

LIVING TOGETHER

The theme of the Australian Bicentenary 'Living Together' is likely to play an integral part in the theme of the 1988 IFLA Conference. The Secretary-General of IFLA greeted the theme with enthusiasm when told of it by the Executive Director during her visit to IFLA Headquarters in December, and considered it to be a most appropriate theme for a conference such as IFLA.

Of concern to members and certainly Council is the matter of funding the IFLA Conference. It is obvious from the Executive Director's meeting, that IFLA is very enthusiastic about the 1988 Conference in Australia, and while major decisions regarding the Conference must be approved by the IFLA Executive, they are willing to give careful consideration to any proposals put forward.

'A core theme . . . could be exciting'

Initial discussions with Margreet Wijnstroom, IFLA Secretary-General, have been encouraging. She has expressed interest in both the possibility of a contiguous LAA/IFLA Conference as well as the opportunity to start thinking innovatively about the pattern of IFLA conferences. The possibility of building on a core theme for both conferences (or both parts of a linked conference) could be quite exciting.

Over the next few months the IFLA Conference Committee will be looking at ways in which the Conference costs might be minimised, and a series of proposals will be discussed with the IFLA Executive at the Chicago Conference in August. The Chicago Conference will also be used to provide suggestions to the Sections of IFLA regarding the 1988 program and a list of possible speakers to ensure as much Australian content as possible.

The proposed timetable and Conference format are to be considered by the Executive Board of IFLA at its meeting on 16 March.

While these proposals are being considered the 1988 IFLA and Biennial Conference Committees have set up an 'executive' management group and some joint sub-committees — trade exhibits, venues and facilities, finance and sponsorship, accommodation — to ensure that economies of scale are achieved and there is a lack of duplication.

The Committees have also commissioned a graphic artist to draw up some possible logos for the conferences. Once a logo has been agreed upon all issues relating to the conferences will be publicised under the logo.

Sponsorship will be an important element in conference planning. The Committee believes that a carefully developed campaign and sponsorship package will be required to attract support. While this is being developed the Conference Treasurer is drawing up a wide-reaching list of potential sponsors to whom the sponsorship package will be presented.

The Executive Director also had the opportunity to visit the UK Library Association during her overseas holiday and was able to discuss the 1987 Brighton IFLA Conference with the appropriate LA staff. A meeting of LA and LAA Committees has been organised for the Chicago Conference for as many members of both Conference Committees as are able to attend. The LA Committee will be able to provide the LAA with all financial information they have to hand at that time. This should greatly assist the LAA in its ongoing financial planning for the Conference.

'Regular reports on a continuing basis'

As indicated in the General Council report, Council reaffirmed its commitment to provide the membership with regular reports on a continuing basis, including on the programming, organisation, financial and other implications of the IFLA Conference to the Association, and the likely effect of the IFLA Conference on the 1988 national conference.' (GC 204/84)

It is the Planning Committee's intention to provide the membership with regular reports of IFLA developments through *InCite*.

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Chairman

IFLA Planning Committee

Special Libraries Association to meet in Canada

News from New York is that the Special Libraries Association will hold its 76th Annual Conference from June 8-13 1985, in Winnipeg, Canada. It will be jointly sponsored with the Canadian Association of Special Libraries and Information Services.

The conference theme is The Information Specialist: A Bridge to the New Communications, and, as well as distinguished speakers at the general sessions, there will be an exhibit of products and services representing the information business, and professional development programs including management training and continuing education courses. More than 200 programs will be presented under the direction of SLA's divisions, to include on-line cataloguing; biotechnology; marketing; electronic publishing; career pathing; videotex and personnel management.

SLA is an international professional association with more than 11,500 members who work in special libraries serving business, research, government, universities, newspapers, museums, institutions, and organizations that use or produce specialized information. SLA is organized in 54 regional chapters and 29 divisions representing subject interests and fields or types of information handling techniques.

For more information contact Martha Johnson, Special Libraries Association, 235 Park Avenue South, New York, NY 10003.

DDC Liaison Committee

At the 1984 Annual General Meeting of the LAA Cataloguers' Section, a motion was accepted to reconvene the DDC Liaison Committee, and Andrew Wells was elected convenor.

State groups of the Cataloguers' Section will be contacted shortly regarding representation on the Committee. Meanwhile, any comments and queries regarding the Committee can be forwarded to Andrew Wells, Cataloguing Department, University of New South Wales Library, PO Box 1, Kensington NSW 2033.

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