

REPORTS

EALRGA Meeting

We were very pleased to meet interstate members at the ASAA Conference. At the EALRGA meeting on 14th February the EALRGA Committee presented reports and various topics were discussed. Current membership stood at 93, of whom 37 were overseas members. Concern was expressed that the Committee invariably consisted of Canberra members, and other members were encouraged to consider taking on executive positions. It was suggested that regional representatives should be appointed to collect items for the newsletter; the Editor was looking at desktop publishing and seeking more research-type articles. A decision was made to promote the Group by circulating contents lists of EALRGA Newsletters with the next National Library East Asian Current Awareness Bulletin, and this was duly done. It was also decided to raise the membership fee and to investigate the possibility of becoming a special interest group of the Library Association of Australia (LAA).

LAA Asian-Pacific Studies SIG

A meeting was held at the National Library of Australia at the beginning of March to look into the possibility of forming a special interest group (SIG) of the LAA. An SIG would provide a greater chance for a panel on Asian librarianship and resources at LAA conferences; the LAA had ignored previous approaches to include Asian content at conferences.

As a result, a steering committee was appointed to guide the formation of the SIG.

As the SIG covers a much wider geographical area than EALGRA, EALGRA will retain its identity and present relationship with ASAA, and remain separate for the foreseeable future.