*Australia.* Professor Barbara Pocock. Venue: tbc, Adelaide, 5:30pm. Hosted by University of South Australia. Contact: Lyn Browning, ph 08 8302 1729, lynette.browning@unisa.edu.au

## TAS

• 9/8 Library Technicians online chat. *See National events for more details.*

## VIC

• 5/8 Vic Schools. *Thinking curriculum.* More details: tba. Contact: Kris Johnstone, ph 03 9805 9234, kjohnsto@sac.vic.edu.au

• 9/8 Library Technicians online chat. *See National events for more details.*

• 15/8 Tour of the State Library of Victoria. ALIA members are invited to join us for a behind the scenes look at the exciting developments in the SLV. The free tour begins in the Swanston Street foyer at 5:30pm. N°s are limited. Please send your RSVP (with your ALIA membership n°) to: Jill Baker, jbaker@urbisjhd.com

• 21–22/8 Project Management for eDRMS – strategies for on time on budget success. A forum and workshop for information, document and records management professionals, focusing on the practical project management issues and change management challenges of planning and implementing an organisation wide eDRMS. Contact: Jill Moor, ph 03 9835 8900, pics@bigpond.com, http://www.pics.com.au/

24/8 2006 National Advisory Congress *Melbourne meeting.* A great opportunity to come together and have a voice in the actions of your Association. Chair: Roxanne Missingham, Parliamentary librarian, ALIA vice-president. Seminar Room RMIT Library, L5, B8, Swanston Street, 5:30pm for 6:00pm. RSVP essential to: Margie Anderson, ph 03 9315 1090, margie.anderson@alia.org.au

25/8 2006 National Advisory Congress. *NAC comes to Ballarat!* A great opportunity to come together and have a voice in the actions of your Association. Chair: Roxanne Missingham, Parliamentary librarian, ALIA vice-president. Venue tba, 5:30pm for 6:00pm. RSVP essential to: Margie Anderson, ph 03 9315 1090, margie.anderson@alia.org.au

6/10 Library books for East Timor trivia night. MC for the night: Brian Nankervis, writer/comedian. Guest include: Lonely Planet's Tony Wheeler; Mark Rubbo, Reading Books and Music and Anne-Marie Schwirtlich, state librarian. All money raised will go directly to East Timore Libraries. Hawthorn Town Hall. Contact: Patti Manolis, Maribyrnong City Council, ph 03 9688 0289.

2/11 2006 Clare Burton Memorial Lecture. *Jobs, Care and Justice: A Fair Work Regime for Australia.* Professor Barbara Pocock. RMIT Capitol Theatre, Building 113, 113 Swanston Street, 6:00pm. Hosted by RMIT University. Contact: Amy Love, ph 03 9925 4210, amy.love@rmit.edu.au

## WA

• 9/8 Library Technicians online chat. *See National events for more details.*

23/8 Australian Copyright Council. *Seminars in Perth* experienced ACC lawyers present ses-

# Product news...

## Melbourne University Publishing launches new Etitles with James Bennett

Melbourne University Publishing recently joined James Bennett's Etitle program. It's emphasis on Australian subject matter is designed to enhance the scope of electronic library collections in a cost-effective manner. Etitles are web-based electronic books read through an internet browser and are designed to follow the form of the original printed book – maintaining the same page numbers, similar fonts, layout and chapter breaks.

Information on all Etitles now available from James Bennett, including an Etitle sample, can be found at http://www.bennett.com.au/etitles.php. Libraries can place orders via JBO, our online ordering service, or by contacting their Customer co-ordinator on 02 9986 7000, e-mail info@bennett.com.au.

## Synercon appoints Zenith as NSW a.k.a. distributor

Synercon Management Consulting P/L are pleased to announce the appointment of Zenith as the New South Wales distributor for a.k.a. software. Since first released in 2002, a.k.a. software has rapidly achieved market leadership in delivering tools for developing records classification schemes and retention schedules. a.k.a. is now used by over 300 organisations in Australia, New Zealand, Canada, United States, and the United Kingdom.

a.k.a. software is a suite of tools for the development of taxonomies (thesauri, controlled vocabularies) and disposition schedules for records management. New South Wales enquiries about a.k.a. software can now be made directly to Zenith Management Services on 02 9413 2555 or via e-mail to rims@zenmgt.com.

## 2007 ALPSP Learned Journal Collection offers more focused subject collections

The Association of Learned and Professional Society Publishers (ALPSP) and Swets Information Services have launched the 2007 ALPSP Learned Journals Collection (ALJC in partnership with Swets). This collection provides a straightforward way for libraries and consortia to acquire content from 48 highly regarded publishers from a single source. With a total of 618 titles making up the full set and the avail-

ability of new subject-specific collections, the 2007 ALJC will offer a wealth of high quality electronic content in an affordable and flexible manner.

A new website and access portal have been created, which offers better service and more substantial information for new and existing customers at http://www.alpsp-collection.org.

## Swets appointed global sales partner for Springer eBooks collection

Swets are delighted to announce that they are one of the global sales partners for the Springer eBooks Collection. Swets customers worldwide can now purchase the Springer eBooks Collection through Swets.

The Springer eBook Collection gives access to over 10 000 fully searchable eBooks, with plans to add a further 3000 eBooks every year. By allowing customers to order the eBooks collection through their favourite subscription agent, the process of ordering, licensing and accessing of the eBooks collection will be made even simpler.

## Softlink partners with Syndetic Solutions

Softlink has partnered with Syndetic Solutions of New Jersey, USA to offer OPAC enrichment services to libraries worldwide. As a result of the partnership, the library catalogues of Softlink's premier web-based library and information management software products will be significantly enhanced. Special, Academic, Public and School library users stand to benefit from a wealth of enriched information now available through the OPAC.

Softlink can now offer cover images, book reviews, tables of contents, summaries, fiction profiles, author notes, excerpts, and other types of descriptive information. Information is available for a wide range of resource types including videos, DVDs, CDs, audio books, conference proceedings and many others. Much of the information is exclusively provided by Syndetic Solutions.

## EBSCO enhances its A-to-Z product

EBSCO A-to-Z has been enhanced with a new feature allowing a library to display virtually any customised content or web page directly to patrons from within the A-to-Z reader site. Libraries may use the Custom Tab feature to

embed the library's federated search engine, information about a new resource, general details such as library hours and special event information.

## Scopus credited as tool to boost research funding

Scopus has announced that they will support the literature research workflows of three universities, University of South Australia, University of Tasmania and University of Western Sydney. Academic staff will be able to monitor the performance of their research, students can identify the hottest topics and keep up to date with the latest developments in their field. Another factor driving the universities' decision to adopt Scopus is its bearing on the Research Quality Framework; an initiative introduced by the Australian government in 2004 to assess the quality and impact of publicly funded research and its contribution to scientific innovations.

## Swets introduces new SwetsWise version

Swets Information Services has released the 4.2 version of SwetsWise, its web-based, modular service for the procurement, access and management of subscriptions and online information. As well as a number of technical improvements and new functionalities the 4.2 release includes RSS feeds to SwetsWise Online Content.

The RSS Feeds will provide SwetsWise customers with a simple, direct and efficient tool for obtaining the latest news and information about the journals and articles they have subscribed to via SwetsWise. Customers will receive instant notification of any updates, including TOC reports and new article or issue availability to all of their electronic subscription holdings.

## Dialog offers over 400 000 full text US government research reports

A collection of more than 400 000 US government-sponsored research reports distributed by the National Technical Information Service (http://www.ntis.gov/) is now available through the Dialog online service. The reports cover a broad spectrum of subject categories, including aerospace, energy, the environment, health and safety, and many others.

Searchers accessing the NTIS Database (File 6 on Dialog) can identify and purchase full text technical reports directly from their search result via electronic download. Reports will be delivered to searchers as PDF images. The NTIS database on Dialog contains more than 2 million records, providing summaries of government reports.

## Thomson Pharma now provides early warning of generic drug development activities

Thomson Scientific has released an enhancement to Thomson Pharma, their drug discovery and development information package. The new Thomson Pharma Generic Competition Module is a strategic tool for research-based innovator, specialty and niche-brand pharmaceutical companies. The module provides critical, early intelligence and independent analysis to help companies identify and assess the earliest signs of generic competition for brand products, in addition to the ability to continuously track and monitor ongoing developments. Within Thomson Pharma, the Generic Competition Module provides Product Lifecycle Management teams with the analysis by which to forecast loss of product exclusivity, the ability to quickly identify competition, and the potential effects of generic entry on their competitor's products. For those in Competitive Intelligence, the module gives pharmaceutical companies an invaluable tool for identifying and tracking early generics activity, and researching potential competitors. Attorneys and Intellectual Property Professionals will find the module particularly useful for spotting potential patent challenges, recognising alternative forms and for indications of other patent circumvention strategies.

## Three new databases from EBSCO Publishing

The three new databases released by EBSCO, Education Research Complete, Environment Complete and Computers and Applied Sciences Complete, contain full-text journals and monographs, as well as bibliographic records giving access to specialist subject areas.

## Winner of Elsevier/LIRG Award Announced

Strathclyde University Librarian David McMenemy is the winner of this year's Elsevier/Library and Information Research Group (LIRG) Award. He will study internet access in UK Public Libraries. The award provides £1000 to apply to new research activities.

## Infotrieve on the optimisation of document delivery in libraries

Infotrieve, Inc.has published a white paper: 'Increasing the Value of the Library by Optimizing Document Delivery'. Free copies of the paper can be requested using an online form located at http://www.infotrieve.com/simplify/. ∎