



L-R: Professor Sir Gustav Nossal, Jo Marshal (Vic Branch past president) and Philip Kent, Vic Branch president at the meeting.

## Education ... a key to success

President of the Australian Academy of Science, Sir Gustav Nossal, addressed the AGM of the Victorian Branch of ALIA on 26 March, the eve of his retirement from directorship of The Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research.

In his address *Education, innovation and entrepreneurship: Keys to twenty-first century success*, Professor Nossal spoke of science and technology as the new tools in power games between nations. Information and communications technology and biology and genetics stand out as the tools that have, and continue to, revolutionise teaching and learning, the conduct of business, entertainment, health and the library field.

He outlined the benefits of the Human Genome Project, the creation of a map and dictionary of all human genes which will enable scientists to correlate genes with disorders and which, with the development of early diagnosis and effective preventative medicine, will be of great value in combating escalating healthcare costs.

He also talked of the effectiveness of inquiry-based tools for teaching science to primary and secondary students developed by the Australian Academy of Science and emphasised the importance of pre-competitive, basic research in our universities.

Professor Nossal stressed the need for scientists and academics to educate the public and better communicate to the community the importance of what they do. He explained that although Australia has an excellent base to build on, to stay in the race for success Australians must ensure that science and technology, research and development, education and the underpinning innovation and entrepreneurship that spring from these must remain a centre point of national debate.

Jo Marshall, in her introduction, detailed some of Professor Nossal's great achievements both in science and public life and suggested he was not only a great Australian, but a great global ambassador for Australian science.

- **8/5 ALIA information science section.** 5.30 for 6pm, 6-6.30pm AGM, 6.30 Presentation by Katie Wilson, 'Searching the Internet more effectively using Netscape'. Metcalfe Auditorium, SLNSW, Macquarie Street, Sydney. Enquiries: Julia Bale (02) 855 7660 or Jennifer Affleck (02) 212 2867.

- **8,15&29/5 Introduction to INMAGIC DB/TextWorks, Designing databases using INMAGIC DB/TextWorks, and INMAGIC DB/TextWorks bridging courses.** Full day courses 9-5pm. Venue: Trimagic Software. For information and bookings contact Trimagic Software, Authorised Training Centre. Ph: (02) 413 1799, Fax: (02) 413 1710.

- **8-29/5 Insearch/Knight-Ridder information seminars.** Introductory DIALOG (8/5), Asia/Pacific Corporate Intelligence (9/5 am), High Technology Applications (29/5 am). Sydney Contact (02) 212 2867.

- **8/5-13/11 NSW library technicians section meeting** Sydney Institute of Technology, Building D, Cnr Mary-Ann and Harris Streets, Broadway. (8/5). Time 6pm. (12/6; 10/7; 14/8; 11/9; 9/10; 13/11) Future venues TBA. Contact Loraine Wiseman, Ph (02) 852 5930.

- **8/5-6/12 NSW acquisitions section committee meeting dates.** Meetings to be held at the Staff Room, Level 5, Fisher Library, Sydney Uni at 4.30pm. Those who wish to dine after meetings can normally be accommodated at a local restaurant. (8/5; 19/6; 13/7; 11/9; 23/10). Staff development day — invitation only (6/12).

- **21/5 RAISS NSW. Presentation skills from OHPs to Powerpoint.** A presentation on presentation skills from Linda Dunk, Faculty librarian — business and technology, UWS McArthur. 6 for 6.30pm at Uni of Sydney library common room. RSVP Loraine Evison (02) 772 9285, e-mail: [levison@uws.edu.au](mailto:levison@uws.edu.au).

- **21/5 Family literacy in action** at the Metcalfe Auditorium, SLNSW, 10am-3.30pm. ALIA members \$15, Others \$20. Please make cheques payable to the SLNSW. RSVP by 13/5 to Tatiana or Lesley on (02) 230 1624.

- **22/5 NSW specials section. Networking dinner.** Thai Pothong restaurant, 294 King Street, Newtown 6 for 6.30pm, Specials \$22, ALIA \$24, Others \$26. Prepayment essential. RSVP 15 May to Marianne Sheperd (041) 925 0852 or send cheque payable to ALIA special libraries section, NSW group, 85 Moore Street, Leichhardt 2040.

- **5 & 27/6 Insearch/Knight-Ridder information seminars** Introductory DIALOG (5/6), Introductory DIALOG (27/6). Sydney Contact (02) 212 2867.

- **18/6 NSW special library section Library suppliers open forum.** [Interaction: librarians/suppliers] (Co-op: Being a library supplier; DA Books: British Library Services; EBSCO Australia; EBSCONET). 5pm for 5.30pm at Jean Garing Room, SLNSW, Macquarie Street,

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