



## Arlis/ANZ National President's report AGM 2013

### **Melbourne Conference 2012:**

Even though it was a year ago, I would like to thank everybody involved in presenting papers and organizing a wonderful conference in Melbourne last September. Around 70 delegates attended and, from the pre-conference drinks on Wednesday night at the NGV to the gallery crawl on Saturday afternoon, were treated to a variety of scholarly and creative experiences in some of Melbourne's most interesting venues. The painting studios and the Margaret Lawrence Gallery at the Victorian College of the Arts, the Australian Centre for Contemporary Art, the Royal Society of Victoria, the State Library of Victoria and a number of artist run initiatives provided a window into Melbourne's rich art culture for interstate delegates and international speakers.

I was most interested to meet and chat with Joyce McGrath who convened the very first meeting of Arlis/ANZ at the State Library of Victoria in the 1970's.

We didn't survey delegates after the conference but judging from some of the comments I received it was apparent that many enjoyed the experience:

"Many thanks for organising a very informative and enjoyable conference. We QLD chapter delegates thoroughly enjoyed ourselves" Kerri Klump

"Thank you for organising a marvellous conference for us, in a variety of spectacular and fascinating locations. ARLIS/ANZ 2012 was a very special experience that I shall think of often. Thanks for all of the hard work it took to pull it off." Alice Steiner

### **New Zealand Conference 2014 and Executive changeover:**

At the AGM in 2012 the New Zealand Chapter resolved to take responsibility for the next conference which I believe will take place in Auckland in November 2014. I urge everyone to plan to go to New Zealand for this event. Unusually, the executive did not change over (from Victoria to New Zealand) at the 2012 AGM which means the executive chapter and the conference organizing chapter are out of kilter. The current executive, including myself as President, have indicated they would like to step down and to this end all executive positions are open for nominations at the 2013 AGM. In any case my position as President has only 12 months to run as according to the constitution *"There shall be a limit of two (2) terms i.e. four (4) years for the position of Chair."*

### **Art Librarians Down Under:**



I joined Joye Volker, Margaret Shaw, Vicki Marsh and 4 visiting international librarians in Sydney for part of the Art Librarians Down Under tour and had a fantastic time. Many thanks to members of the NSW Chapter, including Barbara Rendall and Elizabeth Little who organized the events. Joye, Margaret and the visitors went on to the IFLA conference in Singapore. More details in the ACT Chapter report.

### **Web site working group:**

George Leighfield, John Stevens, Tanya Wilson, Sonja Barfoed, and Vicki Marsh have been developing a brief for the new website. A number of quotes have been received and members are invited to comment/vote on moving forward with this. See Secretary's report for more detail.

### **Arlis/ANZ Discussion List:**

The Google groups list seems to be working well now with a flurry of discussion every now and again and as a conduit for excess material from various libraries.

### **Victorian Chapter report:**

Luke Doyle organized our only outing for this past year on Tuesday 23 July – a tour of the Australian Impressionists in France exhibition at the NGV Federation Square. The event was very well attended and all enjoyed both the exhibition and the informative floor talk given by curator Elena Taylor.

Georgina Binns has been travelling this year – 6 weeks in Europe and attended the IAML (Music Libraries) Conference in Vienna. She will be in Perth next week at the IAML Australia conference presenting a paper on altmetrics in the creative arts.