

**IATUL BOARD**  
**Meeting Held On Thursday 25 May, 2006, 1pm.**  
**Faculty of Engineering Library, University of Porto**

**PRESENT**

Maria Heijne (**Chair**)  
Gaynor Austen (GA)  
Ana Azavedo (AA)  
Michael Breaks (MB)  
Ainslie Dewe (AD)  
Arja-Riitta Haarala (AH)  
Reiner Kallenborn (RK) (**Treasurer**)  
Marianne Nordlander (MN)  
Judy Palmer (JP)  
Paul Sheehan (PS) **Secretary**  
Alice Trussell (AT)  
Sohair Wastawy (SW)

**1. Conference 2008**

AD was happy to host the conference at the Auckland University of Technology in 2008. AUT will have support from sister institutions. This will be a good opportunity for southern hemisphere delegates to attend an IATUL conference, and should attract delegates from the Asia Pacific region (e.g. Vietnam) in which IATUL hopes to increase its membership base.

The content of the conference will concern issues such as EDUCAUSE.

As regards timing the inter semester break offers the best use of AUT facilities; the week of 21-25 April was selected. AD to confirm. The 25<sup>th</sup> April will be a public holiday (ANZAC day) and will give delegates an opportunity to participate in one of the cultural highlights of the NZ year. Auckland is the largest Polynesian city in the world, and experience of Maori culture will be part of the conference programme.

**Actions: AD to confirm 21-25 April 2007 as the conference date.**

**2. Conference 2009**

Several options, including South America, and North America, were considered. They will be pursued at the next Board meeting

**3. Autumn seminar 2006**

Alexandria was provisionally selected as the location, the possible dates being Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November for the Board meeting, and Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November for the seminar. The theme is to be digital librarianship.

**4. Membership database and IATUL Website**

- a. RK has successfully transferred all membership data to his new database, and PS has confirmed that the essential functions work successfully. The Munich database does not at present generate automatic email messages when an institution applies for membership. This and other functionality of the QUT database will need to be integrated into the Munich database. In addition, conventions for changes of data will need to be clarified. Barbara Ewers will be asked to help identify scenarios which will require programming in the Munich database. In addition, the email functionality

will be modernized. Until these tasks are completed, PS will maintain QUT and Munich membership databases.

- b. The Membership/Financial database are now integrated. Invoices for 2006 can be issued as soon as the IATUL account location is settled.
- c. AUT will take over the IATUL web site, and will seek a template – there will be costs attached. The links between the web and membership databases will need to be integrated into the new website. Barbara Ewers will liaise with AD's team, and visit AUT. JP will advise BE on some of the issues. New Board membership and Officer changes are to be notified on the existing web site.

**Action: Scenarios, and necessary programming, to be identified (PS, RK)**

**Action: BE to liaise with AD (and JP) on integration of website with membership database, email lists.**

### **5. Review of 2006 Annual Conference**

There was felt to be a good balance between plenary and parallel sessions. A maximum of four speakers was sufficient for parallel sessions. Plenary sessions should prioritize the keynote issues of the conference. Poster sessions should not run parallel with other conference sessions.

The group work sessions were productive but needed a summary or wrap-up as a conclusion. Speakers generally kept to schedule, so there was usually time for questions, which helped participation in the conference.

AA was congratulated on providing a stimulating, efficiently run, and very enjoyable conference, which attracted a large number of delegates.

### **6. Thanks to GA**

The Board expressed its warm thanks and appreciation to Gaynor Austen, for her long and influential period of Board membership, and her leadership of IATUL in the posts of President and Vice President.

**Next meeting: To be announced.**