



IFLA 1988

As a regular IFLA-goer and committee member of some years standing, I too have reservations about the hosting of the 1988 IFLA Conference. Although, I wholeheartedly support Australia hosting the 1988 IFLA Conference, it is now some two years since I stated my belief that Canberra should be the venue in order to emphasise its national character for us. No doubt there would be logistical problems, though the use of ANU facilities may be a solution.

However, more importantly, I believe that the IFLA Conference should subsume the LAA Conference in 1988, regardless of the venue. I would also expect that the organising committee would be drawn largely from persons with long experience of IFLA activities; at least a dozen names spring to mind. The relationship of the LAA with IFLA has not always been a close one, but 1988 is an ideal opportunity not only for our overseas colleagues to meet more of us who work in Australia and New Zealand and see how we operate, but also for Australian librarians to enter the international world of our profession. I strongly urge that only the one conference should be held in August 1988, and that alternative locations should be investigated.

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AMENDMENTS TO COPYRIGHT ACT

THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL has issued the following press release: The Government has approved amendments to the Copyright Act to liberalise provisions applying to copying by educational institutions and libraries.

The changes stem from meetings with representatives of copyright owners' organisations, educational institutions and libraries to discuss the operation of the 1980 amendments which came into force on 1 August 1981.

The proposed amendments include:

- widening the definition of an 'educational institution' to enable a broader range of bodies to take advantage of the Act's provisions which permit the multiple copying of copyright works for educational purposes. The provisions will extend to bodies such as schools of nursing; other teaching units of hospitals; in-service teacher training units of Government education departments and non-government education authorities;
- facilitating the provision by libraries of copies of works to users (for example, people in remote locations) who are unable conveniently to comply with the present requirement to submit a formal request and declaration of intended use of the material to be copied;
- preventing libraries, when copying for users, using the 'fair dealing' provision of the Copyright Act to avoid the record keeping requirements;
- enabling institutions to make a copy of a

Australian friend wanted

I am a French librarian (*conservateur*). I have got a degree (*Licence*) in English and I graduated from the Institut National des Techniques de la Documentation (INTD, Paris) and the Ecole Nationale Supérieure des Bibliothèques (ENSB, Paris = the postgraduate school of librarianship).

I am much interested in all aspects of librarianship, in France and also in the world: especially I feel much in favour of the new trends leading to the happily developing international relations and co-operation in the profession. I am also much interested in modern techniques, such as audio-visual aids and computers.

I have always been very keen on cataloguing activities and have always specialised in this branch. I have been working for thirteen years in a central cataloguing office for medical libraries in Paris. But my taste and my university formation led me more to a career in a library centred on the Humanities. Therefore I transferred to the Bibliothèque Nationale, where I have been these last three years. I am now in the English section of a service cataloguing and indexing books in the Humanities and written in English (published in English speaking countries: UK, USA, Canada, Australia, South Africa; or published in English in other countries: India, Japan, African states). We are at present much involved with the change over to a computerised system and I enjoy this new way of working very much.

I have long been attracted by Australia and the Australian way of life, and I should like now to get a more direct knowledge of this country. As I should be delighted to get acquainted with an Australian friend in the library world, I thought I could dare writing.

I am 37. My hobbies are: reading (French and foreign literatures, fiction and history, and books dealing with foreign ways of life), collecting stamps, postmarks and postcards, listening to records (folk-songs), watching TV, going to theatre and to see films (especially British, American and of course Australian films). I also like travelling abroad and taking pictures (slides).

I wonder whether you could help me find, among the members of the Library Association of Australia, a pen-friend, who would write either in English only, or in English or French.

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work where this is necessary to assist handicapped readers. (For example, where a sight-impaired reader's library does not have a large-print copy of a requested book, it may make a copy of another library's large-print copy);

- providing defences for failure by libraries and other institutions to keep the required records of copying where the persons responsible have exercised reasonable care and diligence;
- penalising the disclosure of information from copying records except where the disclosure is made either to pursue a claim of breach of copyright or to ensure proper record-keeping.

The 1980 amendments have also made it very difficult for State and Federal Parliamentary Libraries to provide prompt, efficient services to Members of Parliament.

The Government has decided that the Act should be changed to enable Parliamentary Libraries to copy for Members of Parliament, for the purpose of their Parliamentary duties, in accordance with the rules now applying to Members of Parliament themselves.

The amendments will now go to Caucus for approval.

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