

Centres and Units which have used the IAS facilities in 2002 included: The Centre for Environmental Stress and Adaptation Research [CESAR], the La Trobe Indigenous Research Partnerships Advisory Committee [IRPAC], Graduate House, The Faculty of Humanity and Social Sciences, the School of Business, Connect, Staff from Education and Staff from Mathematics.

Several postgraduate students, Mary Jo Fortuna, Jude Ocean, and Peta Heywood, were given office space for a limited period and completed the final draft of their thesis during their stay at the Institute.

A final comment

All of the IAS Fellows have commented gratefully on the support and help provided by the Executive Officer, Julia Anderson. I, too, want to express my thanks to Julia for her unfailing support, flexibility in carrying out an ever increasing range of tasks, and attention to the myriad of details needed to ensure the smooth functioning of activities in the IAS.

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Director's Report 2002

It is a pleasure to present the third annual report for the Institute of Advanced Study. Major activities for the year 2002 are listed below:

IAS Distinguished and Associate Fellows

The following Fellows spent time at the Institute during 2002:

Professor Efrain Kristal (Spanish/Portuguese studies) UCLA, United States of America

Professor Volker Loeschcke (Environmental Stress Research) Aarhus University, Denmark

Dr Elizabeth Mansfield (Mathematics) University of Kent, England

Professor Rejoice Ngcongco (Education Planning and Administration) University of Zululand, South Africa

Professor Ole Nielson (Physiology) Aarhus University, Denmark

In addition to working on their own research, these scholars interacted productively with staff and higher degree students from the university.

A sample of brief reports submitted by IAS Fellows is appended to this report.

A copy of the nomination form for IAS Fellows is also attached. The form can be downloaded from the IAS Website.

Showcasing the Future seminar series

The Postgraduate day *Generating the Future* was held at the IAS immediately following the international conference entitled *Life-writing and the Generations*. Several eminent national and international scholars extended their stay to interact more closely with postgraduate students. The initiative was warmly welcomed by the organizers of the main conference and strongly supported by local, national, and international post graduate students.

The Research Centre for Linguistic Typology [RCLT]

Our third year as part of the Institute for Advanced Study at La Trobe University in Melbourne has again been characterized by success. The

many publications of members of the Research Centre have been marked by excellence and originality. We continue to attract the highest quality scholars as Research Fellows, Visiting Fellows and Doctoral Students. The International Workshops which we host each year produce seminal volumes that are acknowledged to constitute substantial contributions to the field.

Staff and students undertook original fieldwork on previously undocumented languages from Peru, Bolivia, Brazil, Papua New Guinea, Vanuatu, Malaysia, India, the Philippines and Aboriginal Australia. During the year twelve books and fifty two academic papers were published, based on work done by scholars while members of RCLT, with a further twelve books and seventy two papers in press. Members of RCLT participated in international conferences in Australia and in the United States.

Highlights of the year included the publication of Professor Dixon's seminal monograph *Australian languages: their nature and development* (700 pp.; Cambridge University Press) and Professor Aikhenvald's ground-breaking *Language contact in Amazonia* (362 pp., Oxford University Press), in addition to the volume *Word: a cross-linguistic typology* (Cambridge University Press), resulting from our 2000 International Workshop.

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. 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.

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.