

Unchartered territory

Keynote speaker for national cataloguing conference announced

The focus of the national cataloguing conference in Brisbane will be the changing environment in which cataloguing operates. A critical issue facing the cataloguing community is the extent to which our current codes and practices are able to provide access to new types of resources, particularly electronic resources.

The keynote speaker, Tom Delsey, will give two papers. The first, the keynote address, is entitled: 'Unchartered territory: facilitating access to information resources in cyberspace.' The second paper, 'Viewing the information universe through the Anglo American Cataloguing Rules,' will deal with the analysis he has conducted of AACR2 using an entity-relationship methodology.

Tom Delsey is the director general, corporate policy and communications at the National Library of Canada. He has published a number of papers on bibliographic standards and the application of technology to bibliographic control. He served as a consultant for the IFLA Study on Functional Requirements for Bibliographic Records, and has served on a number of international committees and working groups within CONSER, IFLA, ISDS, and ISO.

The national cataloguing conference will be held at the Carlton Crest Hotel in



Tom Delsey, keynote speaker

Brisbane from 13–15 October 1999. The registration brochure is now available. It is being distributed to members of the ALIA Cataloguers Section, Acquisitions Section, and Serials SIG. It can be obtained from the conference secretariat at Intermedia Convention and Event Management (cat99@im.com.au). It will also be available on the ALIA Home Page (www.alia.org.au).

TAFE libraries: adding value

TAFE library conference, 18–20 July, Hobart

TAFE Library staff around Australia are getting ready for the biennial ALIA TAFE National conference, called *TAFE Libraries: adding value*, to be held on 18–20 July 1999. The conference will be held at Wrest Point Conference Centre and is designed to highlight the significant contribution that TAFE libraries make to learners, and to TAFE Institutes.

Despite popular opinion, Hobart in July is not a freezing place to be; however Wrest Point have assured us that their facilities are more than adequate for any unexpected cold snaps!

Many TAFE Library staff operate in an environment where the budget is about one tenth of what a university library would get, and even that amount is constantly being reduced; where management do not understand the library's role, and equate it with student services; and where there is often no

respect for the professional dimension of the librarian's role.

Yet despite all that, TAFE library staff achieve great things! TAFE libraries efficiently service their customers taking advantage of multi-skilled staff. TAFE library services respond to the challenge of the flexible delivery of learning programs and workplace delivery. Library staff equip their customers with life-long learning skills, and provide extraordinary levels of information literacy training to customers who often have little prior experience of libraries.

The conference will, as TAFE conferences have in the past, allow TAFE library staff to draw support from each other while providing an opportunity to showcase the innovative activities they have developed. We encourage all TAFE library staff to attend!

Diana Harrison, conference chair



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NT

• 6/5–4/11 NT Branch. 1999 meeting schedule. 6/5; 1/7; 5/8; 2/9; 7/10 — NARU Library, 10/6 — NTLIS Conference Room, Chan Building, 4/11 AGM (meeting and dinner: venue tba). 4:30–6pm. Contact: Lisa Darby, ph 08 8922 0031, lisa.darby@anu.edu.au

QLD

• 5/5 & 19/5 Qld Specials section. Library tours of CRS Australia Library. Contact: Jill Don, ph 07 3247 8669, jdon@emergency.qld.gov.au

• 16/5 Qld Branch ALW launch. Special guest: best selling author Nick Earls. Official guests: Jim Soorley, Lord Mayor and Des Stephens, State librarian. Giveaways and official opening of ALW, everyone is welcome. Contact: Robyn Gattera, ph 07 3403 5941, cra@brisbane.qld.gov.au

19/5 The internet as the business tool of the future. Presented by Sylvia Edwards, associate lecturer, QUT. 9–11:15am, SLQld, \$35. Contact: Rhondda, ph 07 3840 7971, rhondda.dreaver@slq.qld.gov.au

26/5 Thinking of advertising your business on the 'net'? Presented by Dafyd Martindale, specialist in web design for business people. 9–11:15am, State Library of Queensland, \$35. Contact: Rhondda, ph 07 3840 7971, rhondda.dreaver@slq.qld.gov.au

• 8/6 Qld Branch breakfast. *Dinosaurs, dead mullet and you: taking responsibility for your own learning*. Guest speaker: Ian Plowman. Chiffley on George, 103 George St, Brisbane, 7:15am. \$18.50 ALIA members, \$20 non-members, prepayment essential, cheques to: ALIA Qld, GPO Box 134, Brisbane 4001. RSVP to: Vicki McDonald, ph 07 3403 5083, sposd@brisbane.qld.gov.au

• 8/6–14/12 Qld Library Technicians section. 1999 general meeting dates. SLQld, Metway Theatre, 5 for 5:30pm all welcome. 8/6; 10/8; 12/10; 14/12. Contacts: Yvonne Brock, 1999 president, ph 07 3896 2229, yvonne.brock@acgs.qld.edu or Mary Harlow, correspondence secretary, ph 07 3237 1702, mary.harlow@publicworks.qld.gov.au.

• 15/6 Qld Specials section. Mentoring seminar. Contact: Jill Don, ph 07 3247 8669, jdon@emergency.qld.gov.au

SA

• 4/5 SA Branch Council meeting. Special topic: *School libraries* (6:30–7:30pm). Ira Raymond Room, Barr Smith Library. 5:15 for 5:30pm. Contact: Janine Tan, ph 08 8303 5225, fx 08 8303 4369, jtan@clucas.library.adelaide.edu.au

• 19/5 SA Information Science section. Session on *Multimedia/VS publishing*, 5:30 for 6pm. Venue and other details TBA. Contact: Sarah Hayman, ph 08 8333 8443, fx 08 8331 9211, sarah@ncver.edu.au

• 3/6 SA Special Libraries section. Walking tour of three special Adelaide libraries. SA Museum library (meet at the City of Adelaide lending library on Kintore Avenue, 3pm); Minter Ellison Law Library and Santos Library. 3–5pm, gold coin donation for afternoon tea. Contact: Geraldine Wardle, ph 08 8203 3630, gwardle@asc.corp.mot.com

• 8/6 SA Branch Council meeting. Special topic: *Public libraries* (6:30–7:30pm). Ira Raymond Room, Barr Smith Library. 5:15 for 5:30pm. Contact: Janine Tan, ph 08 8303 5225, fx 08 8303 4369, jtan@clucas.library.adelaide.edu.au

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