

Your voice

Publishing the proceedings...

Kerry Smith's letter in the November *inCite* stressed the need for publishing the proceedings of the ALIA2000 conference. The conference committee agrees completely, and the publication was never in question. What we were debating was whether it would be sufficient to publish the papers only on the web, where they could be accessed from anywhere at any time.

Immediately following the conference, we started the publication process and there are links to the papers from the program page at <http://www.alia.org.au/conferences/alia2000/program/>. We are also pleased to announce that the National Library of Australia will

be archiving the papers as part of its PANDORA project.

Kerry Webb
ALIA2000 Convenor

Editor: At the time of printing approximately thirty papers were available at the conference website. Please re-visit the website regularly as papers are being added all of the time...

The demise of the web designer?

I refer to the article, 'The demise of the web designer', *inCite* October 2000.

As a student (mid-forties) about to take a grad dip in library science at the end of November, I am wondering why are candidates, who make it onto web

developer shortlists, invariably young?

I seem to have views identical to yours on the subjects of frames, navigation, and style sheets. My own policy includes publishing web pages with no more than 30Kb of information per page, in the hope that you wait only about ten seconds for the page to appear. The pages are kept simple so that 'old' browsers can access the information on-site.

But I doubt that web authors, young or otherwise, would subscribe to the view that certain websites should have a certain look and feel. Or is a professional/amateur type of snobishness going to emerge?

Either way, I think web authors will continue to do what they

think will work best. A great number of different people will most likely produce a great variety of website styles.

And, after all, I don't have to search a web site if I don't want to...

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