



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) 2005 Annual Report

Chair: Ms Gail Pattie, University Librarian, University of Canterbury

Meetings

CONZUL met in Auckland in April at a joint meeting with the Council of Australian University Librarians (CAUL). It met again in July in Palmerston North and November in Wellington.

Collaborative Projects

National Consortium Licences Project

This Project involves CONZUL, CRIs, and three polytechnics. It received funding from TEC's Innovation and Development Fund for the purchase of consortium licences to *Web of Science* and *Science Direct* for two years. One of the conditions attached to the funding was for project participants to undertake best endeavours to fund ongoing subscriptions from 2006. The Project Working Group explored options and negotiated continuing consortium licences such that all university libraries have sustained continuing subscriptions to these important electronic resources.

University Library Aotearoa New Zealand (ULANZ)

ULANZ is a national borrowing scheme for staff and students that enables borrowing in person from any other ULANZ member university. It came into effect on 28 February 2006. All universities, except the University of Auckland, are participants in the scheme.

It has been most heavily utilised in Canterbury, possibly because of the experience of staff and students with the previous Canterbury Tertiary Alliance (CTA) reciprocal borrowing scheme.

It is intended to review it in 2006 but indications at the end of 2005 are that it has been a success and has not caused any problems in its operation.

Shared National Store

This is a Project that involves CONZUL, the New Zealand National Library and Metronet (the large New Zealand public libraries). Its aim is to investigate possible options for sharing a physical storage facility for low-use print library materials so that there is one copy rather than eight or more copies of the same materials kept in perpetuity. Stage One of this Project was completed in late 2004 and involved the development of a modelling tool that demonstrated the effect of different variables on building costs.

In 2005 it was agreed to move to Stage Two to develop a business case for a shared store.

The Stage Two Working Group was:

Helen Renwick (University of Auckland) – Convenor
Sue Pharo (University of Waikato)
Alison Elliott (National Library of New Zealand)
Sue Sutherland (National Library of New Zealand)
Bernie Hawke (Dunedin Public Libraries)

The Stage Two Steering Group was:
Gail Pattie (University of Canterbury)
Penny Carnaby (National Library of New Zealand)
Geoff Chamberlain (North Shore Libraries)

A project proposal was submitted by the Stage Two Working Group to TEC's Innovation and Development Fund seeking capital funding of \$3 million in 2006/2007 to initiate the building of a national research store. This submission was unsuccessful. The feedback provided by TEC was disappointing in that it indicated that TEC had not understood that this was for storage of print not digital materials and that TEC had not understood the involvement of all the major libraries and, in particular, the National Library in the proposal.

As CONZUL's members all face significant storage problems and costs, CONZUL will continue to work with the National Library and Metronet to examine how to fund the project to keep it moving along.

Institutional Repositories for New Zealand

The National Library of New Zealand in collaboration with CONZUL, set up a project to investigate options for digital institutional research repositories for the New Zealand research sector. A Steering Group and an Expert Working Group was formed with representatives across the research sector. A report was published in July 2005 and can be found at: <http://wiki.tertiary.govt.nz/~InstitutionalRepositories/Main/ReportOfFindings>

A proposal to develop pilot institutional repositories was prepared for TEC's eCDF round, led by Victoria, Auckland, Massey with CPIT and support from the National Library. Supplementary information was sought by TEC in December but the lead institution was advised in January 2006 that the proposal was not successful.

This is another initiative that is important for the university sector to progress further as it has benefits in relation to PBRF evidence portfolios as well as raising the research profiles of individual researchers, institutions, and of the research community of New Zealand overall. It also fits within the 'Content' objective of the government's National Digital Strategy.

CONZUL is clear in its support for this initiative and in its intention to collaborate in the development of institutional repositories in the future.

It should be noted that Massey University is a partner in RUBRIC, which is an Australian institutional repository project.

Australasian Digital Thesis (ADT) Program¹

CONZUL agreed to join the ADT Program, which was a project begun by the Council of Australian University Librarians (CAUL). The aim of ADT is to create a collaborative distributed database of digitised theses produced at Australian and New Zealand universities.

All New Zealand universities are prepared, or are preparing, for the deposit of selected theses in digital form from 2006. Different software solutions have been chosen but all will contribute metadata to ADT which will make the theses in the local repositories accessible internationally. This development is in complete alignment with the concept of institutional repositories noted above.

Common Framework for Learning Materials Repository

CONZUL supported the submission by AUT, Massey, Canterbury, and Lincoln to TEC for funding to develop this framework and further information was sought by TEC on it in December 2005. However, in 2006 TEC informed the lead institutions that the submission had been unsuccessful.

¹ Australasian Digital Thesis Program (<http://adt.caul.edu.au>)

Liaison

National Library of New Zealand

CONZUL met with National Library representatives, including the National Librarian, during the year to discuss a variety of issues such as Te Puna Subscriber Services², and the National Digital Strategy³.

CONZUL has continuing links with the National Library with representatives on:
Te Puna Strategic Advisory Committee (TPSAC)⁴ – Janet Copsey (University of Auckland), Keith Webster (Victoria University of Wellington)
Joint Standing Committee on Interloan (JSCI)⁵ – Sue Colyer (Lincoln University)
Electronic Purchasing in Collaboration (EPIC) Governance Group (EGG)⁶ – Heather Jenks (AUT)

Council of Australian University Librarians (CAUL)

CONZUL maintains a close relationship with CAUL including a joint meeting in Auckland in April 2005 and 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)
Scholarly Communication Working Group – Ainslie Dewe (AUT)
University Library Australia (ULA) Working Group – John Redmayne (Massey University)

Library and Information Advisory Commission (LIAC)⁷

Ainslie Dewe (AUT) was appointed as Chair of LIAC in 2003 when it was set up under the National Library Act (Te Puna Mātauranga o Aotearoa) 2003.

Tertiary e-Learning Reference Group (TeLRG)

Ainslie Dewe (AUT) was nominated as the NZVCC representative to this group set up under the Ministry of Education.

NZVCC Public Records Act Working Party

Keith Webster (Victoria University) served on the working party.

HUMANZ Council

Keith Webster (Victoria University) is the CONZUL representative on this body.

² Te Puna (<http://subscribers.natlib.govt.nz/index.shtml>) is hosted by the National Library and offers a range of electronic services to subscribing libraries, including search, cataloguing and interloan tools.

³ National Digital Strategy (<http://www.digitalstrategy.govt.nz>)

⁴ Te Puna Strategic Advisory Committee provides strategic advice to the National Librarian on direction, policy, standards (<http://subscribers.natlib.govt.nz/contact/advisory/htm>)

⁵ Joint Standing Committee on Interloan exists to maximise access to library resources through interloan and is jointly administered by Library and Information Association of New Zealand Aotearoa (LIANZA) and the National Library of New Zealand (http://www.lianza.org.nz/about/profile/interloan/interloan_role_on_jsci.html)

⁶ 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>)

⁷ Library and Information Advisory Commission (<http://www.liac.org.nz>)

Other

- An updated strategic plan for 2005-2007 was made available online at http://www.conzul.ac.nz/strategic_plan.htm.
- In June, CONZUL sponsored a meeting of Library IT (Systems) librarians in Christchurch. In November, Maori Librarians were sponsored to a hui in Palmerston North.
- In October, publication of the annual *New Zealand University Library Statistics 2004* was distributed in print and made available online at <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 adopted a Statement on Open Access in line with a similar statement adopted by CAUL. It is available at <http://conzul.ac.nz/policies.htm>
- CONZUL prepared a submission on a Strategic Framework for Public Libraries.
- Submissions were made in relation to some aspects of the PBRF consultation process.
- Individual CONZUL members made submissions on the proposed National Policy for Documentary Heritage Collections.

Personnel

- Sue Pharo was appointed University Librarian at the University of Otago and took up the position in August.
- Sally Sleight was Acting University Librarian at the University of Waikato from June.
- Isobel Mosley retired as University Librarian at Lincoln in June.
- Teresa Horn was appointed University Librarian at Lincoln and took up the position in July.
- Rosemary Hudson retired as Deputy University Librarian at the University of Otago in August.
- Tony Millett retired as Deputy University Librarian at the University of Waikato in December.
- Rachel O'Shaughnessy, Project Manager, University Libraries at NZVCC, resigned in October.

Thanks

CONZUL would like to acknowledge and to thank Rosemary Hudson and Tony Millett for their support and hard work on behalf of CONZUL. As founding members of CONZUL they have given many years of service and will be greatly missed.