

# *APSIG Newsletter*

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### **Christmas lunch**

Come and join us at our combined Asian librarians Christmas lunch at The Thai House, 22-23/14 Brierly Street, Weston, 12.00 for 12.15, Wednesday 13 December 2017

Members of the Asian Library Resources of Australia group will join APSIG for a banquet which will cost \$30 and consists of several entrees and main courses, dessert and tea/coffee. Vegetarians can be catered for. The restaurant is fully licensed, but you can BYO wine if you want to. Lucky door prizes a feature!

Bookings with George Miller :  
[gmillier@grapevine.com.au](mailto:gmillier@grapevine.com.au) by Monday 11 December. Please specify if you want vegetarian or other dietary requirements.

### **Dreams and reality in cataloguing**

APSIG Lunch Talk :Friederike Schimmelpfennig : Cooperative Cataloguing in Germany: History, Developments, Dreams and Reality: Wednesday 21 February 2018, 12 noon – 1 15 pm, Ferguson Room, 1st Floor, Mezzanine, NLA



Cooperative cataloguing in Germany has a history of more than 40 years. Beginning in the 1970s local library unions started to develop by using title records from other libraries for their own cataloguing purposes. Six major union catalogues exist today with 2500 member libraries with about 124 million title records. Further plans are to combine as many union catalogues as possible into a nation-wide system, building a federal information infrastructure. Frieda will give a description on the history, the current state, and the ideas and plans for the information infrastructure in Germany.

Frieda is collection manager for East Asia (China, Japan, Korea) at Menzies Library, Australian National University. She was formerly systems librarian at University Library of Erlangen-Nuremberg dealing with Open Access Repository implementation, metadata migration and CJK cataloguing and future developments in cataloguing including in the Cloud are her passion.

### **Fiji-Australian co-operation**

The Australian Library and Information Association was invited by the Pacific Technical and Further Education (TAFE), The University of the South Pacific, a Registered Training Organisation (RTO) with the Australian Skills Quality Assurance Agency (ASQA) to undertake an ALIA course accreditation process for its Diploma of Library and Information Services. As part of this process, Pacific TAFE has submitted written documentation and access to their online teaching resources. As part of the first accreditation, Pacific TAFE hosted the panel visit to Fiji.

The panel members were Dr Bob Pymm, Terri Pamment, Kathryn Leong, Kesa Vilsoni and from ALIA national office, Judy Brooker and Kate Bunker. The panel visit included meetings with the Executive Director of Pacific TAFE and the Management team, as well as the educators, students and the Industry Advisory Program Committee.

Panel members were also privileged to visit the University of the South Pacific Library, the National Archives, and the Suva Library.

While in Suva, Judy and Kate had a meeting with the executive of the Fiji Library Association (FLA). Judy is pictured with Ela Qica, FLA President.



Joint Fiji-Australian gathering



### **IFLA report by Christine Mackenzie, Australian IFLA President-elect**

The library world gathered in Wroclaw Poland this year for the annual IFLA World Library and Information Congress. Over 3,000 people participated in a lively, energetic and stimulating program of meetings, events and social occasions. Most memorable for me was the incredible opening ceremony, so much energy, such a wonderful and powerful mix of the intellectual and the physical. "Poland what were you doing when you were so rudely interrupted? "; the history of the country presented by Prof. Richard Butterwick-Pawlikowskine, was one of the best keynotes ever. The telling of Wroclaw's history in light, sound, dance and image was amazing. It set a wonderful tone for the rest of the congress.

The Governing Board met twice, the first meeting was the last for the outgoing Board and the second saw the new Governing Board assume their roles. Donna Scheeder has done an amazing job as President, most notably guiding the association through the negotiations with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation regarding the Legacy Grant which has delivered \$31mill USD to IFLA for the next ten years to carry out projects

that will make the library field stronger. I am looking forward to working with Gloria Perez Salmeron, our new President, who brings to the role great experience, enthusiasm and warmth. It is going to be a great two years ahead!

The Australian Caucus had its second meeting - it is incredible to hear how many Australians are heavily involved in IFLA, our influence is far and wide. Under the capable chairing of Vicki McDonald, ALIA President and incoming Chair of Division 1 on the Governing Board, we had a presentation from Victoria Owen on the Marrakesh Treaty as well as a round the room summary of the various ways that people are involved in IFLA and its sections and groups. The meeting was followed by a traditional Polish meal at a local restaurant.

I presented at the Division V session on the UN Sustainable Development Goals (Christine centre, pictured with Mrs Wai Yin Pryke, Director of the Singapore National Library and Huanwen Cheng, Professor and University Librarian, Sun Yat-sen University Library :Photo credit: Ngian Lek Choh) and highlighted some of the great projects that are happening in the Asia - Oceania region. The best part about the presentation was doing the research on how libraries in the region are providing programs and services to help in achieving the SDGs. It was heart warming to find out what librarians are doing - from running Sunday book clubs from their own homes for village children, assisting communities in setting up sustainable community led libraries, and running programs out of prisons.

The President's session, chaired by Donna Scheeder, focussed on trends in the information sector and the President-elect's session included presentations by the IFLA Leaders Program participants on how we can and need to be the gears for change.

I was struck during the congress by the sense of enthusiasm and energy by people for the new direction that IFLA is taking. The winds of change are blowing!

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### **" Selamat Datang" to Kuala Lumpur IFLA 2018 :Greetings from Malaysia**

On behalf of the National Committee (pictured) we would like to welcome you to the 84th World Library and Information Congress in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia which will take place from 24th -30th August 2018.



Our theme, "Transform Libraries, Transform Societies" with the additional tagline: 'Reaching out to the hard to reach' was chosen in recognition of the critical role played by libraries in the development of a nation, particularly in their ability to transform societies.

True to its international image "Malaysia is truly Asia" international delegates will be

exposed to not only a truly Asian experience but also find that many of their needs and wishes can be accommodated by the vibrant city of Kuala Lumpur. We are proud and honoured to be hosting the 84th World Library and Information Congress in Malaysia.

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### **PARBICA 17 in Fiji**

Every two years, archivists from across the Pacific meet to share their experiences and learn from one another at the conference of the Pacific Regional Branch of the International Council on Archives (PARBICA). This year's conference was hosted by the National Archives of Fiji (NAF) at The Pearl Resort on the island of Viti Levu, and it was every bit as beautiful as it sounds. The conference theme was 'Archives Engaged: Personal, professional, political' and this focus on engagement set a really positive tone for the four-day conference.

Over the first two days, delegates heard presentations from places throughout the Pacific. Papers were of a high standard and on a range of topics, from new information laws in Vanuatu to new repositories in Fiji, Palau and Tuvalu; from repatriation of genealogies from Hawaii to the Marshall Islands through to community outreach in Fiji. I presented a paper prepared by myself and my predecessor Kylie Moloney about the history, achievements and future of Pambu as it approaches its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary

of Pacific engagement. You can view slides for most presentations on the PARBICA website.

Day three saw delegates attend workshops on disaster preparedness for digital records, establishing a records management program and the Memory of the World Committee for Asia and the Pacific (MOWCAP) program. I attended the MOWCAP workshop where we had productive, practical discussions about overcoming hurdles that are faced by Pacific island archives in the MOWCAP nomination process.

Day four we were treated to a firewalking demonstration at the Pacific Arts Village en route to the National Archives of Fiji in Suva, where delegates were given a tour of NAF's facilities and a welcome introduction to Fijian ice cream. NAF's professionalism and passion is known to anyone who follows their very successful Facebook page and it was a joy to be in the presence of this enthusiasm during the tour and throughout the conference.

For archivists with an interest in the Pacific, I highly recommend joining the PARBICA community. See their website for details: <http://www.parbica.org/>



Kari presenting a paper on the history of PAMBU, photo courtesy of National Archives of Fiji



Delegates on tour at National Archives of Fiji



Group discussion at UNESCO MOWCAP workshop, photo courtesy of Dianne Macaskill of UNESCO MOWCAP

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## Australia in its place in Asia in 1663



*Archipelagus Orientalis (Eastern Archipelago)* - used as a template for all maps of Australia until Cook in 1770 - has returned to the National Library of Australia in Canberra after extensive restoration in Melbourne at the Grimwade Centre for Cultural Materials Conservation, University of Melbourne.

Created by the master Dutch East India cartographer Joan Blaeu in the mid-seventeenth century, it includes, for the first time, details of the sighting of Tasmania by Abel Tasman's crew aboard the *Zeehaen* in 1642. It also records the knowledge Europeans then had of the Asian archipelago.

Dr Martin Woods, NLA Curator of Maps is pictured with Denyl Cloughley, NLA Preservation Manager, in front of the Blaeu map.

## New Asian Library opens in Leiden

The new Asian Library at the University of Leiden, which has already been made use of by scholars for several months, was officially opened by Queen Maxima of the Netherlands in September.

Situated on the third floor of the University Library building, the library brings together in one handy location a number of the Netherland's important Asian collections, including the former collections of the Royal Tropical Institute (KIT) and the Royal Netherlands Institute for Southeast Asian and Caribbean Studies (KITLV). These collections range over a wide variety of material, such as manuscripts, publications, photographs and maps, of which of the latter there are close to 30,000.

Marije Plomp is the South and Southeast Asian librarian. The material may be accessed through the Library's website and with an active digitization program in progress, many items can be downloaded directly. As a large number of items are free of copyright, in many cases this can be done free of charge.

For more information see:

<http://www.thejakartapost.com/life/2017/10/23/worlds-largest-library-on-indonesia-opens-in-leiden.html>: Also, Aline Scott-Maxwell's article in the *ALRA Newsletter*, no. 67 (January 2016) and the *IIAS Newsletter*, no.77 (Summer 2017), 44-45.

George Miller

## Major Australian Asia-Pacific conference in 2018



The Australian Library and Information Association, the Library and Information Association of New Zealand Aotearoa (LIANZA), and the Library Association of Singapore (LAS) are delighted to invite delegates to their first joint conference between the three associations. The conference will be held Monday 30 July to Thursday 2 August 2018 at the Gold Coast Convention and Exhibition Centre, Queensland, Australia.

The 2018 conference will be the fourth in a series which began more than 30 years ago. The first joint Australia-New Zealand conference was held in Christchurch in 1981; the second in Brisbane in 1984, and the third in Wellington in 1994. This will be the first time that ALIA and LIANZA are joined by LAS.

Conference theme: Roar | Leap | Dare

Inspired by motifs and imagery commonly associated with Australia, New Zealand and Singapore, the theme is intended to draw focus to the issues of:

**Roar** – how do we advocate for our communities and industries? How do we promote and demonstrate the value of what we do?

**Leap** – how do we spring forward and build momentum? What are the innovations and connections in technology, service delivery

and content that are shaping our services, environments and work?

**Dare** – what risks are we taking in our organisations and work lives? What are the stories of revolution or evolution, success or failure, in your library, industry, country or career?

More information at :<https://aplic.alia.org.au/>

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