

ALIA National Policy Congress 2003

Planning for the ALIA National Policy Congress (NPC) for 2003 is under way.

The Congress is an important consultative mechanism that gives ALIA members the opportunity to participate in the policy making process of the Association. The 2003 congress will use the two-tier model developed for last year's NPC: ALIA group representatives will meet at a regional level and elect one representative from the regional NPC meeting to attend the national meeting in Canberra.

The regional NPC meetings will be held in each capital city from late July through to early August. Watch the Events and NPC pages of the website for details of these meetings. Reports from these meetings will be available at <http://alia.org.au/governance/npc/> for all members to read. Information from the reports will be included in the agenda for the National meeting on 19–20 September. Remote regional ALIA groups unable to send representatives to the large regional meetings will be given the

opportunity to provide input to the NPC by alternative methods.

The 2003 NPC regional meetings will discuss the:

- ALIA Research and Exchange Partnership (REAP) initiative,
- *Towards 2010* a draft for consultation that builds on the futures planning session held during the March Board of Directors meeting (see Frontline in the June issue of *inCite* and Board of Directors meeting *inCite*, April 2003, p29),
- celebrating successes, and
- an opportunity to place Questions on Notice for the Canberra NPC meeting.

If you have any questions about the National Policy Congress please contact Georgina Dale at ALIA National Office on 02 6215 8229, or e-mail georgina.dale@alia.org.au.



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librarian as a collaborator. State Library of Victoria Theatre. 9:00–5:00pm. Contact: Carolyn Cohn, ph 03 9386 0024 or Robert Elson, ph 08 8204 0487, robert.elson@courts.sa.gov.au

• **25/10 Schools Victoria. Committee meeting.** Santa Maria College Library, Northcote, 9:30am. All members are warmly welcome to attend. Contact: Anne Girolami, secretary, ph 03 9851 1525 or anneg@marcellin.vic.edu.au. Meeting will follow the PD activity organised for that day.

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21–22/8 Kinetica Annual Users' meeting will be held at the Stamford Grand Adelaide. Contact the Kinetica Helpdesk, ph 1800 026 155, kinetica@nla.gov.au, <http://www.nla.gov.au/kinetica/aum/aum03.html>

• **23/8 A fistful of dollars: copyright management workshop** satellite event. Room 2:50, level 2, Eleanor Harrald Building, Royal Adelaide Hospital North Tce, Adelaide, 2:00–5:00pm. Cost (GST inclusive): ALIA members \$ 65.00, non-members \$95.00. <http://conferences.alia.org.au/shllc2003/> For more information, contact Colette Ormonde, ph 02 6215 8226, colette.ormonde@alia.org.au

• **28/8 Basics of electronic indexing** Presenters: Lynn Farkas and Prue Deacon DHS room tbc, 9:00am–12:00pm. Cost: \$70 ALIA members; \$110 non-members. Contact: Prue Deacon 02 6289 7505, prue.deacon@health.gov.au. For more information, contact Daniella Kiley, daniella.kiley@alia.org.au, <http://conferences.alia.org.au/shllc2003/satellite.html>

• **28/8 MeSH and The Health and Ageing Thesaurus** Presenters: Sandra Henderson and Prue Deacon. Venue: DHS room tbc, 1:00pm–4:30pm. Cost: \$70 ALIA members; \$110 non-members. Contact: Prue Deacon 02 6289 7505, prue.deacon@health.gov.au. For more information, contact Daniella Kiley, daniella.kiley@alia.org.au, <http://conferences.alia.org.au/shllc2003/satellite.html>

17–20/9 Australian Society of Archivists. ASA conference: 'GLAM' Galleries, Libraries, Archives and Museums. How does, and can, the sector work together to develop strategies for success? Hilton Hotel Adelaide SA. Contact: kylie.percival@adelaide.edu.au, ph 08 8303 5830 or Edwards.June2@sau.gov.sa, ph 08 8207 7200

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Tasmanian library technicians celebrate their national day

National Library Technician's Day 2003

The annual library technicians dinner is here to stay on the North West Coast of Tasmania. TAFE Diploma students staged a highly successful evening on 13 May at the Burnie Civic Centre.

The event was well attended — forty students, librarians and technicians enjoyed a delicious meal, as well as 'mind-powering' entertainment. Many library personnel feel isolated from their professional colleagues, so the opportunity to meet and compare notes was welcomed with open arms.

Two local identities gave entertaining and tailor-made 'talks' — there was even a first night rendition of a library technician theme poem called *Talking to God* by Vi Woodhouse.

The evening was rounded off with a trivia session, which was greatly enjoyed by all, particularly the winners, who received bottles of wine.

The event filled a dual purpose — enabling TAFE students to put the unit 'Organise and co-ordinate work activities' into practice, as well as to provide the opportunity for social interaction within the library profession.

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