

## Report on CDNLAO's 22nd Meeting for CDNL Meeting – Lyon, 19 August 2014

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The 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Conference of Directors of National Libraries in Asia and Oceania (CDNLAO) was hosted by, and held at, the National Library of Australia in Canberra on the 27<sup>th</sup> of February. Twenty four delegates from 18 countries or regions attended the meeting, several of them for the first time.

CDNLAO's objective is to facilitate discussion and promote understanding and cooperation on matters of common interest to national libraries in the Asia and Oceania region. CDNLAO has been an excellent forum for the exchange of information amongst national libraries in the region; it has promoted cooperation for the development of libraries and library services in the region and it has fostered a better understanding of the issues facing libraries in the region.

Delegates enjoyed several presentations about projects and developments of common interest:

- E-legal deposit of online publication in Japan – presented by Mr Toru Toyoda, National Diet Library;
- Digital New Zealand – developments and measuring impact – presented by Mr Bill McNaught, National Library of New Zealand;
- Update on the National Libraries Asia Pacific Project – presented by Ms Mei-Chen Lee, National Library of Singapore;
- Trove – presented by Dr Marie-Louise Ayres, National Library of Australia; and
- Reading Room Integration – presented by Ms Margy Burn, National Library of Australia.

CDNLAO had a thorough discussion of the five high level trends identified in the IFLA Trend Report, *Riding the Waves or Caught in the Tide?* CDNLAO's discussion was prompted by IFLA's invitation to the global library community to discuss the trends and to identify the questions we should ask ourselves at a national or international level. CDNLAO has conveyed a summary of its discussion to IFLA.

An invaluable element of the meeting is the session devoted to highlights of the reports prepared by each country for the meeting and the up-dates about the most recent developments.

Delegates attended a reception in their honour at Government House hosted by Her Excellency Ms Quentin Bryce AC, Governor-General of Australia, and Mr Michael Bryce. And we were delighted to be able to bring together members of the Australian Library and Information Association's Asia Pacific Special Interest Group with our international colleagues.

It is customary for CDNLAO meetings to be complemented by an opportunity for delegates to learn something of the professional priorities and practice of the host country. On the day preceding the CDNLAO meeting, delegates were joined by colleagues from National and State Libraries Australasia for a series of presentations about the collaborative work done by

Australia's state and territory libraries and the National Libraries of Australia and New Zealand. Please explore NSLA's website for further information – [www.nsla.org.au](http://www.nsla.org.au)

Our two days of meetings concluded with the National Library of Thailand reaffirming its invitation to host the 23<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of CDNLAO and inviting delegates to Bangkok on 9-11 June 2015. The National Library of New Zealand has offered to host the 24<sup>th</sup> Meeting of CDNLAO in 2016 and delegates accepted with pleasure the invitation from the National Library of India to host the 25<sup>th</sup> Meeting of CDNLAO in 2017 in Kolkata.

The National Diet Library hosts the CDNLAO website and publishes CDNLAO's online newsletter. On behalf of colleagues in Asia and Oceania I invite you to our website - <http://www.ndl.go.jp/en/cdnla0/index.html> - to get a fuller picture of what we do.

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