

# **INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES (IATUL)**

## **GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2009**

**1.45pm Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2009**

Arenberg Campus Library, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven

### **1. Opening of General Assembly**

The President, Maria Heijne, opened the Assembly and welcomed all members.

### **2. Approval of Agenda**

The proposed agenda was adopted

### **3. Minutes of last general Assembly**

The minutes of the last general Assembly, held at the AUT, Auckland on 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2008, were accepted as correct.

### **4. President's Report**

The President reported that in 2008/9 IATUL continued to be active internationally. The autumn seminar is an important part of the effort to raise the profile of IATUL and attract new members. The 2009 autumn seminar will be held in Hong Kong as part of the drive to recruit more Asian members.

Membership declined slightly, comprising 231 members from 45 countries. There were twelve new members, and 19 cancelled subscriptions, some of the latter due to delayed cancellations.

The President thanked Ainslie Dewe and her former colleagues at AUT, Auckland, for organising the very successful 2008 annual conference. The current conference is also proceeding very successfully and has again attracted a large number of delegates from all over the world. The 2010 conference will be held in Purdue University, Indiana, USA between June 20 and June 24. The theme will be "The evolving world of e science".

The Board met twice in 2008 in Auckland and in London for its autumn gathering. The autumn seminar, on the subject of e science, was held at the Wellcome Institute and attracted a good representation of senior librarians from the UK.

The Special Interest Group and Twinning initiatives made good progress during the year.

IATUL continues to interact with partner organizations such as ICSTI; it will be represented at IFLA and LIBER in 2009.

## **5. Board membership**

The president paid thanks to Arja-Riitta Haraala who will step down from the Board at the end of 2009. She welcomed Mr Choy Fatt Cheong, Nanyang Technological University Singapore, and Terje Hosieth of Lulea University, Sweden, as new board members from 2010.

The President noted that the Executive will change in the coming years and that she would probably be stepping down at the end of 2009

## **6. Financial report**

The Treasurer presented the financial reports, including the outcome for 2008 and the budget for 2009, and the auditor's report by Loffler & Kollegen which covered the period January to December 2008. The auditors reported that the accounts were in order and revealed no discrepancies. There is still a good surplus on the balance sheet. There was some reduction in the value of investments but less than there would have been if the investments had not been moved out of share products.

## **7. IATUL developments**

The President welcome members of the Stimulate programme; their institutions will be offered complimentary membership of IATUL for one year.

A change to the expanded IATUL name was proposed, from the *International Association of Technological University Libraries* to the *International Association of Scientific and Technological University Libraries*. It was agreed that the latter name better reflects the nature of IATUL membership and the change was adopted.

## **8. Future conferences**

The 2010 conference will be held in Purdue University, Indiana, USA. The 2011 conference will be held in the Warsaw University of Technology, Poland, and the 2012 conference will be held in Singapore.

## **9. Travel grants.**

The final Tony Evans travel grant was awarded to Adjoa Boateng of the UK. Mr Evans presented the grant and spoke briefly at this, his last IATUL meeting, of his great regard for the organisation. The President and the GA thanked him for his support for IATUL over many years.

## **10. Vote of thanks**

All present joined the President in a vote of thanks to the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, and particularly Ludo Holans and his colleagues for their work in organising an extremely successful conference.

## **11. Conclusion**

The General Assembly was concluded and will be reconvened in Purdue University, USA, in June 2009.