



Council of New Zealand University Librarians
Kaunihera o ngā Kaimahi Whare Pukapuka i ngā Whare Wānanga o Aotearoa

Council of New Zealand University Librarians (CONZUL) 2007 Annual Report

Chair: Ms Janet Copsey, University Librarian, University of Auckland.

Meetings

CONZUL met three times during 2007.

Following the March meeting in Auckland CONZUL convened the second Collection Development Forum.

The May meeting at Lincoln University followed a one day seminar on Institutional Repositories. While at Lincoln CONZUL also met with the Standing Committee of IT Directors.

The final meeting of the year was in October in Wellington.

Collaborative Projects

Collection Development

The primary focus during 2007 was establishing the foundation for collaborative collection management. Most of the university libraries have restricted options for the storage of print materials and are looking at ways to maximise available space.

CONZUL decided to start by focusing on bibliographic indexes. During 2007 all universities agreed to a "Consortium Agreement for a National Distributed Storage System for New Zealand Research Libraries". This agreement covers the print version of bibliographic indexes where an electronic equivalent is available.

The agreement means that a holding library will be responsible for a single print title, allowing other libraries to discard their copies. The holding library will be responsible for access in the event that the electronic version is unavailable.

During 2008 CONZUL will look at journal titles from major publishers with a view to extending the agreement.

Institutional Repositories

In 2007 CONZUL supported the Institutional Repositories Seminar held at the University of Canterbury.

The seminar resulted from an undertaking to share the knowledge gained by Institutional Repositories Aotearoa (IRA), a Tertiary Education Commission funded collaboration between the University of Auckland, University of Canterbury and Victoria University of Wellington.

The day was well supported with over 80 people attending from a variety of educational institutions. During the seminar participants were able to share knowledge gained from developing and embedding institutional repositories within educational institutions. The first New Zealand DSpace Users Group meeting was also organised for the day following the seminar.

Statistics for e-resources

In October representatives from most of the university libraries attended a seminar on the collection of statistics for e-resources. During 2008 CONZUL members will continue to investigate this area in order to be able to improve the consistency of the reporting on the use of e-resources.

Liaison

National Library of New Zealand

CONZUL met with National Library representatives, including the National Librarian, on a number of occasions throughout the year.

In association with another of the Tertiary Education Commission funded projects, the National Library established the National Research Discovery Service to provide a single interface to New Zealand research. In collaboration with CONZUL the service was renamed the Kiwi Research Information Service (KRIS) and a governance framework established.

CONZUL has continuing links with the National Library with representatives on:

- Kiwi Research Information Service (KRIS)¹ - Ainslie Dewe (Chair) (AUT)
- Te Puna Strategic Advisory Committee (TPSAC) - Janet Copsey (University of Auckland), Annette McNicol (University of Waikato), Teresa Horn (Lincoln University);
- Joint Standing Committee on Interloan (JSCI) – Chris Wilson (University of Auckland);
- Electronic Purchasing in Collaboration (EPIC)² Governance Group (EGG) – Heather Jenks (AUT)

Council of Australian University Librarians (CAUL)

CONZUL maintains a close relationship with CAUL including reciprocal attendance at meetings where possible. CONZUL also has representatives on the following CAUL Working Groups:

- ADT Reference Group – Lorraine Shepherd (AUT);
- ADT Technical Committee – Peter Kennedy (University of Canterbury) and James Brunskill (University of Waikato);
- CAUL Electronic Information Resources Committee (CEIRC) – John Redmayne (Massey University);
- Information Literacy Working Group – Hester Mountifield (University of Auckland);
- Statistics Focus Group – Chris Wilson (University of Auckland).

Library and Information Advisory Commission (LIAC)³

Janet Copsey (University of Auckland) is a Commissioner on LIAC.

Tertiary e-Learning Reference Group (TeLRG)

Ainslie Dewe (AUT) stood down as the NZVCC representative to this group which was set up by the Ministry of Education. Sue Roberts (Victoria University of Wellington) agreed to become the new representative.

HUMANZ Council

Helen Renwick (University of Auckland) is the CONZUL representative on this body.

International Association of Technological University Libraries (IATUL)

Ainslie Dewe (AUT) is on the Board of IATUL and is convenor of the IATUL conference to be held in Auckland in 2008.

Other

- Special interest group meetings were organised for Education Librarians (at the University of Canterbury), Staff Development (at AUT University) and Information Literacy Librarians (at the University of Auckland).
- The annual New Zealand University Library Statistics 2006 was published, and distributed in print as well as being made available online at:

¹ Kiwi Research Information Service (<http://nzresearch.org.nz>)

² EPIC is a shared initiative of New Zealand libraries, led by the National Library, to join together to purchase a range of electronic resources for use in all libraries in New Zealand (<http://www.perna.org.nz/nl/epic.html>)

³ Library and Information Advisory Commission (<http://www.liac.org.nz>)

<http://www.conzul.ac.nz/statistics.htm>. Statistics were also contributed to CAUL and included with Australian university library statistics at: <http://www.caul.edu.au/stats/>

- CONZUL members participated in the second LIANZA-led Remuneration Survey of New Zealand librarians. The results of this survey have not yet been made public.

Personnel

- Sue Roberts took up her appointment at University Librarian at Victoria University of Wellington in March. Helen Tait had been the Acting University Librarian.
- Annette McNicol resigned as University Librarian at the University of Waikato.

Thanks

CONZUL thanks Lindsay Tairaoa for his support of the university librarians over the years, and wishes him well for the future.

Finally, I would like to thank Gail Pattie, University Librarian, University of Canterbury, for the work she did over the previous two years as Chair of CONZUL.