

Conferences

ALIA 2008 Biennial Conference

2–5 September 2008



Does your organisation have funds left over this financial year, or are you waiting for the beginning of July? Whatever the situation, why not start preparing your registration/s. Early bird registrations for dreaming08 close on Friday 18th July.

Registration information is available at <http://www.alia2008.com/> follow the link to Registration, where you can register online, or download a form and send it to the conference organisers, ICMS.

Selling the conference to your funding bodies should not be a problem, with the program now available on the website. It is comprehensive, and will appeal to all sectors of the Library profession.

The registration fee covers your attendance at the conference, the First Timer's breakfast (if applicable), the Welcome Cocktail party and opening of the Trade Exhibition, Happy Hour and the 'Hollywood Librarians' documentary, the Conference Dinner, and of course farewell drinks.

Following this stupendous week, don't arrange to return to work too quickly. Why not take some holidays and experience what the Centre has to offer. Coincidentally the annual Henley-on-Todd Regatta is being run on the Saturday following the conference. One has to be mad and fit to run in the sand holding onto a 'boat'! It is a lot of fun, and very Territorian.

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Calling out to all employers – think Conference!

5–6 December 2008



Think 2008... Think Melbourne!

ALIA is heading towards three conferences – occurring in September, December and January.

Conferences depend not only on those who attend, but upon the institutions for which attendees work; for funding and supporting their staff in the participation and organisation of these events.

Registrations are due to open for 'Breaking Barriers', the ALIA New Librarians Symposium 2008 (NLS4) to be held in Melbourne.

Many people who attend conferences are relatively senior, but NLS4 is aimed specifically at new librarians. So it would be great if you could send people who may not have thought of themselves as attending a conference, or may have been to only a few conferences, or none at all. There are lots of benefits for you in doing this.

NLS4 has had an enthusiastic response to the call for papers, and there is a wide variety of topics ranging from new technology, career planning and professional development, to different library sectors, marketing, stereotypes, stepping into management roles, and lots more. The speakers are a mix of new and less new librarians.

The conference will be a great opportunity for new librarians to mix with other new librarians as well as meeting those with more experience. There is a good social program and lots of opportunities to network with peers.

The cost of the conference is reasonable and should allow you to send several staff members for minimal outlay. For all those libraries in and around Melbourne, the location should make it so much easier. Next time, the conference will be located elsewhere, so this is your opportunity to make good use of the NLS conference while it's on your doorstep.

Coming along to the conference yourself will also be a great opportunity to meet the new generation of librarians, and find out what they are thinking.

And don't forget our other conferences: dreaming08 2–5 Sep 2008, Alice Springs Convention Centre and ALIA Information Online 20–22 Jan 2009, Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre.

Which ALIA conference are you planning to send your staff to?

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ALIA Information Online Conference and Exhibition 2009

20–22 January 2009



Information Online, the leading conference and exhibition for the online information industry in the Asia-Pacific region, is only held every two years so block out

your diaries between Tuesday 20 - Thursday 22 January 2009 and head to Sydney. There you will find an exciting range of pre and post satellite workshops available on Monday 19 and Friday 23 January.

Engage with keynote speakers such as Mal Booth and Andy Hines; just two of the presenters on the program.

Australian based Mal Booth has been Head of the Research Centre at the War Memorial since September 2001. He has been responsible for numerous projects providing digital access to the unique Memorial collections including the initial development of the Memorial's award winning website. Prior to joining the Memorial, he was Director Economics, Defence Intelligence Organisation. His session is particularly relevant for libraries and cultural institutions.

United States based Andy Hines is a leading organisational, academic, and consulting futurist. Andy serves as an adjunct professor at the University of Houston MS Program in Futures Studies and also co-founded and is currently chair of the Association of Professional Futurists. Andy has worked with the American Special Libraries Association and will be speaking about top consumer, economic, political and technological trends, exploring their implications for information professionals.

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Information Online 2007 papers

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Please note that although the above webpage is accessible, the site is still under construction and not all the papers have been loaded.