

INSTITUTES OF TECHNOLOGY AND POLYTECHNICS OF NEW ZEALAND (ITPNZ) LIBRARIES FORUM REPORT 2007/2008

The Libraries Forum is meeting ITPNZ for objectives and contributing to the aims of the Tertiary Education Strategy by working to support and improve :

- Quality of teaching and learning
- Quality of research
- Quality and strength of relationships both within the tertiary system and between the tertiary system and other important sectors of New Zealand's economy and society.

The following report sets out the activities and achievements of the Libraries Forum for 2007/2008.

Executive Committee

Convenor Marion Read - Bay of Plenty Polytechnic

Co-Convenor Sarah-Jane Saravani - Waikato Institute of Technology

Committee member (Conference Host) – Ann-Marie Roux – Waiariki Institute of Technology

The Executive met six times during 2007/2008. As all members were within close proximity all meetings were face to face and no funding was required for these meetings. Having an Executive for the first time certainly shared the workload.

Although the Executive functioned well we are recommending a change of structure at the 2008 AGM to provide for more regional input and communication. The model we are proposing is based on the Academic Managers model which appears to work very well. Budget has been approved to allow for travel and Audio Visual meetings throughout the remainder of 2008.

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Key Achievements

Signing of Memorandum of Understanding between ITPNZ Libraries Forum and National Library of New Zealand in July 2007

Records Management Workshop and Project proposal Developed

Participation in Biennial Libraries Remuneration Project

Safari IT e-Books single billing consortium

Representation on Key Industry Activities including TPSAC, EPIC and Libraries Strategic Working Party and most recently Jane Arlidges appointment to the Marketing the Profession Working Group.

(Refer to Attached Action Plan Report for detailed activity report)

SUMMARY OF KEY ACTIVITIES

Te Puna Strategic Advisory Committee (TPSAC)

Diane Friis from EIT has represented the ITPNZ Libraries on the Te Puna Strategic Advisory Committee (TPSAC). Te Puna is the brand name for the electronic resources and services made available by the National Library of New Zealand. The purpose of the committee is to advise the National Librarian on policy, direction and standards for Te Puna products and related services; and represent the views of the New Zealand library community. There have been two main issues for TPSAC over the last year:

- Following on from the successful launch in late 2006 of OCLC as a source for New Zealand bibliographic records, TPSAC has been considering how to best provide further training for librarians to ensure the best value is gained from this package.
- TPSAC is continuing discussion on how best to promote the resources and services it offers in order to benefit all New Zealand libraries.

EPIC

EPIC - short for Electronic Purchasing In Collaboration - is a shared initiative of over 170 New Zealand libraries. In a move that is the first of its kind in New Zealand, public, education, research and special libraries have joined together to buy collective access to tens of thousands of electronic resources that can be used by people from all parts of the country

In August 2007 Marion Read replaced Barbara Garriock as the Polytechnics and ITPs representative. Heather Jenks from AUT was nominated as the Convenor of EPIC Governance Group for 2007 - 2009.

The focus of EPIC over the past 12 months has been on developing training initiatives and resources. In November 2007 EPIC signed an agreement with Knowledge Basket to provide New Zealand content. The take-up from the Polytechnic sector was not as high as expected.

With the resignation of Fiona Rigby as EPIC Manager it was decided to bring forward a study into the Future Directions for EPIC. This is currently underway and expected to be released in November 2008

Financial Report

Libraries Forum Budget Report 27-6-08

	Actual	Budget to Date	Budget Full Year
Income			
Meetings	0.00	0	0
Executive Committee Activities	0.00	4000	4000
Additional Objectives	120.86	2000	2000
Expenses			
Meetings	346.46	0	0
Executive Committee	1650.48	1998	4000
Additional Objectives	0	1002	2000

Levies will be charged at the end of June. The \$120.86 of income was the amount rolled over from 2007.

Matters of strategic concern to the ITPNZ library sector

One of the outcomes of participating in the Libraries Strategic Working Part has been to identify the strategic issues that ITPNZ Libraries currently face. This coupled with the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between National Library and the ITPNZ Libraries Forum paves the way for the development of the Strategic Framework Project which will be a key focus for our Forum for the next 12 months.

The strategic issues identified are as follows:

Environmental

- Changing use of the library (resources and environment) by the students. Statistics for resource usage is down but usage of space is ever increasing and changing.
- Planning for the future of the Library/Learning Hub. Identifying the impact on resourcing in a sustainable manner.

People Capability

- Recognition of professional registration with matching appropriate remuneration
- Capacity - difficulty of hiring professional staff outside the main centres.
- How to attract and retain the right people to the profession

Technology

- Web 2.00, Social networking, push technologies
- Virtual communities
- Electronic / Digital storage
- Broadband capability / access to KAREN
- Access to research and science outputs

Copyright/IP

- Impact of flexible/online learning
- Creative Commons
- Growth of consortium programmes - both positive and negative attributes
- Institutional repositories

Public Records Act

- Archives/records management - the standards and requirements

Resource sharing across libraries

- Outdated model of restricted access based membership and payment of some kind
- New Zealand tertiary library card

Teaching and Learning

- Foundation Learning – Literacy and numeracy
- Information Literacy
- Changing pedagogies

Summary

In its fourth year of operation, the ITPNZ Libraries Forum continues to achieve a great deal, and will continue to support the four major themes of the Statement of Tertiary Education Priorities 2005/07:

- Investing in excellence in teaching, learning and research;
- Increasing the relevance of skills and knowledge to meet national goals;
- Enabling students and learners to access excellent and relevant tertiary education and progress to higher levels of study and achievement; and
- Enhancing capability and information quality in the tertiary system to support learning, teaching and research.

This is my last report as Convenor and I wish to acknowledge everyone's support and assistance to establish the Libraries Forum as a vital and active ITPNZ Forum that is recognised for our ability to achieve.

Marion Read
Convenor Libraries Forum 2005/2008

30th June 2008