



U Khin Maung Tin, the Chief Librarian of the National Library of Myanmar and President of the newly-formed Myanmar Library Association, visited Australia at the beginning of April and spent some time at ALIA House. He is both a scholar and performer of classical Myanmar music, and he is seen here indulging his violon d'Ingres.

## CAVAL's new COOL-CAT launched

**Geoff Payne, Executive Director of CAVAL, is proud of his new product**

The Hon. Haddon Storey, QC MLC, Victoria's Minister for the Arts and Minister for Tertiary Education and Training, launched the expanded COOL-CAT union catalogue of the holdings of Victorian academic and research libraries at Library Focus Victoria on 25 March. The minister congratulated CAVAL and the libraries participating in COOL-CAT on the successful inception of the expanded service, which allows staff and students in Victoria to search in a single specially indexed database for the materials which are accessible through the reciprocal borrowing scheme run by CAVAL and the inter-library loans system.

COOL-CAT contains over 1.5 million titles of materials held in Victorian university libraries, the State Library of Victoria and selected government department libraries, and

is accessible via AARNet from subscribing institutions. The project has been facilitated by a grant from the Victorian Education Foundation which allowed the purchase of Dynix software running on IBM hardware, and subscription arrangements for regular updates from the Australian Bibliographic Network to keep the database up to date.

Warren Horton, Director General of the National Library, has commended CAVAL on its approach to regional resource sharing, in particular through the production in collaboration with ALDIS of a CD-ROM version of the COOL-CAT database intended for libraries unable to afford on-line services, to allow them enhanced access to Victorian library resources.

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## Towards Federation 2001

**Eric Wainwright is looking ahead to the review meeting in December**

The *Towards Federation 2001: linking Australians and their heritage* (TF2001) conference, held in March 1992, passed a number of resolutions aimed at giving Australians the best possible access to their recorded documentary heritage by 2001. One resolution was that a follow up meeting, to include peak bodies and collecting institutions, should be convened by the NLA twelve to eighteen months after the initial conference. This meeting would enable progress to be reviewed, responsibilities renegotiated or redirected, and appropriate follow-up measures considered. The NLA has scheduled this meeting for 9-10 December, in Canberra.

An NLA Working Group has been monitoring progress on all the resolutions from TF2001. This Group, with representatives from AC-LIS, CASL and CAUL, will form the steering committee to set the review meeting agenda and procedure. As before, key participants will be invited representatives of the organisations with primary carriage of resolutions for the conference and of selected other organisations with a major interest in progress.

These participants will be invited to reconsider the TF2001 resolutions in the light of experience, and to put forward ideas and new draft resolutions for consideration. The review meeting will, therefore, do more than simply report progress on each of the conference resolutions. It will also reconsider the conference outcomes, allow amendment, deletion or addition of new resolutions, and review the overall objectives of the conference. As well, it will discuss the future of the TF2001 process and decide whether the processes commenced by the conference require a dedicated focus for continuing coordination beyond the review meeting.

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