

Arlis/ANZ National Chair's Report and 2016 Conference Report

The National Executive is:

- Elizabeth Little, Chair
- Barbara Rendall, Secretary
- Steven Miller, Treasurer
- Vivian Huang, Assistant Treasurer
- Vivian Huang and Barbara Rendall, Website managers

The National Executive has continued to work on issues with the website – specifically membership renewals, conference payments etc. Barbara Rendall set up the online conference registration and payment system, which proved to be very successful.

ARLIS/ANZ Conference in Sydney, 2016

The 2016 was held in Sydney at the Art Gallery of New South Wales: 30 November - 3 December 2016. Conference Theme: Persistence of the Real.

The conference committee included: Barbara Rendall, Elizabeth Little, Steven Miller, Vivian Huang and Claire Eggleston. Additional help was provided by Margaret Blackmore and Joye Volker.

The conference theme proved to be a popular one, with presenters applying from Australia, New Zealand, India, and North America. Final delegate numbers were lower than expected / hoped. Final numbers were 54. While more than New Zealand in 2014, this is significantly less than attended the 2012 conference in Melbourne.

Unfortunately three of the international speakers had to pull out of the conference – Tim Jones (NZ), Ramesh Gaur (India) and Carl Schmitz (US).

Sponsorship for the conference was obtained from Art Gallery of NSW (Principal venue), Sothebys (welcome drinks at O Bar), Fig Group / Restaurant Otto (Conference dinner), and Better Read than Dead. We express our gratitude to all of the sponsors of the 2016 conference.

Conference committee meetings were held:

- 25 February - + Joye Volker
- 18 April
- 27 June
- 12 September
- 24 October + Margaret Blackmore
- 14 November+ Margaret Blackmore
- 28 November+ Margaret Blackmore

It is anticipated that the next conference will be held in ACT.

Elizabeth Little
ARLIS/ANZ National Chair
26 November 2016