

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

## **GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2007**

**2pm Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2007. KTH Stockholm.**

### **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 University of Porto, Portugal, on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2006 were accepted as correct.

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

The President reported that 2006/7 had been a year of significant change in IATUL administration. The Treasurer, Dr. Reiner Kallenborn, had introduced a new integrated financial and membership database. Ainslie Dewe had led a team which re-structured the web site. Both were congratulated on delivering these excellent projects on budget and on time.

Membership was strong and growing; IATUL now has 241 members from 46 countries. IATUL is looking at streamlining the subscription fee procedures.

The annual conference at the university of Porto in 2006 was a great success, with papers of very high quality and over 150 delegates. This was followed by an autumn board meeting at Biblioteca Alexandrina, Alexandria, Egypt.

The IATUL board has been involved in a range of activities during the year. Maria Heijne attended the ICSTI (International Council for Scientific and Technical Information) conference in Paris, and membership drives were undertaken in several countries, most successfully in Germany.

The Board, at its meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> June, reviewed IATUL in a wide ranging discussion. It was felt that the organisation should become more dynamic and set itself ambitious objectives, for activities and for growth, in which all members of the board will have individual responsibilities. It will begin this process with a survey of members, which will be carried out in the autumn of 2007. In the meantime the development of Special Interest Groups, and the Cross Country Co-operation scheme continue.

The President congratulated Dr Gunnar Lager, his staff of the Royal Institute of Technology, Sweden, and Swedish colleagues, for an outstanding conference

## **5. Financial report**

The Treasurer presented the financial reports, including the outcome for 2006 and the budget for 2007, and the auditor's report by Loffler & Kollegen which covered the period August 2006 to May 2007. The auditors reported that the accounts were in order and revealed no discrepancies.

In response to a question from the floor, the reported royalties figure was clarified. The accounts were approved by the meeting.

The Treasurer commented that some investments would be shifted in the coming year, to preserve gains.

The Treasurer also noted that existing methods of processing subscriptions were very expensive and time consuming, particularly where cheques drawn on domestic banks were concerned. In future, to reduce costs, the recommended method of paying subscriptions would be by credit card. Money orders would also be accepted.

## **6. Board membership**

The President noted with regret that Michael Breaks, past President of IATUL, Judith Palmer, former Secretary of IATUL, and Marianne Nordlander, would be stepping down from the Board. She thanked them all for their commitment to IATUL, and for their contribution to its development.

The President also reported that board member Cathy Matthews was recovering after a serious illness.

## **7. IATUL web site**

Ainslie Dewe reported on work done by Auckland University of Technology on the new IATUL web site, which was completed in time for this conference. Her team from AUT, including Gillian Barthorpe, worked with a New Zealand contractor, in consultation with the IATUL board, to specify and re-build the website. It has a new look and new functionalities, and includes links with the finance/membership database hosted in Munich. The IATUL news Alerts service will be maintained on this site. IATUL L will continue as a listerv.

It may be possible in future to put historic IATUL materials on the IATUL web site. This could include material exhibited in Krakow in 2004 to mark the 25<sup>th</sup> IATUL annual conference.

## **8. IATUL annual conference 2008**

This will take place in the Auckland University of Technology, New Zealand from 21<sup>st</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> April. Its theme will be Digital Discoveries: Strategies and Solutions.

A venue for the 2009 conference is still under discussion.

**9. Tony Evans travel grant presentation.**

The Tony Evans travel grant was presented by the donor to Mandy Abd el-Ghaffar Taha of the Biblioteca Alexandrina, Alexandria, Egypt.

**10. Vote of thanks**

All present joined The President in a vote of thanks to the Royal University of Technology Sweden for hosting the 2007 conference. Presentations were made to Dr Gunnar Lager and his colleagues for their work in organising an extremely successful conference.

**11. Conclusion**

The General Assembly was concluded and will be reconvened in Auckland, New Zealand in April 2008.