

Open Road Conference 2008: Multilingualism and the Information Society

The 4th Open Road Conference, organised by the State Library of Victoria's Vicnet division, will be running 15-16 May 2008, eve of this year's World Information Society Day.

Held at the State Library of Victoria in Melbourne, Australia, the theme of this year's conference is 'Multilingualism and the Information Society'.

The conference features guest speakers such as: Prof. Joseph Lo Bianco, Chair of Languages and Literacy Education, The University of Melbourne, Richard Ishida, W3C Internationalisation Activity Lead, World Wide Web Consortium, UK, Prof. Tony Liddicoat, Research Centre for Languages and Cultures, University of South Australia and Assoc. Prof. Robert Debski, Director Horwood Language Centre School of Languages and Linguistics, The University of Melbourne.

A number of speakers from Australia and the USA will explore, discuss and showcase the use of ICT in a variety of mediums including linguistic and cultural development and delivering information to culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) communities to name a few.

For further information visit <http://www.openroad.net.au/conferences/2008>

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