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1-5/4 ALIES 2007 Workshop The Australian Libraries in the Emergency Sector annual workshop. Venue: Emergency Management Institute, Mt Macedon. Contact: Craig Irvine, 03 5421 5255, craig.irvine@ema.gov.au

• **19/4 ALIA PD Workshop** in partnership with CAVAL. *Negotiating e-licences*. Special rates for members. Practical one-day workshop suitable for all library and information professionals in all library sectors. Venue: CAVAL, Bundoora. Register online, <http://training.caval.edu.au/>. Further information: training@caval.edu.au, 03 9450 5508 or pd@alia.org.au, 02 6215 8216.

29/4 - 2/5 Educause Australasia 2007 *Advancing Knowledge, Pushing Boundaries*. For professionals working in higher education, managing information technologies to advance scholarship, learning teaching and research. Contact: Waldron Smith Management (Conference Secretariat), 03 9645 6311, info@wsm.com.au

17/5 Australian Copyright Council A day of seminars on *copyright topics for librarians*. Contact: ACC Reception, ph 02 8815 9777, info@copyright.org.au

• **22/5 Library Technicians Victoria** *National Library Technicians Day Dinner*. Come and help celebrate. Contact: Gemma Siemensma, 03 5320 4008, gemmas@bhs.org.au

23/5 LIW Celebration! Drinks, nibbles and networking! Seminar Room, RMIT University Library, Swanston Street. 5:30-7:30pm. Contact: Margie Anderson (Vic LLO), 03 9315 1090, margie.anderson@alia.org.au

WA

• **18/4 Library Technicians WA**. *Library Tour and Committee Meeting*. Jackson McDonald Lawyers, 140 Georges Tce, Perth, 5:30pm for 6pm start, meeting afterwards. Contact: Narelle Beebe, n.beebe@westnet.com.au

• **23/5 Library Technicians WA**. *Library Technician's Day Breakfast*. Venue: Vultures Restaurant, cnr William and Francis St, Northbridge, 7:30 am start. *RSVP before 17 May to Janice Fairhurst, janice.fairhurst@slwa.wa.gov.au*. Contact: Narelle Beebe, n.beebe@westnet.com.au

• **16/7 ALIA PD Workshop** in partnership with CAVAL. *Negotiating e-licences*. Special rates for members. Further information: training@caval.edu.au, 03 9450 5508 or pd@alia.org.au, 02 6215 8216.

National

• **11/4 National Library Technicians Online Chat**. Chat online, 7:00pm (AEST) in the ALIA Technicians Chat Room. Contact: Kevin Dudeney, 02 9804 5448, kevin.dudeney@dcs.nsw.gov.au

Wiley-Blackwell and ICA first to provide translated journal article abstracts

Wiley-Blackwell and International Communication Association (ICA) have announced that journal article abstracts for ICA's four journals will now be available online in French, German, Spanish, Chinese, Korean, as well as English beginning with the first issues of 2007. The ICA's journals are the first in the field of communication to offer this service to its readers. For more information about the translation initiative visit <http://www.blackwell-synergy.com/loi/hcre>

NPG launches a networking website for scientists

Nature Publishing Group (NPG) have launched Nature Network (<http://network.nature.com>), a new free online networking website for scientists worldwide. This Web 2.0 toolkit will help scientists everywhere to meet like-minded researchers, hold online discussions, showcase their work via personal homepages, share information with groups (open or private) and tag content. Participation is free to all, requiring little more than nature.com registration. User-driven upgrades will roll out regularly from now on.

Softlink expands global presence in Higher Education sector

Softlink, Australia's world leading provider of library management solutions have announced that the Maldives College of Higher Education (MCHE) has successfully implemented Liberty3 SQL, Softlink's fully multilingual, web-based library system.

Liberty3 SQL was chosen by MCHE to integrate its five library branches and two college campuses. A union catalogue was successfully created, making it very easy for staff and users to identify the resources held at each branch. In the future, the interlibrary loan capability of Liberty3 SQL will be specifically used to involve the College's island campuses more actively in the library and information services of MCHE.

Swets launches the fully integrated SwetsWise portfolio

Swets is delighted to announce the successful launch of its new, fully integrated, SwetsWise portfolio of products. SwetsWise provides a single environment from which customers can effectively and efficiently administer all aspects of subscriptions management.

The central focus of the new portfolio is SwetsWise Subscriptions and it is available in two versions: The Corporate Edition, for end-user ordering, and the Library Edition. The Library Edition will replace the DataSwetsConnect service in the coming year, as the new service offers improved technology and new additions. Key features of the new service include full claim functionality for both electronic and print subscriptions, as well as downloadable online reports. Clear status reports on e-licenses are also available.

Beta customers began using the Library Edition as of February 19th and Swets plans to migrate all of its customers to the new service within the next year. Later this year, Swets will add further information on e-licenses and include new functionalities, related to its Consolidation service, into the Library Edition. For more information visit <http://www.swetswise.com>

Networks Community abuzz with information

Networks Community is a place where education and training professionals can come together to increase their professional development in relation to the integration of technology in education and training. All things related to e-learning, including audio and visual tools, e-learning games, and social networking, will be debated and discussed on the E-Learning Networks Community Forum (Networks Community).

Themes for the Networks Community in 2007 include: tips on making e-learning work; exploring social networking; and cool tools in e-learning. Go to <http://www.groups.edna.edu.au/course/view.php?id=40> to register.

Vista system launches a new MCFT product: projecting illuminated wall signs

Vista System International, has unveiled a new product to add its already vast collection of signage products: a projecting illuminated wall sign. Using Modular Curved Frame Technology (MCFT), the new projecting Vista Light sign can be internally illuminated or used with virtually any sign substrate without illumination. The new sign comes in twelve standard widths that can be cut to any height. The end caps are available in black plastic, or aluminum in brushed silver, gold and black anodised finishes. For further information, visit <http://www.vistasystem.com/Australia.htm> or contact the Sales Department on +61 2 4841 5018.

EBSCO Publishing launch Points of View Reference Center™

Designed to assist researchers in understanding the full scope of a wide range of controversial subjects, Points of View Reference Center features a series of full-text essays representing opposing viewpoints on a variety of important issues. Students can use this resource as a guide to debate, developing arguments, writing position papers, and for development of critical thinking skills.

Points of View Reference Center provides full-text content pertaining to hundreds of topics, each with an overview (objective background/description), point (affirmative argument) and counterpoint (opposing argument). Topics covered include: affirmative action, cloning, DNA profiling, HIV/AIDS status disclosure, immigration, Iraq, Israel & the Palestinians, nuclear proliferation, standardized testing, stem cell research, and many more. For more information visit <http://www.ebscohost.com/pov>.

NLA and Apex Publishing in newspaper partnership

The National Library of Australia announced that Apex Publishing's capacity to construct text-searchable files from microfilm will enable the creation of a full-text database of Australian newspapers, 1803–1954. The library expects to digitise the 19th century material first, beginning with papers such as the *Argus*, the *Sydney Gazette*, and the *Courier Mail*. Papers from Hobart, Adelaide, Perth and Darwin will also be covered. Source material is being provided in co-operation with state libraries.

New title from Auslib Press

Valerie Johnson's new book is *Life after Fenwick: The rise, fall and future of library services for children in Australia*. The author says all levels of government need to make a major investment in children's library services, which she regards as enabling access to information: a necessity of life only slightly less important than food and shelter. Levels of service are affected by funding, so Johnson reviews funding models and their effects in this historical survey. The book concentrates on services in Victoria and Tasmania in the period from 1966 (the date of the Fenwick report) to the present.

21–27/5 Library and Information Week Merchandise available in March/April. Contact: ALIA National Office, 02 6215 8222, <http://alia.org.au/advocacy/liw/>

Conferences

17–20/5 Museums Australia *Museums in a Changing Climate: Sustainability, Technology and Collections*. Canberra. Contact: MA National Office, 02 6273 2437, conference@museumsaustralia.org.au

5–7/8 Public Libraries Australia 2007 Conference. Contact: Robert Knight, 02 6926 9777, knight.robert@wagga.nsw.gov.au.

•9–12/10 ALIA National Library and Information Technicians Conference, Inform, Innovate, Initiate and Inspire. Grand Hyatt, Melbourne. Contact: Gail Schmidt, convenor, 03 8664 7335, gschmidt@slv.vic.gov.au, <http://www.alia07.com/>

International

11–12/4 The Academic Librarian: Dinosaur or Phoenix? Die or fly in library change management. Hong Kong. Contact: Ann Chiu, aldp2007@lib.cuhk.edu.hk, <http://www.lib.cuhk.edu.hk/conference/aldp2007/>

20/4 ANZLAG London Workshop. Australian and New Zealand Libraries and Archives Group. Contact: David Clover, Institute of Commonwealth Studies, david.clover@sas.ac.uk

23–26/5 Canadian Library Association 2007 Conference. Contact: Conference Secretariat, info@cla.ca, <http://www.cla.ca/>

6–11/5 The Evidence Based Library and Information Practice Conference (EPLIP4), USA. Contact: Carol Perryman, cp1757@gmail.com, <http://www.eblip4.unc.edu/>

3–6/6 Special Libraries Association Conference. Denver, USA. Contact: Conference Secretariat, events@sla.org, <http://www.sla.org>

4–7/6 5th International Indigenous Librarians Forum. Brisbane. Contact: State Library of Queensland Indigenous Library Services, 07 3842 9389, ils@slq.qld.gov.au, <http://www.5iilf.org>

21–27/6 American Library Association Annual Conference. Washington DC, USA. Contact: ALA, customerservice@ala.org, <http://www.ala.org>

30/6–6/7 IAML Conference 2007. Conservatorium of Music, Sydney. Contact: Lynne Carmichael, carmichael.lynne@abc.net.au, <http://www.iamlaust.org/sydney.htm>

19–23/8 WILC 2007. 73rd IFLA General Conference and Council. *Libraries for the future: progress, development and partnerships*. Durban, South Africa. Contact: WLIC conference secretariat, wlic2007@congrex.nl, <http://www.ifla.org/IV/ifla73/>

