

MINUTES

MEETING **ASIA PACIFIC LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (APLAC)**

PRESENT **Prof. R Cribb (Chair), Prof. R Jha, Dr. D Campbell, Ms L Koleilat, Dr. N Farrelly, Prof. L Narangoa, Dr. T Li, Dr. B Nelson, Dr. J O'Hagan, Dr. G Ubiria, Prof. Z W Zhao, Ms. K Collier, Ms. R Missingham, Ms. A McKenzie, Ms. R Wong (Secretary)**

DATE/TIME **04 September 2012 / 2.30pm**

VENUE **Graneek Room, Chifley Library**

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed new members to APLAC: Prof. Raghbendra Jha, Ms Lina Koleilat, Dr. Grigol Ubiria.

Apologies were received from: Dr. C Filer, Prof. L Elliot, Prof. P Jackson, Prof. R Kersten, Ms J Sassoon, Dr. R Maliangkay

2. Minutes of the APLAC meeting of 8 June 2011

The minutes of meeting were accepted as an accurate record.

3. Business arising from the minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

4. University Librarian (Chief Scholarly Information Officer)

The Chair introduced Ms Roxanne Missingham, the new University Librarian.

4.1. General issues

Ms. Missingham reported that the Library and Scholarly Information Services is now separate from the Division of Information, having previously operated as a subgroup within the Division. The Division of Information had recently been reviewed as part of the review of administrative areas in the University.

Ms. Missingham reported that the Library and Scholarly Information Services would be reviewed in November and encouraged members of the committee to make submissions to the review, either individually or through their College. The Library would make a submission and the basis for this submission would be provided in summary form to the members of the Library Advisory Committees. It was noted that the scholarly communication environment continues to change. The open access movement is expanding. The University's Open access policy is under review – a paper has been prepared for the University's Education and research Committees. The number of electronic publications, including eBooks, continues to grow.

4.2. Library Services

The Art and Music Libraries had now been successfully consolidated. A number of significant collections had been acquired in 2012, including a major package of around 80,000 eBooks. The use of SuperSearch, the Library's web discovery service continues to grow, as does the amount of material indexed by the service.

The Library would undertake a trial of extended opening hours Mondays to Thursdays in the Chifley, Hancock and Law libraries for a four week period from the 9th October, to test late night use of the buildings.

Prof. Cribb inquired whether posting one security guard at each Library during extended hours would be sufficient. Ms. Missingham responded that would be sufficient because back up security would be available in case there would be an incident. She added that the now relaxed food and drink policy would enable users to utilize library facilities comfortably for longer hours.

Prof. Cribb asked about the open access on copyright. Ms. Missingham noted that legislation was being reviewed, with the Australian Law Reform Commission inquiring into copyright at present. NHNRC funded projects will be required to make publications available open access via institutional repositories from 1 July 2013. Publishers have different approaches to support open access.

Ms Missingham mentioned the 60th anniversary of first theses passed by the ANU. There was plan for digitization of old theses under Copyright Act 200AB. This would make ANU research available to the nation.

Dr. Ubiria asked whether the eBooks were read only or downloadable. Ms. Missingham responded that in some cases an eBook could be downloaded during the loan period and disappeared upon expiry. In some other cases, they could be used either ways.

Prof. Cribb noted that searches via Google Scholar did not provide link to electronic full text collected by ANU. Ms Koleilat suggested logon to remote access before searching. Ms Missingham suggested using Supersearch as an alternative. The Library would investigate delivering better resource discovery services.

4.3. Access and Collection Budget 2012

Ms. Missingham reported that there had been a modest increase in the access and collections budget for 2012 and that the current allocation is \$8,105,000. It was noted that exchange rates were playing a large part in maintaining the purchasing power of the budget and that the ANU allocation was at the low end of the Go8 figures. This matter would be raised in the forthcoming Library and Scholarly Information services review. Over US\$2million had been purchased earlier in the year at favourable rates as a hedge against the value of the Australian dollar.

5. Subject Access and Collection Budget 2012

5.1. Asia Pacific Access and Collection Budget 2012

Ms Wong reported that total allocation for Asia and Pacific Access & Collection Budget in 2012 was \$599,077. Percentage distribution between various areas remained unchanged. Serials expenditure was in a healthy state of 40% of total allocations. Overall budget status as at the time of meeting was 68% spent.

Prof. Cribb asked whether about Library staff workload. Ms Wong shared the mailing list of Asia Pacific Area Focus Groups and thanks Focus Group participants on their support and on recommending library collections. Members were encouraged to invite other colleagues to join the focus groups or recommend library materials for this fiscal year. Ms. Wong shared the forth coming approval plan profile which would be drafted later this year. The purpose of establishing approval plan profile with vendors was to streamline the selection process. Focus group members would be invited to review the relevance of titles generated by approval plan profiles.

Ms. Nelson asked whether the General Asia Budget had been completely spent. Ms. Wong explained that was because more purchases were on multiple regions, any overspending would be absorbed by balances from area funds towards the end of the year.

5.2. New subscription/major Acquisition Proposals

Members supported the following expensive purchase proposals, with the condition that the item proposed were not duplicate in the National Library of Australia, and for microforms, no digitized version would be available in the short term.

- Kazoo [MF 94 reels with 1 index CD-ROM]
- Primary sources on yellow peril. Series I [Print 7 vol.] (NLA order status to be reconfirmed)
- Qing dynasty Xinjiang Manchu document collection [Print 280 vol.]
- Collected Manchukuo local government [Print 48 vol.]
- China and protestant missions [MF 1752 fiches]
- Bangkok Chinese newspaper clippings 1952-1955 [MF 27 reels]
- Bangkok Thai & Chinese Press 1965-1971 [MF 13 reels]

5.3. Recent major acquisitions – status reports

Ms Wong tabled the status report on major acquisitions purchased in 2011. Special attention was drawn to Foreign Broadcast Information Service 1941-1996 files and Foreign Office Files from British Foreign Office.

6. Other business

6.1. NLA Report

Ms McKenzies spoke to the NLA Report for APLAC Meeting which includes:

- Chinese Card catalogue conversion
- Asian collection materials digitised during the year
- Recent activates and collection highlights

Prof. Cribb inquired whether free website on Indonesian digital collections in Dutch will be included in NLA catalogue. Ms McKenzies responded that materials collected by NLA were in the catalogue.

Ms. Missingham commented that according to Library collection policy, freely available web resources of quality and with a stable site could be added into Library catalogue.

6.2. Menzies 50th Anniversary

Ms Wong remarked that 13th March 2013 would be the 50th Anniversary of the Menzies Library. Initial discussion of celebration activities had been discussed with Facilities and Services and ANU Marketing. Events proposed by Menzies Library would include an exhibition with topics memorizing the building, people, and events, or using the library as a starting point to tell stories of major ANU research achievement since the 1960s'. A series of public lecture would be organized. APLAC members were invited to propose topics or ideas for the celebration events.

Various proposals mentioned included inviting the Queen to celebrate the 50th Anniversary over YouTube.

7. Next Meeting

APLAC meeting to be held every six months. Date of next meeting to be confirmed.

8. The meeting closed at 4.00p.m.