

• **18/8 Library Technicians QLD Tour/Workshop.** Contact Trish D'Arcy, 07 3623 7407, p.darcy@mcauley.acu.edu.au

• **18/9 Library Technicians QLD General Meeting.** Location: TBA. Time: 5pm for 5:30pm start. Contact Trish D'Arcy, 07 3623 7407, p.darcy@mcauley.acu.edu.au

• **19/9 QOPAL Meeting.** Resource Options, Suite 5, 936 Logan Road, Holland Park. Contact Jenny Hale or Kerri Nixon, ph 07 3847 6499, info@resource-options.com.au

SA

• **4/6 ALIA South Australia Monthly meeting.** Join us on the first Monday of every month. Venue: Amore Café, 162-170 Pulteney Street, Adelaide. Time: 6pm for 6:15pm. Contact: Helen Kwaka, 02 8397 7454, kwakh@cttg.sa.gov.au

• **2/7 ALIA South Australia Monthly meeting.** Venue: Amore Café, Adelaide. Time: 6pm for 6:15pm. Contact: Helen Kwaka, 02 8397 7454, kwakh@cttg.sa.gov.au

• **18/7 ALIA PD Workshop in partnership with CAVAL.** *Negotiating e-licences.* Venue: Cliftons, Adelaide. Register online, <http://training.caval.edu.au/>. Further information: training@caval.edu.au, 03 9450 5508 or pd@alia.org.au, 02 6215 8216.

• **6/8 ALIA South Australia Monthly meeting.** Venue: Amore Café, Adelaide. Time: 6pm for 6:15pm. Contact: Helen Kwaka, 02 8397 7454, kwakh@cttg.sa.gov.au

• **3/9 ALIA South Australia Monthly meeting.** All SA ALIA members welcome. Venue: Amore Café, Adelaide. Time: 6pm for 6:15pm. Contact: Helen Kwaka, 02 8397 7454, kwakh@cttg.sa.gov.au

TAS

• **20/7 ALIA PD workshop in partnership with CAVAL.** *Negotiating e-licences.* Venue: Function and Conference Centre, Hobart. Register online, <http://training.caval.edu.au/>. Further information: training@caval.edu.au, 03 9450 5508 or pd@alia.org.au, 02 6215 8216.

VIC

• **19/6 ALIA Reference and Information Services (Vic) Training, Triumphs and Tribulations: Three Perspectives.** Venue: seminar Room 1, RMIT Swanston Library, Melbourne. Time: 5:30pm for 6:00pm. Cost: ALIA members & students \$5.50. Non-members \$11 (please pay cash only, at the door). Contact: Heather Ross, ph 03 9925 2366. RSVP by 13 June 2007 to heather.ross@rmit.edu.au

• **7/7 Library Technicians Victoria Techs on Tour:** 10th Anniversary Year. A full day event beginning at the State Library of Victoria. Contact: Kerrie Kelly, ph 03 8664 7155, kkelly@slv.vic.gov.au

• **25/8 ALIA Special Libraries Victoria Visit to the Public Records Office of Victoria,** 99 Shiel Street, North Melbourne. Time: 11:00am. RSVP essential by 21 August. Contact Jill Stephens: jillcstephens@gmail.com

EBSCO/Novelist releases NextReads Version 2.0

The creators of NoveList® have recently released the next version of NextReads™ Version 2.0. NextReads is a newsletter subscription service that provides reading suggestions for adults and children in more than 20 reading interest categories on a monthly or bimonthly basis, and can be linked to your library catalogue. The new enhanced version of NextReads delivers a more intuitive user experience, delivering content-rich and reader-orientated news letters that are supported by the book and readers' advisory knowledge housed at NoveList. More information and a free trial subscription can be found at <http://www.NextReads.com>.

Industry Engagement Project

Fifteen business and industry groups have been awarded a share of \$610,000 to demonstrate e-learning solutions for workplace development across the manufacturing, engineering, food processing, aged care, tourism, forestry, energy, retail and furnishings industries. Businesses will use the funding to pilot how e-learning can be a cost-effective and flexible solution to improve workplace learning options in the areas of training, improving staff knowledge, providing online access to materials and reducing time associated with long term costs of training. The outcomes of the industry e-learning demonstrations will be showcased at a free event in Melbourne on 22/11/2007. For more information: <http://industry.flexiblelearning.net.au>.

New medical reference works now available online

Wiley, publisher for scientific, technical and medical communities worldwide, now offers up to 79 reference works electronically at their online publishing platform Wiley InterScience. New works include The Encyclopedia of Magnetic Resonance and Hawley's Condensed Chemical Dictionary. All online reference works feature a powerful search engine, internal and external links to related articles, and cross product searching. Find out more at: <http://www.interscience.wiley.com>.

Newstex announces BlogAlerts™ Service for Content Providers and Enterprise Customers

For those who think blogs are where the news is made, blog search is one of the most difficult forms of information discovery. BlogAlerts™, powered by technology from MuseGlobal, solves this problem for professionals in enterprises by filtering desired blog content from tens of millions of individual blogs commenting on literally every subject imaginable. In a two-stop process users topics of interest can firstly be identified, then the resulting blog content can be further refined, in real-time, with tags and categorisations. Newstex then delivers the refined blog content in easy-to-integrate NewsML format to enterprise customers for use in their respective content offerings.

Nature Publishing Group launch The ISME Journal

The ISME Journal – Multidisciplinary Journal of Microbial Ecology is a new journal from the International Society for Microbial Ecology (ISME) and Nature Publishing Group (NPG). The journal is dedicated to advancing significant research in the expanding field of microbial ecology by providing a forum for original research articles and up-to-date reviews. The first issue includes an article on microbial ecology and environmental biotechnology by the combined efforts of researchers from both Australia, the US and Belgium. Free articles from this first issue are currently available for downloading at <http://www.nature.com/ismej>

EBSCO expands DIY online resources

Home Improvement Reference Center is the definitive online tool for home improvement assistance, including: maintenance, remodeling, electrical work, plumbing, wood projects, outdoor improvements, decorating home & garden, etc. The database also contains full text for many other related publications that help to supplement and support the unique full-text reference works and images from CPI. This resource is made available through its own specialized interface to

make searching for information of interest as easy as possible. Remote access is also available so that library patrons can easily access the information in the Home Improvement Reference Center from their own home.

MuseGlobal and Swets debut Content Mining with Federated Search

MuseGlobal's Content Mining tool has been implemented into SwetsWise Searcher, Swets' hosted federated search services. The Content Mining tool allows users to quickly drill down to the most applicable information by 'mining' the returned search results on each query, identifying common terms found in those results and weighting the terms based on frequency. This ground breaking new feature will help users achieve increased productivity through reduced search time and more effective research through improved relevancy of results. More details about SwetsWise Searcher are available at <http://www.swets.com>.

The Knowledge Tree

Edition 13 of the e-learning journal The Knowledge Tree, looking at the impact of social computing, online behaviour and mobile phones in education and training, is now available online. Published by the national training system's e-learning strategy, the Australian Flexible Learning Framework (<http://www.flexiblelearning.net.au/>). The Knowledge Tree aims to provoke, foster and capture in-depth knowledge and debate on e-learning issues.

Expanded access to medical content

EBSCO Publishing is expanding access to medical content by linking to full-text articles in EBSCOhost databases. EBSCO's proprietary SmartLinks technology enables users to link from references in DynaMed to the corresponding full-text articles located in other databases under subscription from EBSCO, such as MEDLINE with Full Text, CINAHL with Full Text, Cochrane databases, Biomedical Reference Collection, Academic Search Complete and Business Source Complete.

Wiley Reference Works Online additions

Encyclopedia of Magnetic Resonance (March 2007): now encompasses a wide range of techniques, including NMR, MRI, ESR/EPR, NQR, and MSR. This expanded edition reviews essential information about the theory, applications, and history of magnetic resonance. This resource covers MRI and clinical applications; NMR and ESR in biology, chemistry, physics, and materials science; and the development of magnetic resonance and its key contributors.

Handbook of Contemporary Neuropharmacology (March 2007): addresses the latest approaches and advances in neuropharmacology, its central role in drug development and therapy, and its application to the research and treatment of specific diseases and conditions. With more than 70 chapters reviewing key areas of basic and advanced neuropharmacology, this provides a handy reference for both students and professional researchers.

Hawley's Condensed Chemical Dictionary (March 2007): a compilation of technical data and descriptive information covering thousands of chemicals and chemical phenomena, trade name products, processes, reactions, products, and related terminology. The 15th edition has been updated to include additional data on chemicals, trade name products, and chemistry-related definitions. Also features new entries on notable chemists and Nobel Prize winners, equipment and devices, natural forms and minerals, named reactions, and chemical processes.

Kirk-Othmer Encyclopedia of Chemical Technology, 5th edition: the entire 27-volume set of what is widely known as 'the bible of chemical technology' is now available in print. 'Kirk-Othmer' provides information on the properties, manufacturing, and uses of chemicals and materials; scientific and engineering principles; chemical processes and process design and control; and economic, environmental and health concerns. Also available in an online version updated monthly.

•27/9 ALIA New Graduates Group (VIC) CSU Student's Dinner. Venue: European Bier Café, 120 Exhibition St, Melbourne. RSVP required. Contact: Michelle Thomason, ph 03 9345 5158, michelle.thomason@rch.org.au

WA

•16/7 ALIA PD Workshop in partnership with CAVAL. *Negotiating e-licences*. Venue: Cliftons, Perth. Register online, <http://training.caval.edu.au/>. Further information: training@caval.edu.au, 03 9450 5508 or pd@alia.org.au, 02 6215 8216.

•20/8 ALIA New Graduates Group *New Graduates celebrate ALIA's 70th Birthday*. Contact: Rob Tucker, 02 8288 8751, rtucker@aipm.com.au

6/9 Australian Copyright Council *Seminars*, Perth Presented by ACC copyright law experts. A day of seminars on copyright topics for librarians, including the new provision for maintaining or operating a library or archive. Contact Reception: ph 02 8815 9777, info@copyright.org.au, <http://www.copyright.org.au>

National

25/7, 22/8 & 19/9 Geraldine Barkworth *Coaching & Training How to be a relaxed overachiever*. Five monthly interactive teleclasses with librarians around Australia, beginning Wednesday 25th July, 8:00am - 9:00am EST (Sydney time). Cost: ALIA members \$295, Non-members \$345. Contact: Geraldine Barkworth, ph 02 6685 1917, <http://www.geraldinebarkworth.com>

•6/9 National Simultaneous Storytime 2007 This event will take place during the Friday of National Literacy and Numeracy Week at 11:00am AEST. Contact ALIA National Office, 02 6215 8222, <http://alia.org.au/advocacy/storytime/>

Conferences

27-29/6 *Developing & Improving Classification Schemes Two-day conference & workshops*: Designing, implementing and monitoring systems to enhance information management and retrieval. Venue: Rydges World Square, Sydney. Book before 25th May 2007 to receive your 15% ALIA early bird discount! Contact: Ark Group, ph 1300 550 662, aga@arkgroupasia.com

17-20/7 *Country Public Libraries Association of New South Wales Conference Public Libraries: A Cultural Pearl*, Merimbula NSW. Contact: Tim Moorhead, ph 02 6499 2287, tmoorhead@begavalley.nsw.gov.au, <http://www.cpla.asn.au>

5-7/8 *Public Libraries Australia 2007 Conference: Public Libraries Building Balance* Adelaide Convention Centre. Contact: Robert Knight, 02 6926 9777, knight.rob-ert@wagga.nsw.gov.au, <http://www.pla.org.au/conferences.htm>

23-25/8 *Australian Society of Archivists Conference Initiatives, Ideas and Interaction: sharing our story*. Contact: Pat Jackson, pat.jackson@nt.gov.au, <http://www.archivists.org.au>