

## ACT

• **13/12 APSIG.** *Christmas lunch.* Griffith Vietnamese Restaurant, 6B Barker Street, Griffith, 12:00pm for 12:15pm. Cost \$20 (BYO corkage \$1pp). Bookings essential by 10/12 to: George Miller, ph 6295 1439. Contact: Marie Sexton, ph 02 6247 7795, msxton@netspeed.com.au

• **21/2 APSIG.** *Library visit: National Islamic Centre and Library,* 221 Clive Steele Avenue, Monash, ACT (corner Isabella Drive and Clive Steele Street), meet in the foyer, 4:30pm. Refreshments served. No bookings required. Contact: Deveni Temu, ph 02 6273 4067, dtemu@csu.edu.au

## NSW

**28/2/2006 Enterprise Information Architecture.** *Hosted by Lou Rosenfeld,* a graduate of Library and Information studies in late 1980's and has based much of his work on information architecture on the skills developed during these studies. He is now considered a world guru of information architecture. \$100 early bird discount valid up to 31/1/2006 (extended to 27/2 for ALIA members). Contact: Helen Hassan, ph 02 9436 4255, helen.hassan@keyforums.com.au, [http://www.keyforums.com.au/master\\_classes.aspx](http://www.keyforums.com.au/master_classes.aspx)

**28-29/8/2006 Digital Asset Management Conference.** *DAMAP 2006.* This conference the first of its kind in Australia and is designed to explore the current state-of-the-art and future capabilities of Digital Asset Management solutions as well as current users' experiences and the issues critical to industry adoption... Contact: Peter Jack, ph 03 9576 0277, info@damap.com.au, <http://www.damap.com.au>

## QLD

• **6/12 ALIA Quorum.** *Ray Choate Scholarship presentation to Kate Watson and Chelsea Harper.* The ALIA Research Committee and ALIA Quorum celebrate the presentation of the 2005 ALIA Ray Choate Scholarship. Guest speaker: Anna Raunik, SLQ. O J Wordsworth Rm, 12th Fl, S Block, QUT Gardens Point Campus, 5:30pm for 6:00pm start, 7:30pm finish. Contact: Joy Goldsmith (RSVP for catering by 5/12), ph 0410 723 975, joy\_goldsmith@hotmail.com

## SA

• **6/12 ALIA SA.** *Starry starry night: a celebration!* Join the SA ALIA groups for their final event of the year... Celebrating our local stars and successes for 2005! From 6:00pm at The Garage, 163 Waymouth Street, Adelaide.

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## Altarama releases Instant Messaging for Online Reference tools

Altarama has released a whitepaper on 'Using Instant Messaging for Online Reference' that discusses how effectively Instant Messaging can be used to provide an online reference service, and what types of libraries can best utilise an IM-based solution at this point in time. A copy of the whitepaper can be obtained by sending a request to [info@altarama.com.au](mailto:info@altarama.com.au).

For those who are past the evaluation stage, and are implementing an IM-based online reference service, Altarama has also released an 'IM for Online Reference QuickStart' package that contains IM system setup and usage guidelines, an example scripts page, and an example web page to advertise your online reference service including links that bring up the patron's IM client ready to chat with a librarian. This package is most helpful for libraries considering using the MSN network (especially the Windows Messenger client with its additional Application Sharing features), but also addresses other IM clients and networks.

## TFPL office in Manchester, UK

TFPL Ltd, the leading international knowledge and information-services company, is opening an office in Manchester to support its growing client base in the north of England. The primary focus will be on recruitment services covering all positions relating to knowledge, information, library, records and content management, but will also act as a local focal point for TFPL's training, advisory and research services. The office will be based in the Manchester Science Park and can be e-mailed by clients or candidates on [keri.gray@tfpl.com](mailto:keri.gray@tfpl.com).

## Links from Web of Science to JSTOR

Thomson Scientific subscribers to the Web of Science component of ISI Web of Knowledge and JSTOR can now link directly from Web of Science to full-text articles in the JSTOR Scholarly Journal Archive. The links to the JSTOR content significantly bolsters Web of Science links to full text. It also enhances Web of Science links to the full text of retrospective content of arts and humanities journal articles.

## New Kids Search interface enhances access to EBSCO's K-6 databases

In an effort to further provide end users with the most age-appropriate search experience, EBSCO Publishing has released Kids Search interface for primary and early secondary school database subscribers. Kids Search makes it easier for students to look for their subjects of interest by automatically searching across all applicable databases simultaneously. The following link shows a sample screenshot of the main search screen: <http://support.epnet.com/custsupport/images/KidsHome.gif>.

## EBSCO adds content to BookSource: Nonfiction Database

BookSource: Nonfiction now offers more than 3100 popular nonfiction books. The full text database is searchable and offers informative abstracts.

## EBSCOhost expands image collections

EBSCO is adding more than 98 000 new images to its Image Collection. This collection, available as part of EBSCO's full text databases, will now feature a total of 188 323 images (photos, maps, and flags) from a variety of notable sources. The new image content includes archival/historical, current events and motion picture images.

## Swets releases SwetsWise 4.0

SwetsWise is the web-based, modular service for the procurement, access and management of subscriptions and online information. SwetsWise version 4.0 includes a new, modern look and feel to the SwetsWise user interface that is completely customisable. It has a refined navigation menu and enhanced user-friendliness. Whilst retaining many of the visual motifs and designs that will be instantly recognisable to current customers, the updates have streamlined and simplified the interface in order to make navigation easier. A video tour of the interface's new look, and more detailed information is available at the following site: <http://informationservices.swets.com/web/show/id=39915/contentid=1086>.

## Blackwell's Book Services Collection Manager adds 25 000+ e-book titles

Blackwell's Book Services has added over 25 000 titles from Ebook Library (EBL) to Collection Manager, the free web-based acquisition and collection development system. Scholarly publishers are well represented, including Cambridge University Press, Taylor & Francis, and Kluwer. Customers will be able to order EBL e-books in the same way as print books, using the familiar Request, Order, and Export features. Customers using EDI technology can also transmit electronic orders for e-books directly to Blackwell's; EBL e-books are easily identifiable by the e-book icon and by the 'e-book' format displayed in the title citation and title detail. Browsing through the print titles on any subject thesaurus, print titles that have e-book editions are easily identified by the special format icon. Blackwell's will receive weekly updates from EBL of titles added to the collection. Librarians can sign up for Blackwell's e-book title update notification service at <http://www.blackwell.com/level2/ListservSignup.asp>.

## Dialog offers Dialog Choice pricing to academic institutions

Dialog Choice, featuring unlimited access to key research databases at a fixed annual rate, will be offered to academic institutions worldwide. Dialog Choice provides direct, desktop access to high-value databases of scientific, technical and medical research, as well as news, business intelligence and other current awareness content, aggregated by Dialog from leading information publishers. Academic institutions opting for Dialog Choice fixed annual subscriptions may provide unlimited access to the entire institution or to specific users within selected departments or units.

Ninety-two databases of research, business intelligence and news content are now available for annual subscriptions through the Dialog Choice

plan. The company expects to add additional databases over time. The available content ranges from intellectual property research (such as patent records from major markets around the world) to abstracts of scholarly research published in thousands of peer-reviewed journals.

#### **OCLC acquires Fretwell-Downing Informatics Group**

OCLC PICA BV, the leading library systems and services provider in Europe, has acquired the Fretwell-Downing Informatics Group (FDI), continuing the recent trend of industry consolidation. FDI will continue to trade under its own name. Both OCLC PICA and FDI are committed to supporting the existing product ranges. OCLC predicts the acquisition will enable both companies to make use of each other's technology, capabilities and skill sets, bringing stronger products to market more rapidly. Increasing demand for an extended product portfolio will now be better met. See <http://www.fdisolutions.com> and <http://www.oclc-pica.org>.

#### **Quilogy joins forces with Factiva**

Factiva has expanded its Partner Network with the introduction of its Systems Integrator Partner Program. The network includes leading enterprise software companies that simplify the integration of Factiva's high-quality news and business information into Enterprise Information Portals (EIP), workflow productivity solutions and vertical applications. Quilogy is the first systems integrator to deliver Factiva-certified, role-based information solutions built on the Microsoft Office 2003 System. For further information, link to <http://www.factiva.com> and <http://www.quilogy.com>.

#### **Elsevier to enter business intelligence market**

Elsevier is developing a business intelligence database for the pharmaceutical and biotech market. Working in co-operation with AdvantTechnologies, Elsevier is developing a database of drugs in clinical development, consulting and syndicated reports. It will be launched in early 2006.

#### **New titles added to Reference Works Online**

Providing comprehensive content from the world's leading minds in academia and industry, Wiley InterScience Reference Works Online delivers information in diverse areas as chemistry, materials and polymer science, life and medical sciences, computer science, engineering, and statistics. All online reference works feature a powerful search engine, internal and external links to related articles, and cross-product searching. 'Wiley InterScience', Wiley's dynamic online publishing

platform, now offers nearly 57 reference works online.

#### **Wiley InterScience launches MARC records for OnlineBooks**

MARC records are now available for all titles in Wiley InterScience OnlineBooks, improving functionality and accessibility. MARC records are being offered free of charge to Wiley InterScience customers for their online book holdings and are provided in MARC 21 format. As MARC Records for OnlineBooks launches, the number of online books has passed 1400. For more information about Wiley InterScience OnlineBooks, link to <http://www.interscience.wiley.com/onlinebooks/>.

#### **Dorland's medical definitions available via EMBASE.com**

Users of EMBASE.com, the web-based abstracts service covering the global biomedical and pharmacological published literature, now have seamless access to definitions from Dorland's Illustrated Medical Dictionary. This recent EMBASE.com enhancement provides links from Emtree Thesaurus drug and disease terms directly to Dorland's definitions. Users can now easily find more information on specific terms and gain better understanding of concepts through the connection to Dorland's. For example a user looking for records relating to terms such as 'cholestatic hepatitis' within the thesaurus will now automatically find a corresponding definition within the search results. Access to content from Dorland's is available to EMBASE.com licensed institutions at no additional fee.

#### **Innovative launches CASE**

Innovative announced a suite of content and metadata delivery products called the Content Access Service (CASE). These services will simplify library administration of e-resources and ensure that patrons get the most comprehensive and easy-to-use digital library available. CASE will be available to Innovative customers using integrated information discovery tools.

The Coverage Data Service provides title, ISBN, and date range information appropriate to the e-resources a given library uses. The CASE MARC Record Service, scheduled for early 2006, will enhance patron access to e-resources by providing in-depth, pre-catalogued information for any e-serial a library offers. Also scheduled for the first part of 2006, the CASE Profile Manager will make it easy for libraries to create their particular profile of e-resources through an easy-to-use web-based tool. ■



Cocktail food provided (Buy your own drinks). Contact: Helen Kwaka, ph 08 8397 7454, [kwakh@cttg.sa.gov.au](mailto:kwakh@cttg.sa.gov.au)

#### **TAS**

• **13/12 NARG.** *Tour at Launceston Library.* A tour of the Despatch Centre at Launceston Library has been organised for 5:30pm. We will then convene at a nearby venue for a meal. RSVP by 5/12 to: Karen Waldon-Manning, ph 03 6344 2277, [family\\_manning@yahoo.com.au](mailto:family_manning@yahoo.com.au)

#### **VIC**

• **9/12 Vic Library Technicians.** *End of year celebrations.* Everyone is welcome to join us for our end of year dinner at the Toorak Lion, 8 Jackson Street, Toorak at 6:30pm. Please send along your RSVP by 4/12 to: Clare Bristow, [clare.bristow@deakin.edu.au](mailto:clare.bristow@deakin.edu.au)

• **3/3/2006 Vic Library Technicians.** *Hot off the Press.* Focusing on technical services, delegates to this day long event will look at AV materials, following the work of vendors through to end processing for the library shelf. Contact: Kerrie Kelly, ph 03 8664 7155, [kkelly@slv.vic.gov.au](mailto:kkelly@slv.vic.gov.au)

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#### **WA**

• **7/12 WALTG.** *End of Year dinner.* Please join the WA LibTech group for our end of year dinner, 6:30pm for 7:00pm start at Broken Hill Hotel, 314 Albany Hwy, Vic Park. Please RSVP by 5/12. For more information, contact Narelle Beebe, ph 08 9442 1520, [n.beebe@westnet.com.au](mailto:n.beebe@westnet.com.au)

#### **National**

• **14/12 Library Technicians.** *Online Chat.* Providing an opportunity for LTs to chat online with other LTs. Time 7:30pm (AEDT) in the ALIA Technicians Chat Room. Contact: Kevin Dudeney, ph 02 9804 5448, [kevin.dudeney@dcs.nsw.gov.au](mailto:kevin.dudeney@dcs.nsw.gov.au)


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