

The Fringe

ALIA 2000: *Capitalising on knowledge* — the information professional in the 21st century 23–26 October

An exciting and interesting Fringe program is part of the ALIA 2000 conference. Held on Sunday 22 and Monday 23 October, the Fringe will be informal and interactive with opportunities for networking and exchanging ideas. The program is aimed at new and recent graduates who are exploring their career options and what they can expect from their chosen profession. It will also be valuable for anyone who is returning to the profession, considering a change in direction, or thinking about working in non-traditional areas.

The opening address 'Beyond the square' will be delivered by John Levett — to hear the uncensored version you will have to be there! There will be four main sessions. Session 1 is 'Future directions within libraries' and the presenters include professionals from different types of libraries where innovative directions have been successfully implemented.

Session 2 focuses on 'Future directions outside libraries' and consists of two one-hour concurrent sessions followed by a large group session on career planning, facilitated by Leonie Blair.

The second day begins with keynote addresses by Professor Mairéad Browne (ALIA President) and June Garcia (CEO, Carl Corporation). Mairéad will talk about 'Enduring values and their impact on a career' and June Garcia discusses the question 'Must one work in a library to be a real librarian?'

Session 3 is entitled 'What are prospective employers looking for?' There are two one-hour concurrent sessions and the presenters come from a range of backgrounds — large university libraries, employment agencies, library schools and the National Library of Australia. This session ends with a panel of recent graduates who will present their perspectives.

In Session 4, 'Future directions — other alternatives', presenters will explore alternatives and options including refresher courses, working overseas, travel scholarships, and study grants. There are two concurrent sessions and these will be followed by a series of small groups where the presenters will be available for more detailed discussions of the issues raised in their presentations as well as other themes of topical interest.

The closing address will be delivered by Ian McCallum who will reflect on the Fringe experience and lead us into the conference proper.

The Fringe program begins at 1:30pm on Sunday 22 October (registration opens at 12:30pm) and ends at 5:00pm on Monday 23 October. ALIA members will have already received information about the Fringe in the registration brochure. For students or yet to be employed people who are ALIA members, Fringe registration is only \$45 (if you pay before 1 September).

Information about the Fringe program can be obtained from Ann Ritchie, phone: 02 6230 1231 or e-mail: aritchie@aima.org.au. Registration information is at the ALIA2000 website at <http://www.alia.org.au/conferences/alia2000/> or you can e-mail alia2000.conference@alia.org.au (the conference secretariat, Conference Solutions, phone 02 6285 3000, fax 02 6285 3001).



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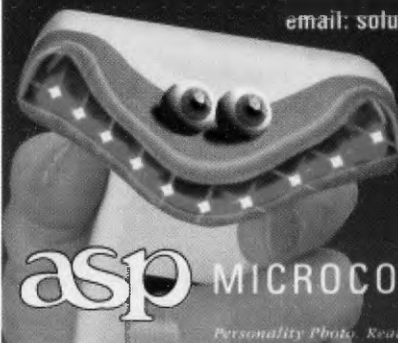
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