

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- Brian Clark

Things speleo seem to be revving up a bit on the international scene at the moment. Belgium is taking some quantum leaps with attempts on regulatory access and China is about to host a show cave management symposium. Arthur Clarke and Neville Michie have been rather high profile as "ACKMA ambassadors" to the USA, attending the Cave Management Symposium in Chattanooga, and it looks like South Australia is putting in a bid to host the 2005 IUS Congress – but I'm think I'm busy that day!! Nick and Sue White, myself and good wife Sue, will be lurking around the kastic beauty of Thailand, Laos and Vietnam by the time you read this. We'll be think of you all.

Developments at Naracoorte since April have been steady. The science students dormitory is finally finished and being occupied, the Bat Cave Teleview Centre has just had a complete makeover and the Wonambi Fossil Centre is getting a relatively major upgrade. I'll send Kent the photos when its finished.

And talk about an exciting week! Steve Bourne and I have been playing hosts to a Beijing TV crew for three days (it seemed like six but I kept telling Steve it was really only three). Just this afternoon we snagged some stunning video footage of a six foot brown snake chasing bats in Bat Cave. It doesn't get much better than this!!