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As a service to members, ALIA has established an ALIA suppliers database on ALIANet. The database contains contact details for library suppliers in both Australia and overseas. Suppliers are able to update their details themselves, ensuring that the information contained in the database is always accurate.

Search facilities make finding a supplier a breeze. Simply click on a category to find all suppliers in that category, or you can narrow your search by selecting a city, state, or country.

Currently the categories covered by the directory include: Publishers and booksellers; Document delivery and interlibrary loans; Library suppliers; Digitisation services; Academic library services; Special literacy services; Multimedia services; Database services; Furniture and equipment; Building; Exhibition design; Bibliographic and subscriptions; Personnel and employment; Education and training; Library and information systems; Electronic libraries; Computer software; Book binding and repairs; Preservation; Recycling; Consultancy; Information brokers; Legal; and Other associations.

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Digital continuity or digital discontinuity?

Books and paper last, but their digital equivalents may be much more vulnerable. Digital continuity refers to the social, policy and technical issues in making sure that we keep important information in digital form over the long term, as we do with paper.

Australian universities have not yet plunged into these issues. So Swinburne University, working with the National Library of Australia and the State Library of Victoria, has organised a one-day Digital Continuity Forum, to be held on 19 November.

The keynote speaker is Neil Beagrie, who is currently co-ordinating the development of a Digital Preservation Coalition in the United Kingdom. He has been research director and co-author of the study *Preservation management of digital materials*, just published by the British Library. He leads the work of the British Higher Education sector on co-ordinating digital preservation activities.

The conference will bring together people from universities and from other areas: records managers, libraries, cultural institution, publishers, and the IT industry will be represented.

As well as looking at long-term retention of digital archives, the forum will deal with contemporary access, and the contentious issues of maximising access to scholarly and research literature now and in the future. Professor Graeme George, Dean of Science at Queensland University of Technology, will introduce this topic.

Information about the program and registration can be found at <http://www.swin.edu.au/lib/DigCon2001.htm>.