

LIASA ILLIG meeting 10th May 2007

The LIASA Interlending Interest group (ILLIG) held its first meeting of the year at the Sabinet offices in Centurion. The chairperson, **Mrs Roselle Jansen van Vuuren**, welcomed all present and introduced the committee members to the group.

Kim Baker, Programme Executive of Document Supply and Information Service at the National Library of South Africa presented her paper, entitled "The Rethinking Resource Sharing initiative – an overview for South African Librarians which is an exciting new initiative that is doing what it says - completely rethinking Resource Sharing. The [concept of the GET-IT](#) button was introduced, as this will soon become a standard feature across the world wide web.

Denise Nicholson, University of Witwatersrand, gave an [overview on the laws that govern copyright in South Africa](#). She briefly discussed "fair dealing" as referred to in the [Copyright Act No. 98 of 1978](#) (as amended) and its [regulations](#) and gave a few guidelines on fair dealing in the electronic environment. The audience was informed about copyright issues regarding the use of the Internet and electronic databases. The [Access to Knowledge \(A2K\) movement](#), its challenges for Africa, as well as regional and South African initiatives, were discussed. She stressed libraries' and librarians' involvement in copyright issues to ensure and support balanced copyright as restrictive copyright laws threaten the **core business** of libraries. It was recommended that LIASA visibly engage in the global copyright debate.

Denise concluded that it is important that we encourage our government to support the [World Intellectual Property Organization \(WIPO\) Development Agenda](#) and other pro-active A2K initiatives to enable wider access to knowledge around the globe. In this way developing countries would be able to participate in global issues on a more equitable footing. It is of vital importance that we as interlibrary loan librarians monitor the impact of copyright and other legal matters on document delivery in all forms.

Antoniet Davis, University of Johannesburg, Doornfontein Campus gave a short update on [Gaelic activities](#).

Cresida Heslop, from Sabinet, gave a presentation on Interlending Fee Management (IFM), highlighting important facts impacting the financial issues of subscribers to Sabinet's Request Module.

During an interactive discourse on problems and issues, members of the audience inquired about the possibility of the establishing an Interlending Governing Body representing stakeholders and to give professional advice, at a broad policy level and reflecting the interests and needs of particular groups of libraries.

Aspects of the National Library's document supply responsibilities that needs to be addressed may be:

- a) national policy and rules for Interlending;
- b) the annual determination of the standard Interlending tariffs and
- c) revision of certain aspects in the Interlending Manual for the Southern African Interlending Scheme. Progress on this matter will positively impact on all interlending activities in the country as the interests of participating libraries will be represented.

Attendees left the meeting, eager to meet the new challenges that the rethinking of Resource Sharing might have in store for us as interlending librarians.



Roselle Jansen van Vuuren (right) enjoyed a lighter moment together with ***Antonet Davids*** and ***Rebecca Fani*** (left)



Morongwa Modiba, Marie Erasmus & Leah Zietsman (l-r) enjoyed the finger lunch after the meeting.



Benedict Hlongwane, Simon Lebitse & Morongwa Modiba (l-r) studied the programme before the meeting.



Denise Nicholson spoke about copyright - a major concern for all IL librarians



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