Issues:

- a) Pressure on shelving space for print materials will be made more urgent by the closure of the libraries at the Research School of Physical Sciences and Engineering (RSPSE) and the John Curtin School of Medical Research. As an interim measure RSPSE books will be relocated to Hancock, and serials to the Acton Store.
- b) An off-site storage at Hume, with 25,000 metres shelving capacity, is being considered in partnership with other universities (Sydney, UNSW and Monash). Present planning is for the Store to be used for serials, and equipped with scanning and document delivery facilities as well as a consultation room.

Some questions/comments voiced at the meeting included: consultation with user groups, how to determine cut-off date for journals transferred to Store, access rights to print journals of partner institutions in Store (and whether there will be access to corresponding online journals), copyright on scanned articles, and sharing the costs with partner institutions. Vic Elliott confirmed that there will be consultation with users on the selection of material for relocating to Store.

3. 2004 Access and Collection Budget

A proposal to supplement the Middle East Budget (wme) from the larger area budgets was tabled.

Jenny Corbett commented that such situations arose when there was insufficient additional funding to support new programs, and suggested that new programs should be funded from outside the Asia Pacific budget to prevent the whole area being disadvantaged. Professor Corbett expressed her view that the supplementation should be for 1 year and then reviewed.

Kyrill Nourzhanov had authorisation from Amin Saikal to offer the Library \$3000 as a one-off contribution to the Middle East budget.

Amelia McKenzie commented that the National Library is willing to purchase materials on the Middle East.

4. Expensive Items and New Serials Proposals

All nominated resources were endorsed for purchase.

Ewan Maidment mentioned that there are additional files from the UK Public Records Office that should be purchased. Amelia McKenzie commented that the National Library will be sending an acquisitions officer to the Pacific to acquire Pacific resources, and that the NLA is willing to collaborate in the acquisition of material to support Pacific research at ANU.

5. Report from Asian Collections, NLA

NLA is organising a one-day Asia Research Forum in October 2005 for library managers and academics to discuss emerging trends in Asian studies research and library support.

NLA will be organising a similar forum for the Pacific in 2006.

6. Any other business

The delay in organising access to Japanese online resources, specifically the Yomiuri Shimbun backfiles and the legal databases, was queried.

7. Next Meeting

Date to be determined.