

EDITORIAL COMMENT

In preparing another *Proceedings* issue for publication, it becomes increasingly clear what a bonus it is for the *Association* to be able to rely on a network of member expertise and access to officials in high places in different parts of the world, in order to organize not only the local arrangements, but also the intellectual content of the annual *IALL Courses on International Law Librarianship*. It would not be possible for the *IALL* Board from a distance, dispersed as it is, to obtain the same high level of faculty, as well as richness and flavor of the local culture usually provided, were it not for our “selfless and magnanimous local colleagues,” to quote **Holger Knudsen**, the *Rome Conference* Board Liaison and *IALL* 2nd Vice-President, in his introductory remarks on p. 153 of this issue.

Holger made the task of collecting the *Conference* papers easy. He had prepared the speakers well in advance about the expected *Proceedings* issue, and he also followed up, in an exemplary way, with reminders to the authors after the event. **Paula Howarth**, UNIDROIT Translator/Drafter, and one of the members of the faculty, took it upon herself to serve as point of contact for funneling all the UNIDROIT staff’s manuscripts and proofs back and forth across the Atlantic and the Internet. I am indebted to both of them for the completeness and quality of the **Proceedings and Papers**, which now will serve as a record for the *Rome Conference*, and also, more importantly, as a valuable source for the legal research community worldwide.

For the *IALL* experience, come to Australia! The 18th Annual Meeting will be held in the Old Treasury Building in Melbourne, September 12 - 16, 1999. *IALL* Board Liaison **Jacqueline Elliott**, Court Librarian of the High Court of Australia, and Local Convenor **Nick Pengelley**, Law Librarian of Monash University, Clayton, Victoria, have prepared a stimulating program which focuses on specific issues, such as *Indigenous Law* and *Conservation of Australian Wildlife*, as well as on the broader issues of *Asian and Australian Law and Librarianship*. More information is available on our website at www.iall.org. There is still time to register. You may do so by filling out the form at the end of this issue, or by contacting *IALL* Treasurer **Gloria Chao** directly at chao@camden.rutgers.edu.

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