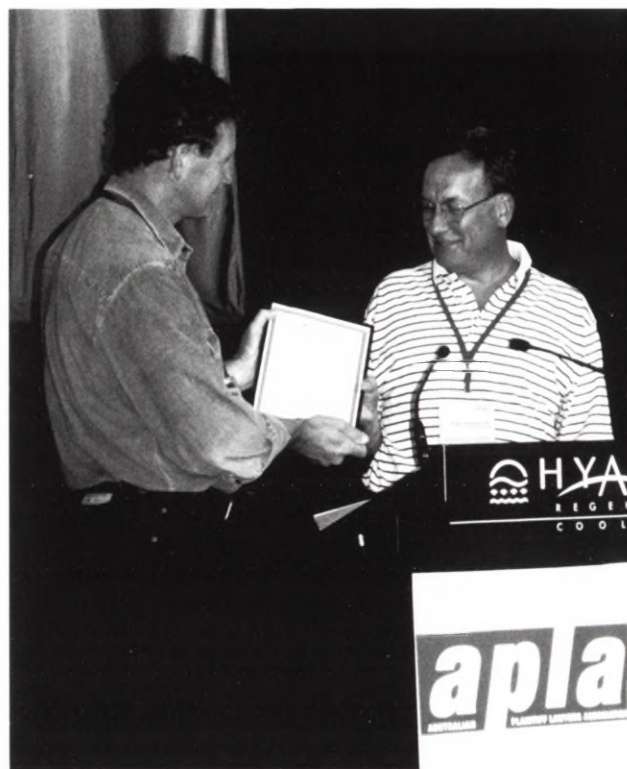


THE APLA NATIONAL



Rob Davis (APLA National President).



Peter Semmler receiving Civil Justice Award.

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The conference was opened by APLA National President, Rob Davis, who announced the recipients of the Civil Justice Award. Peter Gordon, Jack Rush, and past APLA National President Peter Semmler QC received the Award this year.

One of the first papers of the Conference was presented by Ricky Bagolie, a trial lawyer from the United States. He was also joined as an international guest by Frances McCarthy, President of APIL in the UK, who presented the plenary address for the second year running and once again amused the audience with her humorous insights into working as a plaintiff lawyer.

The range of topics presented by speakers was all encompassing, ranging from electro-magnetic field radiation to assault on a football field. There was something for every delegate and, no doubt, every delegate learnt much from the papers.

Social events were also in full swing, commencing with the Cocktail Party by the pool on Thursday night and ending with the Conference Dinner on Saturday night. The very funny Geoff Coates was our MC. Delegates danced the night away to the band that was joined by singing and drumming delegates.

The Hyatt's nightclub was also well frequented by many Conference delegates.

Our thanks must go to all staff at APLA, particularly the APLA Conference Manager, Tamara Dickson, for organising and running a spectacularly successful Conference.

The planning for next year's Conference is well under way and will no doubt be just as successful and inspiring as this year's Conference. **PL**

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Simon Garnett and Geoff Coates at the APLA stand.



Frances McCarthy (APIL President).

Catherine Cheek, Audrey Jamieson, Isla, and Peter Cashman.

Peter Semmler & Fiona Campbell.



Tom Goudkamp (APLA National Treasurer), Peter Fenton, Frances McCarthy (APIL President), Tamara Dickson (APLA Conference Manager).