

Information management for the future

Information Online and On Disc 99, The Ninth Australasian Conference and Exhibition, 19–21 January 1999

Do you face the challenge of creating and managing information? Then you should attend *Information Online and On Disc 99*, the Ninth Australasian Conference and Exhibition, from 19–21 January 1999 at the Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre. Organised by the Information Science Section of the Australian Library and Information Association, the conference and exhibition has broad appeal for information professionals from industry, education, government, law, health and the corporate sector.

Conference convenor Enid Roberts said that at a time when the tools for the creation, distribution and management of information are changing daily,

this conference provides an opportunity to hear world-leaders in the information management field present their thoughts on the social and cultural impact of rapid change.

More than fifty Australian and international speakers will cover topics as diverse as challenges; globalisation and electronic communities; standards; strategic alliances; knowledge management; document delivery; education; business; competitive intelligence; and future trends.

A new stream, 'Globalisation and electronic communities' will include speakers from the Office of Information Technology NSW, Macquarie Univer-

sity Library and the Department of Urban Services, ACT Government. Each speaker will discuss the development and adoption of online technology for their respective projects, ConnetNSW, the ALL project, and Canberra Wired.

The exhibition

More than 100 companies are participating in the exhibition which runs concurrently with the conference.

On the first two afternoons, thirty companies will demonstrate the latest information tools at special 'Product reviews' held from 4:30–5:30pm. INSPEC/IEE will showcase a new CD-ROM, SilverPlatter Information will demonstrate ERL4, and SilverLinker and Information Access Company will show its InfoTrac SearchBank Custom, a customised database product.

RMIT Publishing will demonstrate its online bibliographic databases — *Informit Online and Ondisc*, and BIOSIS will show its new relational indexing and MethodsFinder. EBSCO Australia will demonstrate EBSCO Online, and the State Library of New South Wales will show ILANET and explain future directions. The National Library of Australia will present the latest information about the new Kinetica service. Other new products include electronic services from Swets Subscription Service; Food Science Information from IFIS Publishing and a number of products from DA Information Services including ECO, SiteSearch, Science Direct and British Library Inside Service.

An internet lounge will be open from 8:00am to 6:00pm each day, featuring celebrity surfers at midday and 'hints and tips' sessions including: RTF to HTML; cookies and shopping carts; finding people; managing bookmarks; graphics and metadata.

Information Online and On Disc is sponsored by Charles Sturt University; Corinthian Internet Services; Harker's Information Services; the National Library of Australia; St George Bank; and the State Library of New South Wales.

For more information on the conference contact Wael Foda, ACMS on 02 9332 4622 or e-mail wfoda@acms.com.au or visit the conference website at <http://www.csu.edu.au/special/online>

Linking heritage, achievements and a vision for tomorrow

1999 is the first year that the ALIA National Library Technician Conference will be held in Western Australia. Library technicians in Western Australia are very excited about showing off our wonderful state and bringing together a conference filled with news, views and insight.

Projections/reflections links our heritage, our achievements and our vision for tomorrow. The conference will provide participants with the opportunity to interact with fellow library technicians and other information service providers, plus learn about new developments and trends in the industry.

The venue for the conference is The Esplanade Hotel in the port city of Fremantle. (Check out the ALIA website for a sneak preview of the venue and its facilities <http://www.alia.org.au/sections/libt/conferences/1999/>)

Fremantle has a cosmopolitan atmosphere. The Edwardian architecture, cafés, restaurants, the Fremantle markets, contemporary arts and tradi-

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tional crafts are some of the side attractions to this conference

Our three keynote speakers are confirmed. Richard Utting (Mayor of Fremantle) will officially open the trade exhibition. We have had a great response with suggested topics and interest in presenting a paper from our brochure.

You still have time to express your interest in presenting a paper or leading a workshop. Send your abstract of 100 to 200 words to the conference organiser: Keynote Conferences, PO Box 1126, West Leederville 6901, phone 08 9382 3799, Fax: 08 9380 4006, or e-mail keynote@ca.com.au

Projections/reflections are you up to the challenge? ■