Türk-ANZAC Conference, 24-27 April 2006, Turkey

Johnnies and Mehmets side by side: collaborative applications of technology in research and academic libraries

hat would the ancestors of the librarians and historians attending a conference at Çanakkale think, if they knew their greatgrandchildren were getting together with the great-grandchildren of their enemies to work collaboratively on digital library applications? In a world first, Turkish, Australian and New Zealand librarians are planning a conference in Turkey to commence with the Dawn Service at Gallipoli on 25 April 2006.

The Türk–Anzac Research Libraries Conference theme has been inspired by a statement by Mustafa Kemal Atatürk about the ANZACs:

Those heroes that shed their blood and lost their lives ... you are now lying in the soil of a friendly country. Therefore rest in peace. There is no difference between the Johnnies and the Mehmets to us where they lie side by side here, in this country of ours ... You, the mothers, who sent their sons from faraway countries wipe away your tears; your sons are now lying in our bosom and are in peace. After having lost their lives on this land, they have become our sons as well.

— Kemal Ataturk, 1934

This unique conference will bring together librarians, archivists, museologists, film and media artists, and historians from Australia, New Zealand, Turkey and Britain. Anyone with an interest in the story of Gallipoli, which lies at the heart of the history of three nations, or who may be involved with technology and the digitisation of information should consider attending. The conference will include keynote presentations by renowned speakers and have numerous small-group workshops. It is jointly organised and supported by:

- in Australia: Council of Australian University Librarians, National Library of Australia, Australian War Memorial, Bond University, University of Technology Sydney and University of Queensland
- in New Zealand: Council of New Zealand University Librarians and National Library of New Zealand
- in Turkey: Middle East Technical University, Sabanci University, Koc University and Ataturk and the Gallipoli Campaign Research Center, Canakkale Onsekiz Mart University.

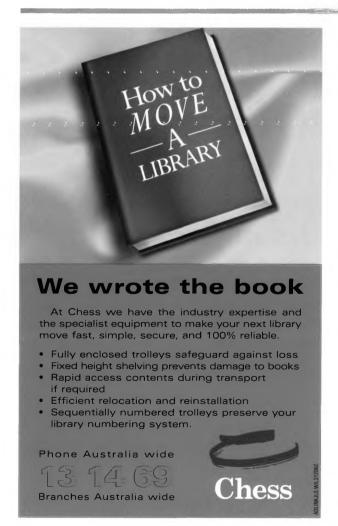
Potential authors and presenters of papers are invited to submit abstracts (maximum of 300 words) addressing the conference theme. Suggested subthemes are:

- digital discovery: access to historical content across three continents
- digital presentation: new media, digital objects and metadata
- digital service: reaching the global client
- digital learning: e-learning and eresources across three continents.

Please send abstracts of your papers to turk-anzac-conf2006@library.uq. edu.au by **19 August 2005**.

Pre- and post-conference tours will include visits to major historical sites in Turkey, such as Ephesus, Bodrum, Istanbul, Cappadocia, Troy and others.

Full details of the conference are available at: http://www.library.uq.edu.au/turk-anzac-conf2006/. For further information contact Dr Alex Byrne, IFLA president (2005–2007), ph 02 9514 3332, alex.byrne@uts.edu.au.



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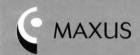
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