



2nd ALIA New Librarians' Symposium



New librarians. They are the future of our profession, graduating at a time when job-hunting is tough and the workplace is constantly changing. They are full of enthusiasm, passion and commitment to their chosen profession, eager to learn from library leaders and to make their own contribution. What better way to do this than to have a symposium aimed specifically at new librarians?

Following the success of the inaugural New Librarians' Symposium in Brisbane in December 2002, the ALIA Board of Directors approved the New Librarians' Symposium as a biennial ALIA event. We are proud to announce that the 2nd ALIA New Librarians' Symposium (NLS2) will be held in beautiful Adelaide, on 3–4 December 2004.

The symposium website can be found at: <http://conferences.alia.org.au/newlibrarian2004/> and will be updated throughout the coming months.

So, who should come along to NLS2? Well, if you are a new or recent graduate, or student of a LIS or LIS-related course (including teacher librarian, archivist, records management or library technician), then NLS2 is for you! If you have graduated within the last ten years, NLS2 will give you the opportunity to assess your professional experience so far and set goals for the future. If you are an employer, both you and your 'new librarian' staff will benefit from the range of cutting-edge speakers, topics and professional development opportunities at this symposium.

The theme for NLS2 is *Beyond the stereotype*. The program will examine the many ways libraries and librarians are moving beyond traditional stereotypes — not only the 'bun and glasses' image, but what libraries do, how we do it, the services we offer, and the way we market ourselves — all the issues that impact upon new professionals.

The symposium program has three streams:

- Career and life planning, which will include personal and career development activities, work/life balance and associated issues, as well as personal success stories from your new librarian peers.
- Libraries and the future, which will encompass the latest innovations and ideas in our profession, predictions and possibilities for future skills, developing careers and new industry directions.
- Libraries and the world, which will address issues of activism and social responsibility, working overseas and the experience of international 'new librarians'.

We also want to hear from *you!* The NLS2 call for papers is now open and abstracts for papers are due by 21 June 2004. We especially want to hear from current students, new or recent graduates and 'new generation' information professionals. This would be a perfect opportunity to present your first conference paper to an audience of peers.

The symposium will run over two days and will include a range of fantastic social events for delegates. Our premium sponsor, Civica, proudly brings us the NLS2 dinner on Saturday night, which will be held at the symposium venue, the highly regarded Hilton Hotel Adelaide. On Friday night, delegates will have the opportunity to eat, drink and network at the symposium cocktail party, sponsored by the National Library of Australia. The newly renovated State Library of South Australia will be the cocktail party venue, and delegates will be able to appreciate the library's 'Treasures Wall' during the night. There will also be an opportunity for delegates to enjoy a post-conference tour on Sunday through one of South Australia's famous wine regions.

Registration costs have again been kept low to make it easy for students and newly employed information professionals to attend. We encourage delegates to take advantage of our early bird registration rates which will be available until 1 October 2004. Registration fees include all daytime meals, attendance at the dinner and cocktail parties, and a NLS2 satchel proudly sponsored by LexisNexis. Non-ALIA members will also have the opportunity to receive a discounted ALIA membership when they register for the 2nd ALIA New Librarians' Symposium. For more details on how to take up this offer, see the NLS2 website, brought to you by our site sponsor 3M.

If you do not think you can afford to attend, do not despair! This month, the NLS2 committee will launch a competition to win two delegate registrations, thanks to the ALIA New Graduates Group and Thomson Gale. Make sure you check out the website to find out how to win your way to NLS2!

Want to know more? Whether you are an employer of new graduates or a potential delegate, you can register your interest now by filling out the form on the NLS2 website at <http://conferences.alia.org.au/newlibrarian2004/registration.html>.

You will receive regular e-mail updates featuring all the latest symposium news!

More NLS2 information will appear in *inCite* and other ALIA forums in the coming months. ■

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