

Conferences

ALIA Information Online Conference and Exhibition 2011

With less than 12 months to go its time to check your calendars and get ready to join us for 2011, our 15th Information Online Conference & Exhibition.

Planning is well under way. Our call for abstracts closed 31 March and we have been busy contacting potential international and local keynote speakers. The dates are set and the venue booked. Our new website is live and we are planning some new features, and you will be able to follow us on Facebook, LinkedIn, and Twitter.

The dates to remember are: 1–3 February 2011. The place to remember is: The Sydney Conference & Exhibition Centre at Darling Harbour.

ALIA and the Conference Committee are committed to ensuring conference delegates will be presented with cutting edge, innovative, practical, and well-researched papers and case studies covering the following themes:

- Library spaces
- Knowledge services and enterprise content management
- Digital assets and rights management
- E-literacy
- Information architecture
- Measuring our services
- Emerging technologies
- Professional development
- Search tools and techniques
- Publishing
- Information management
- How we deliver our services

The ALIA Information Online Conference and Exhibition is the leading conference and exhibition for the online information industry in the Asia-Pacific region.

For all the dates and details go to our website.

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ALIA Access 2010 Conference

Wednesday 1 – Friday 3 September 2010

Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre

The ALIA event of the year

(you wouldn't want to be anywhere else!)

Register Now! Early Bird Registration closes 7 July

Visit the conference website for registration information and to register online. ALIA Members are entitled to a discount of up to \$300 on the full registration fee. Don't miss the chance to be involved in what is sure to be one of the most innovative ALIA conferences in years!

Conference Program Released

Access all areas – the ALIA Access 2010 Conference program is structured to provide delegates with multi-choice stream of rich content. The only problem will be choosing! Live web streaming is also available for selected sessions for ALIA Members who are unable to attend the conference.

The preliminary conference program is now available to download from the conference website <http://conferences.alia.org.au/access2010/>.

Q & A with Graham Black, Conference Chair



1. What are you most looking forward to at the conference?

Brisbane in September is normally beautiful – the days are warm and sunny and there is still a chill in the air (at least for us Queenslanders) in the evenings. While we don't have much control over the weather we are looking forward to presenting our members and other delegates with a dynamic conference. We've only had 13 months to plan and deliver ALIA Access which is not much time to prepare and plan for a conference of this magnitude (there's nothing like a quickly looming deadline to focus the mind!) so we decided to do something different – a conference that's more engaging and more focused on our members' areas of interest.

2. What highlights can delegates expect to experience at the conference?

I expect there will be a number of highlights for delegates. Firstly, there's the stream or symposium approach to the conference. This will give each of the participating sectors or interest groups an opportunity to discuss debate and showcase issues, trends and achievements in their own sector/area of interest. Secondly, there is also the converse – the opportunity to engage with other sectors/interest groups. Thirdly, we're trying new initiatives such as live video streaming of selected sessions. It won't be the same as being there but it will enable those who can't attend the whole conference to participate via the net. We're still working on the finer details with this so once we've got it sorted we'll advise members accordingly. Fourthly, a new approach to the conference dinner – what we're calling the 'Dine Around Dinner'.

3. Can you tell us a little more about the 'Dine Around Dinner'?

I've been to some great conference dinners – good food, great music, good company. I've also attended some dinners where the alternative drop wasn't what I would have wished for and the music was so loud I couldn't talk to my colleagues at the same table. As we're doing something different with the conference proper, we thought we'd do something different for the Conference Dinner. Brisbane has some great restaurants around the conference venue in South Brisbane. The 'Dine Around' dinner will give delegates the opportunity to choose their own restaurant from a selected list of establishments and when they get to the restaurant they'll be able to choose their own food and drink up to a specified value. Delegates will be able to pre-book their restaurant with their registration. We'll be encouraging delegates to liaise with their colleagues prior to the conference about where they'd like to eat.

4. What do you hope to gain by attending ALIA Access 2010?

Where do I start! Getting ideas and inspiration from other sectors. I work in the higher education sector. Over the past couple of years I've attended a couple of 'broad church' conferences where I've picked some really interesting strategies and approaches to customer service from some of the public libraries that probably wouldn't have been discussed in my 'home' sector. Meeting members of ALIA from across the nation to discuss their needs, what the Association is doing well and what we can do to provide new or enhanced services. And finally, there is always catching up with colleagues over a coffee or cleansing ale!



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