



# Celebrate with us!

10<sup>th</sup> Asia Pacific Special Health and Law Librarians conference, 24–27 August 2003

Come and join the fun at the opening of the trade exhibition of the 10th Asia-Pacific Specials, Health and Law Librarians' conference! In keeping with the conference theme of celebration, there will be a carnival/sideshow alley atmosphere. Enjoy the toe-tapping jazz of Gordon Coulson and his band and marvel at the skill Phillippe (no, we are not telling what he does — you will have to come and find out). Why not have your fortune told, your face painted or an airbrush tattoo? The exhibitors will be joining in the celebrations, the registration desk will be open, delicious finger food will be served and to top it off, wine and olive oil tasting will be held (South Australian, of course!)

So if you are coming to the conference, avoid a last-minute rush on Monday morning — register on Sunday and join us from 5:30pm for the exhibition opening reception. After all, it is included in the registration fee! Don't miss it! And yes, extra tickets can be issued for companions. Just contact the conference organisers: Festival City Conventions, phone 08 8363 1307, e-mail librarians@fcconventions.com.au.

See you there.

Mary Peterson, social events co-ordinator

## Satellite events

A number of satellite events will be held both before and after the conference. These have been arranged independently of the conference. To attend these, you will need to register for them separately. ALIA National Office is taking registrations now for the following conference satellite events:

- *Finding answers to clinical questions:* based on the evidence gained from a

fourteen-month research project about an innovative Clinical Evidence Researcher service, the seminar focuses on the practical skills associated with the role of CML in finding answers to clinical questions, as well as some of the issues relating to the implementation of such a service in other settings.

- *A fistful of dollars:* copyright management workshop dealing with the changing nature of copyright laws, licences and management of intellectual property as an owner and a user.
- *PDA workshop:* participants will learn how to demonstrate familiarity with hand-held computers (personal digital assistants, or PDAs) and identify a range of uses for PDAs in clinical and library settings. Participants will also take away a list of sources of further information about PDAs.
- *Basics of electronic indexing:* this course will focus on database indexing for electronic information services and online databases and will describe various types of electronic indexing and provide practical exercises in bibliographic description, abstract writing and the use of thesauri.
- *MeSH and The Health and Ageing Thesaurus:* this course will focus on the use of MeSH (Medical Subject Headings) for database indexing, how to access it and how to find the right terms for medical indexing. There will be some discussion of a related thesaurus, *The Health and Ageing Thesaurus*, which is used in Australia for subject cataloguing and indexing health material.

For more information on these events, and to register visit <http://conferences.alia.org.au/shllc2003/satelite.html>.

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## Powering minds at CIT

Library and Information Week 12–18 May 2003

The Canberra Institute of Technology (CIT) Library and Learning Centre has been powering the minds of staff and students with its 'Getting started with research' services.

A number of staff-developed PowerPoint presentations form the basis of the 'Getting started with research' sessions. The presentations cover developing a search strategy, searching the internet, using online databases, evaluating information and acknowledging sources. Library staff tailor these presentations to make them subject specific and meet student needs. The presentations illustrate theory with practical examples.

An online program 'Getting started with research' based on the National Information Literacy Guidelines will be available shortly for teachers and student to use. This product will measure attainment of information literacy skills.

Reid, Bruce and Southside campus librarians circulated newsletters promoting activities, competitions and displays relating to Library and Information Week. The CIT community was invited to relax with a cup of coffee in specially created coffee lounges and to attend library focus group meetings to provide feedback on services and facilities and to attend demonstrations of relevant databases.

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