

Digital dancing

Information Online 2001, 16–18 January 2001

Technology is creating a new digital dance, coaxing new partners to experiment with new steps. The latest trends and issues for anyone involved in the creation, capture, delivery and use of electronic information will be explored in *Information Online 2001 Conference and Exhibition* — a highlight of the knowledge and information industry calendar.

The conference, organised by Tour Hosts Pty Limited on behalf of the Australian Library and Information Association's Information Specialists Division, will be opened by Senator Natasha Stott Despoja at the Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre, Darling Harbour, Sydney, 16 January 2001 and will continue until 18 January.

An impressive array of international speakers includes Mary Ellen Bates of Bates Information Services in the USA; Clare Hart from Factiva; Stevan Harnard, Professor of Cognitive Science at Southampton University and Greg Notess, associate professor and reference librarian at Montana State University-Bozeman.

Local speakers include Deborah Woodyard from the National Library of Australia; Edward Lim from Monash University; Dr Patricia Milne from the University of Canberra, Kim Sbarcea from Ernst and Young, and Renato Ianella from IPR systems, among others.

One of Australia's leading information industry trend-spotters, Neil McLean, university librarian at Macquarie University, will chair a panel

which will wrap up the conference by exploring partnerships for sustainable online services.

The large trade exhibition, which consists of over 100 booths and is the largest of its kind in the southern hemisphere, will feature products and services by leading publishers, suppliers and services like Factiva, 3M, Apple, Infosentials, National Library of Australia, Standards Australia, State Library of NSW, Elsevier Science, DA Information Services, Thomson Financial and Zenith Management Services Group.

The conference will be supported by Factiva, the principal sponsor, and by gold sponsors Charles Sturt University, Cisco Systems, Corinthian Internet Services, ISI and Thomson Scientific.

Mary-Anne Kennan, from the library at the Australian Graduate School of Management, convenor of the organising committee of *Information Online*, said, 'The calibre of keynote speakers, exhibitors and sponsors endorses the significance of the relationship between content and technology.'

'The internet is seen as the most innovative and dynamic medium to access, search, catalogue and deliver information, and it is great, however, there are other equally successful ways of doing this. Without easily accessible content the technology is redundant. Information Online 2001 will address the ways in which knowledge and in-

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formation workers can take advantage of these synergies, remaining at the forefront of technology without compromising the delivery of information.'

The conference organising committee is:

- Mary Anne Kennan — convenor;
- Anita Crotty — program convenor;
- Enid Roberts — treasurer;
- Linda Rouse — internet convenor;
- Paul Evans — exhibition convenor;
- Paul Bentley — publications convenor;
- Marilyn Wagstaff; and
- Program committee members: Kate Curr, Ian Duncan, Paul Evans, Meredith Martinelli, Pat Matthews, Tony Barry (corresponding).

For more information on the conference and exhibition, contact the *Information Online 2001* Secretariat, GPO Box 128, SYDNEY 2001 phone 02 9262 2277 fax: 02 9262 3135, e-mail: online2001@tourhosts.com.au, or visit <http://www.csu.edu.au/special/online2001/> where you will find an online registration form. ■

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