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At
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The Institute for Advanced Study [IAS] at La Trobe University promotes research and learning at the highest levels and thus contributes to a vibrant research climate attractive to students and staff of the highest calibre.

The IAS brings to La Trobe University outstanding scholars who are leaders in their discipline and at the cutting edge of research. By encouraging fruitful interactions between these scholars, staff, and post graduate students, the climate for research is strengthened and the profile of the university as a major institution dedicated to the advancement of learning and research further enhanced.

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Director's Report 2001

It is a great pleasure to present the second annual report for the Institute of Advanced Study. Major developments for the year 2001 are listed below:

The Research Centre for Linguistic Typology [RCLT]

RCLT's second year as a part of the Institute for Advanced Study at La Trobe University has again been marked by success – in terms of the excellence of its Research Fellows, Visiting Fellows, and Doctoral students, the success of the International Workshop on *Evidentiality* in August, the quality and quantity of its publications, and the continuing success in Fellowships and Grants attracted.

Staff and students undertook original fieldwork on previously undocumented languages from Peru, Bolivia, Papua New Guinea, India, Turkey, Lebanon, the Central Asian Republic, and Aboriginal Australia. During the year, nine books and 52 academic papers were published, based on work done by scholars while members of the RCLT. A further 16 books and 60 papers are in print.

Members of the RCLT participated in international conferences in Australia and in the United States and taught courses at the prestigious Linguistic Society of America.

Highlights of the year included the publication of the Japanese translation of Professor Dixon's *The Rise and Fall of Languages*, with a first print run of 30,000 copies, and the invitation to Professor Aikhenvald to present a plenary paper at the 17th International Congress of Linguistics, to be held in Prague in July 2004.

Visiting IAS Fellows

The following Fellows spent time at the Institute during 2001:

Professor Anvita Abbi – Linguistics
Professor John Beeby - Physics
Professor Willibald Dörfler – Mathematics
Professor Bhadriraju Krishnamurti - Linguistics
Professor Volker Loeschke – Evolutionary Genetics
Professor John Ramsden – British History
Professor Toshio Yamagishi – Sociology, Behavioural Sciences

In addition to working on their own research, these scholars had productive interactions with staff and higher degree students.

New facilities for Fellows

- Refurbishment of the IAS administrative building was completed late in 2001. Fully equipped offices for IAS Fellows are located in this building and are already being put to good use. A small seminar room and good size lecture theatre are among the building's other facilities.
- Completion of the road and footpath leading from the IAS to the main parts of the University has greatly facilitated access to the main campus and its range of resources.
- With the appointment of a new Administrative Officer, Mrs Julia Anderson, some administrative assistance is now available to Fellows.
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La Trobe House

La Trobe House, located next to the IAS administration building, contains five fully furnished, high quality apartments. They are used extensively: by visiting IAS Fellows and, when available, by other visitors to the university.

Other developments

Subject to space availability, the IAS facilities are also being utilized by staff and doctoral students for well defined and short term projects and special research meetings and seminars.

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