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PACS FORUM ANNUAL MEETING

Nine PASOLS member nations and the PASOLS Secretariat attended PACS Forum II in Battle Creek, Michigan, USA from 24 to 25 May 1999. The meeting was hosted by Defense Logistics Information Service (DLIS) at the historic Federal Center and followed on from the NATO codification meeting and DLIS Information Day held the previous week.

The meeting was officially opened by the Commander of DLIS, Colonel Robert L. Songer USMC. A copy of his Keynote Address is attached to this newsletter.

Although the numbers were down slightly from the first PACS Forum meeting held in Melbourne, the delegates (all from nations sponsored in the NATO Codification System) worked diligently to get through a very full agenda. A Decision Sheet, Action Item Listing and a CD-ROM of presentations has been despatched to all PACS POCs. Presentations were given by:

Australia – demonstration by Mr Dick

King of a new, smart codification "front-end" application called CO-DEX.

Singapore – briefing by Ms Sherri Poh on the new on-line SCIS2 cataloguing/codification System (see Page 5 for an article on SCIS2).



United States – Briefing on UPC/EAN implementation in the NCS by Mr Steve Arnett. Briefing on DLIS CAGE operation by Mr Orvan Nantingha and staff.

In response to a request from Tonga, Stephen Worth from New Zealand gave an unscheduled presentation on the benefits of participating in the NCS which was very well received.

Other matters of interest were:

National Status Report New Zealand offered to take up both the format design and the coordination of reporting for the National Status Report. It was agreed that PACS nations would submit reports by end-

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PACS FORUM ATTENDEES

Australia, Canada, Fiji, Malaysia, New Zealand, Philippines, Singapore, Tonga, United States, PASOLS Secretariat (USCINCPAC, J457)