



PD Update

My ACCESS 2010 Conference Paper: 'Panning for Gold' argued the value of certification for professionals. Read more about how other professions recognise and manage PD and how other international LIS professional associations organise and encourage continuous professional learning. Papers are available on the ACCESS 2010 website: <http://conferences.alia.org.au/access2010/>

Be part of the conversation about PD and keep up-to-date with ALIA PD opportunities by joining the alia pd-elist.

The PD Scheme Audit for 2010 is underway. We have had excellent responses from the 10% of randomly chosen PD scheme members demonstrating their active participation in and reflection on quality PD. Well done!

Find out more about the ALIA PD Scheme and Certified Practitioner status with the PD Scheme Teleconference 2.00-3.00pm AEDT Thursday 21 October, an excellent opportunity to ask any question you have about how the ALIA PD Scheme works. Limited to 12 participants, free for all ALIA members, to register email: judy.brooker@alia.org.au.

Don't forget some PD can be short and sweet. WebJunction offers online mini courses on a wide range of topics, and very affordable at only \$45.00 for members. If you are thinking of applying for a job, the eCourse in Writing to Selection Criteria is an excellent start. This course, specifically designed for the LIS Sector by guru Dr Ann Villiers, is only available to members. November is your last chance in 2010 for participating in face-to-face courses with Adam Le Good. 'Managing challenging clients', and 'Fundamentals of supervision' are in Sydney only and 'Leading others through change' is in Sydney and Melbourne. For more information about what is on offer in ALIA Training visit <http://www.alia.org.au/education/pd/pd.services/>

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RDA – the journey continues

The journey to create a standard to replace the Anglo-American Cataloguing Rules (AACR) has moved on considerably in the last few months. The June 23 release of Resource Description and Access or RDA was heavily anticipated. The new instructions have been released as part of an online product called the RDA Toolkit. The Toolkit is a web-based product that includes the instructions along with other tools, such as mappings and workflows, and the facility to integrate individual institutional policies.

The publishers made the RDA Toolkit available for a period of free and open access from release until August 31. A wide range of Australian libraries took the opportunity to investigate the instructions and the Toolkit. This opportunity answered many questions and gave the Australian library community a real view of the look and feel of RDA. Further information about the RDA Toolkit including subscription, pricing and training resources is available at the Co-Publishers website at <http://www.rdatoolkit.org/>

The Resource Description and Access section of the ACOC website has undergone an upgrade to ensure it remains a key source of information for Australian libraries about RDA and implementation. <http://www.nla.gov.au/lis/stdnrds/grps/acoc/rda.html> The site includes details about timeframes, accessing RDA, the US testing currently underway, and a range of other useful resources. The site also has details on how to join the Australian discussion list on RDA, and links to recent key presentations and articles. Use this site to keep up to date with current news and progress.

The National Library is working towards helping Australian libraries with RDA implementation and has begun preparing information and advice on training, documentation, policy decisions, MARC changes, systems changes, and any data conversions that might be needed. This information will be shared via the rda-aust discussion list and the ACOC web page.

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