

IFLA '88

Planning for IFLA is continuing to gather momentum with subcommittees now in the process of being formed. It will be possible in the very near future to provide details of subcommittee convenorship and membership.

A brief for potential conference organisers has been prepared, based on other LAA conference tenders. An advertisement will shortly be placed in appropriate newspapers to elicit expressions of interest from possible organisers. After negotiation it is intended to appoint an organiser as early as possible.

Negotiations are also proceeding with Qantas and other airline companies to appoint an official carrier for the conference. Members may be aware that Qantas has already provided some support in terms of a return air fare from Munich.

The complexity of joint committee conference structure has required some revision of nomenclature and organisation. The following chart hopefully explains some of the complexities. In expanding this explanation the following descriptions might be useful:

LAA/IFLA Management Committee

consists of the convenors of both conference executive committees plus the Execu-

tive Director. The purpose of this committee is mainly for emergencies or resolution of joint committee problems.

Conference Executive committees

planning committees for both conferences.

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Jenny Adams/Sue Phillips

Conference Committees

consist of conference executive committees plus subcommittee convenors, including convenors of joint committees as appropriate.

Unemployed librarians and the CES

I have received the following letter from a member of the Association. In fairness to the CES it must be noted that the incident relating to Mr Maskell's friend occurred several years ago and that the Professional Employment Service (which has replaced the PEO) now takes in librarians in some states (although not in Queensland).

I have referred Mr Maskell's letter to the Professional Employment Service and hope to be able to print their reply in the next issue of InCite. In the meantime, I would be interested to hear of other members' recent experiences (good or bad) with the CES or PES.

Louise Lansley

I read with interest your note in *InCite* 6(4), 22/3/85 'Unemployed library staff and the CES'.

I think I can throw a lot more light on the reason CES has few library staff on its books.

At the time I graduated from the University of New South Wales as a librarian there were few job opportunities for librarians (1982). An acquaintance of mine who went to the CES to register as being an unemployed librarian was told 'you'll never get a job as a librarian: register as a clerk, you'll have a better chance of getting a job as a clerk'.

This sorry bit of advice is indicative of the uninformed advice CES staff will give in their blissful ignorance of what a librarian actually does and what his/her job expectations may be. It also equates general clerical duties with those of a librarian.

From my experience with the PEO (Professional Employment Office) in North Sydney and in Brisbane, this arm of the CES which is supposed to look after professional employment is no better. In fact the Brisbane office of the PEO refused to take my application because 'librarians were not regarded as professionals like engineers and doctors'.

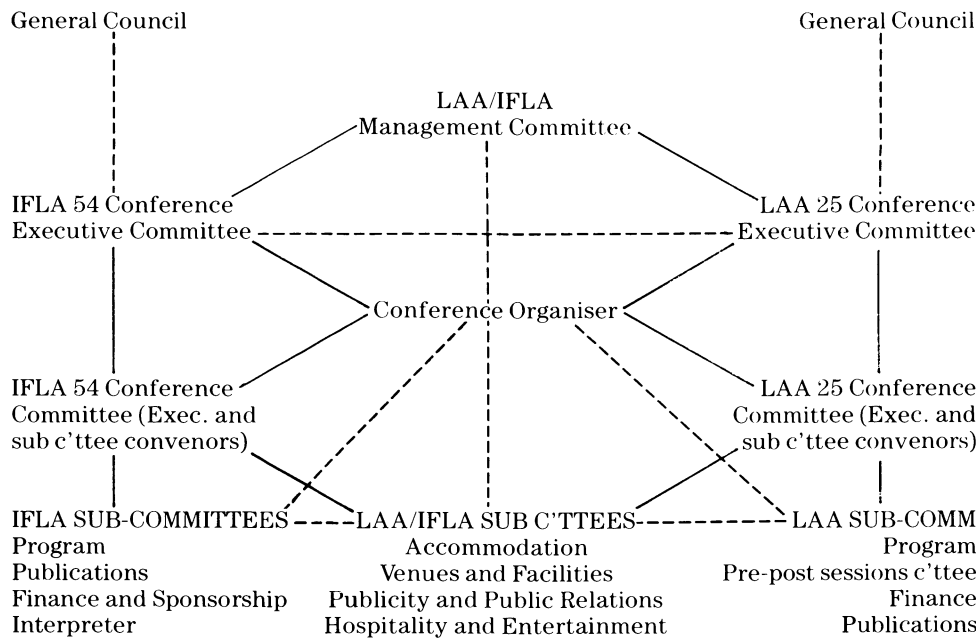
It's up to the LAA to put the CES straight on the professional/non-professional issue but I urge unemployed librarians to insist they be registered as such, and to indicate clerical jobs as second or third preference as the case may be if required to do so.

The CES is notoriously slow to respond to public need and as an ex-Commonwealth Public Servant (10 years) I can vouch for how poorly a lot of those Employment Officers (Class 4 Clerks, paid almost as well as a graduate librarian, sometimes better) are trained. It surprises me also that this has taken so long to come to the LAA's notice.

I hope you can do something about it and hope you can see fit to publish this letter.

Ron Maskell

1988 IFLA/LAA CONFERENCE COMMITTEE STRUCTURE



Barrie Mitcheson

Chairman, IFLA Conference Committee

INCITE INFORMATION

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The office of the *Publications Officer* of the National Executive of the Library Technician Section of the Library Association of Australia is vacant.

The office is voluntary and the major duties are to set up and produce a national newsletter for the section.

Applications from financial members can be forwarded to:

The National Secretary,
Library Technician Section of LAA
35 Flinders Way,
Griffith, ACT 2603.

Applications to close on June 17, 1985.

P. Lewis

National Secretary

New Appointment

Mr Trevor Mills, M.A. (Oxford), Grad. Dip. Lib. (RMIT), has been appointed Rare Books and Special Collections Librarian at the University of Sydney.

Mr Mills managed an antiquarian bookshop in the United Kingdom before coming to Australia in 1975. He joined the State Library of Victoria in that year, and was appointed the State Library's Rare Books Librarian in 1981.

Mr Mills is editor of the *Bulletin of the Bibliographical Society of Australia and New Zealand* and is a member of the Society's Council. He has published extensively on rare books and related topics in both Australia and the UK.