

Conferences

ALIA 2009 National Library & Information Technicians Conference

15 –18 September 2009



<http://conferences.alia.org.au/libtec2009/>

Planning for the ALIA 2009 National Library and Information Technicians Conference is now in full production.

The Call for Papers / Abstracts closed at the end of January and the response was phenomenal. At the time of writing, the program committee, Robyn Nagel, Kath McCulloch, and Terri Pamment, are working with our Professional Conference Organiser, All Occasions Management, on the review process. The date for author notification is 20 March 2009.

Earlybird registration opens 17 April 2009. Now is the time to consider approaching your employer to seek funding support. Unsure how to go about this? Visit the Conference website <http://conferences.alia.org.au/libtec2009/> and download the 'Learning and Development Proposal'. This document outlines the benefits of learning and professional development not only for employees, through continuous improvement of skills, attributes, and knowledge, but also for their organisation. Attendance at the Conference is an opportunity to improve knowledge through workshops and presentations. It offers the ability to network with a number of information industry practitioners and to visit the trade exhibitions to view the latest products.

The 2009 ALIA National Library and Information Technicians Conference is also a great opportunity for library vendors and suppliers to promote and showcase their products. Over four days there will be the opportunity to meet and network with key industry representatives, to promote products, services, and future directions, and to share expertise with an enthusiastic audience from the private, public, and academic sectors within Australia and overseas. If you are interested in a sponsorship or exhibitor's package, please visit our sponsorship page at <http://conferences.alia.org.au/libtec2009/sponsors.php> or alternatively contact me direct at the e-mail address below.

Past Library Technicians' conferences have provided a forum for energised, enthusiastic library and information professionals to network, share ideas, and be challenged. The organising committee of Adelaide 2009 is dedicated to providing a program that will offer all this and much more. We look forward to welcoming you to Adelaide 15–18 September. For up to date information, please visit our website at <http://conferences.alia.org.au/libtec2009/>.

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World Library and Information Congress: 76th IFLA General Conference and Assembly



14 – 19 August 2010, Brisbane, Australia

Libraries: Engaging, Embracing, Empowering

<http://www.alia.org.au/ifla2010/>

Brisbane is to host the World Library and Information Congress, the annual IFLA conference, in August 2010. This is a hugely exciting opportunity for those who work in libraries in Australia to engage with colleagues from around the world.

Responsibility for preparing for the conference falls to three parties: IFLA Headquarters (in the Hague), Congrex (a conference organising company based in the UK), and a National Organising Committee, which I chair. IFLA HQ and Congrex are both heavily involved in planning this year's conference in Milan, so much of the detail of our conference will not be known until later this year. As information becomes available it will be posted on these websites: <http://www.alia.org.au/ifla2010/> and <http://www.ifla.org/IV/ifla76/index.htm> and on ALIA e-lists.

The conference will be held from 14 –19 August 2010 at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre. The Opening Ceremony will take place on Sunday 15 August and a series of conference programs and a substantial exhibition will be available until Thursday 19 August.

There will be a library tour day, overseen by Sharan Harvey of Brisbane City Libraries, on Friday 20 August. IFLA conferences vary considerably from those we enjoy in Australia. There is no central program or keynote addresses. Rather, IFLA sections and roundtables (see <http://www.ifla.org/act-serv.htm> for more information) are allocated a period of time (typically a half-day) to present a program. Many of these run simultaneously, so there is always an opportunity to find something of interest. If you would like to get a feel for the conference program, have a look at the outline of last year's conference in Quebec: <http://www.ifla.org/IV/ifla74/Programme2008.htm>

In addition to their program during the conference, many IFLA sections and other organisations organise satellite events either before or after the main event. We hope to see a number of these in Brisbane, elsewhere in Australia, in New Zealand, and in South-East Asia and the Pacific.

We have also seen an indication of delegate fees. All ALIA members are IFLA members, and are able to take advantage of the member rates. The early-bird fee is €415 for bookings made before mid-May 2010. A fee in Australian dollars will be set by IFLA later this year based upon prevailing exchange rates.

There will be lots of opportunities to get involved with the conference, as volunteers, hosts, speakers, and delegates. Please mark the dates in your diaries and share this message with colleagues.

I look forward to welcoming you to IFLA2010!

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It's a wrap! ALIA Information Online Conference and Exhibition 2009



Statistical snapshot:

- Over 65 presentations from international and local speakers, practitioners, and vendors
- Over 90 international and local vendors exhibited in the trade show
- Over 95 delegates attended our five workshops
- Over 750 delegates from around the world and hundreds more via social networks
- Over 100 first time delegates

Our keynote speakers packed the Parkside Auditorium at the Convention Centre: the book will never be the same after Sherman Young; work and lifestyle balance was taken to a new dimension by Liz Lawley; Mal Booth said 'Just Do It' to digitisation; Laura Campbell's 'World Digital Library' video made us sit up and say 'Wow'; the future is predicable thanks to Andy Hines; the heart of KM – the right information at the right time was shared by Justin Harness; and Michael Ossipoff's Gen Ys want multiple channels on *their* time.

The first timers' breakfast, welcome cocktail party, and farewell drinks provided opportunities to catch up with old friends make new ones. At the conference dinner we congratulated the Tax Office's eLibrary team on winning the prestigious ALIA 2009 IOG Award for Excellence. Peter FitzSimons took care of the evening's proceedings and entertained us with

witty observations and stories. We showed once again that information professionals do let their hair down: we put on our dancing shoes and boogied the night away.

The Exhibition Hall was abuzz as vendors demonstrated and showcased their products. There were plenty of good deals to be found, competitions aplenty, and take away goodies like pens, mouse mats, mints, puzzles, stress balls, and the Good Reading bags to remind us of their products after the event.

This year we also fully embraced social networking tools. We set up Facebook and LinkedIn pages, and encouraged past and present delegates, speakers, and vendors to get involved. We were not disappointed. Go to <http://www.information-online.com.au> to see what delegates were Blogging, Twittering, and Flickering about during the conference.

Coming soon to the website:

- Full papers & presentations
- For the very first time: podcasts of selected presentations

On behalf of ALIA, the Conference Committee, and Conference Action, we would like to thank all the vendors, delegates, speakers, and volunteers for being part of ALIA Information Online 2009.

Attendees should have received their evaluation form and the results will be available very soon. The committee values your feedback. Please take a few moments to complete the form and send them to Kay Harris, kay@vistainformation.com.au.

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Expression of Interest for ALIA National Library & Information Technicians Conference 2011

The ALIA Board of Directors is asking for formal expressions of interest for the ALIA National Library & Information Technicians Conference to be held in 2011 following the 2009 conference in Adelaide.

Groups interested in submitting a bid are asked to refer to the ALIA Conference Manual located at <http://conferences.alia.org.au/conference.resources/> to assist them with the writing of their formal proposal. ALIA is currently finalising the appointment of a Professional Conference Organiser (PCO) for ALIA's conferences held from 2011 – 2012.

As well as consulting the ALIA Conference Manual, interested groups should also address the following aims of ALIA's conferences:

- provide continuing Professional Development (PD) opportunities;
- promote excellence in practice;
- extend the knowledge of delegates;
- provide networking opportunities, especially for those in isolated and rural locations;
- promote research in the sector;
- adopt innovative use of technologies to encourage wide delegate participation in the program;
- promote the sector to the wider community;
- strengthen partnerships with related organisations;
- build relationships with sector trade organisations through their participation, including sponsorship, product reviews, and exhibitions;
- contribute income to the Association; conference surpluses are vital to ALIA to ensure that ALIA can continue to support all services to members.

Interested members and groups can seek advice from ALIA's Events Manager, Kamara Schlegel, and from previous conference committees. Please contact Kamara on 02 6215 8214 or kamara.schlegel@alia.org.au for further information. The ALIA Board of Directors will review the expressions of interest at their Board Meeting in May 2009.

The closing date for the expression of interest is 1st April 2009.

The passion of NLS4



The ALIA New Librarians Symposium (NLS4) couldn't have come at a better time for me. I had graduated as a librarian five months prior to its

commencement, and already I was considering abandoning the career, even though I was still so excited by the profession and what opportunities might come my way. But with no luck finding a full-time job, I was at breaking point, ready to return to my days as a barista in a café.

It was the usual story of not enough experience, and no one giving me the chance to gain that experience. So there I was five months later, having received a rejection letter from my dream job, degenerated, with a hefty HECS bill, and ready to give up on being a librarian. I was broken. Searching for some hope, I hesitantly enrolled in the NLS4. I really needed to be inspired and that's exactly how came away with from NLS4.

I heard stories from respected librarians who started out just like me. No experience, difficulty overcoming barriers in order to attain a full-time position, and stuck with casual and temporary work. They inspired me with the desire to learn more, make changes, think big and, ultimately, not to give up when barriers stacked themselves up around me. I was now no longer ready to weed myself from the library world.

It was great to hear so many librarians talk about their role in the profession and with such enthusiasm. Naturally, that same passion was awakened in the future leaders of libraries who now wanted to do more than sit on the sidelines. Without a doubt, the highlight for me was the intense passion and pride I took away about being a librarian, which, I've come to realise, is a secretly cool profession. Shhhh... don't spill the secret yet! We don't want the profession overcrowded (I'm still hunting for my dream job).

For all those new librarians out there who didn't get to attend NLS4 and are considering abandoning the profession, I urge you to be proud of what you are – a new-age librarian! Before you shelve yourself away in the back row aisles of the dusty stacks – remember you are the future! Proudly show-off your new, unread, untarnished pages of knowledge and enthusiasm. Don't give up – after all, there is nothing more enticing than a brand new book, and one day you'll meet the manager who, like most patrons, bypasses all the old well read books for that brand new one that offers so much.

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President Derek Whitehead and Directors invite members

to join them at 6:00pm, Tuesday 19 May 2009 for the

ALIA Annual General Meeting

Second notice of Annual General Meeting and call for motions

The 21st Annual General Meeting of the Australian Library and Information Association will be held on Tuesday 19 May 2009 at ALIA House

Rules of Meeting

1. Motions for discussion at the AGM are to be forwarded in writing to the ALIA Executive Director, ALIA, PO Box 6335, Kingston ACT 2604 by **Friday 6 March 2009**. Motions should be signed by the movers either individually or on behalf of a division/group of the Association. All such motions received will be published in the AGM agenda notice in the March & April issue of *inCite* and on ALIANet.
2. All motions to be put to the AGM must appear in this published agenda.
3. The only items that may be raised under general business are those of an informal nature, or those that are within the scope of the business already laid down. Motions of a substantial nature relating to items not covered in the notice of the meeting will not be allowed.
4. If any item of urgency arises which is not within the business of the meeting, the Chairperson has the power to accept it without notice or rule that notice must be given.
5. All motions additional to those on the printed agenda and in accordance with rule 4, and amendments, shall be in writing, signed by the movers (forms will be provided) and delivered to the Chair.
6. When addressing the Chair, the person desiring recognition will properly identify themselves, giving his or her name and affiliations. Only ALIA members may speak.
7. Debate shall be limited to three minutes for each speaker; no speaker may have the floor twice on the same question until all who wish to speak have spoken.
8. Proxies. To be valid, proxies must be in the form set out in the Constitution item 8.2 and be in the hands of the ALIA Executive Director, ALIA, PO Box 6335, Kingston ACT 2604, email address: enquiry@alia.org.au, by **6:00pm AEST on 18 May 2009**. Proxy forms must not specify how the holder of the proxy is to vote on specific areas. A proxy must also be a member. A form is available from ALIA National Office or on ALIANet at <http://www.alia.org.au/governance/>
9. By general consent, if there be no objection, or by a two-thirds vote, any rule governing the debate may be suspended.
10. The Chair's rulings on procedural matters may not be debated. The reference for rules and their interpretation by the Parliamentarian will be Joske's *The law and procedure at meetings in Australia*, 10th ed, 2007. A Parliamentarian will be appointed to advise the Chair on procedures and to assist in determining the results of a poll of members present if necessary.

All members are invited to attend. RSVP Jenna Walter, ALIA National Office, ph 02 6215 8222; jenna.walter@alia.org.au