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The Joint PACS/PALMS Meetings

The inaugural PACS Forum was held at Victoria Barracks in Melbourne from 1 to 3 June 1998 in conjunction with another PASOLS initiative, the Pacific Area Automated Logistics Management Systems (PALMS) Forum.

As Chairman I must thank the hosts, the Joint Logistics Systems Agency of Support Command Australia, for their efforts in organising the event and for providing such a great venue. I should mention, of course, my four tireless assistants from the Australian NCB who did the bulk of the work and who fixed up all the last minute problems. Even Melbourne's weather was good for the start of winter - the whole week was warm and sunny.

Despite the fact that numbers were down from the last PACS Working Group meeting held in Wellington,

due mainly to the economic problems in the region, the fifteen PACS delegates from ten countries participated enthusiastically and diligently on the agenda items. In particular, after much discussion and sharing of ideas, delegates agreed on some fundamental changes to the aims and objectives of the Forum which will be incorporated into the next revision of the PACS Handbook on Aims, Organisation and Working Procedures.

The joint meeting was officially opened by Air Vice-Marshal N. Smith, Support Commander Air Force. Just over 40 PACS and PALMS delegates (most pictured below) were treated to a diverse and informative range of presentations. The decision to conduct a joint meeting of these two PASOLS initiatives

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