

# Information Online 2003

11<sup>th</sup> exhibition and conference, 21–23 January 2003, Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre, Darling Harbour

**D**arling Harbour, Sydney, will be the place to be for Australian librarians and information professionals from Tuesday 21 January to Thursday 23 January 2003 for the 11<sup>th</sup> Information Online Conference and Exhibition. The 2003 conference will be held in Convention Centre South, and the bigger-than-ever exhibition will be held in Hall 5.

The final touches are now being made to the program. In addition to a wide selection of papers from colleagues throughout Australia, we are pleased to announce that one of the keynote speakers will be Steve Coffman. Steve has an Masters of Library Science from the UCLA and for fifteen years worked at the Los Angeles County Public Library, initially behind the reference desk before developing and managing F.Y.I. — a fee-based research and document delivery services operated by that public library.

Many Australian librarians have probably been intrigued, challenged or inspired by some of Steve's thought-provoking articles including 'What if you ran your library like a bookstore?' 'Building earth's largest library', 'Reference as others do it' 'The librarian and Mr Jeeves', and — most recently — 'Distance education and virtual reference: where are we headed' which appeared in the April 2001 issue of *Computers in Libraries*.

Steve lives with his wife, Susan, and his daughter, Kirsten — along with a bunch of deer, groundhogs, possums and other varmints — deep in the wilds of Maryland not far from Washington.

Steve Coffman's address will be an inspiring opening to

an exciting few days at *Information Online 2003* as delegates

explore many issues vital for information professionals in Australia in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Watch out for the registration brochure that mentions the US\$50.00 prize Steve intends to draw on stage during his presentation on 21 January 2003.

The Information Specialists Group of ALIA, which manages this event, is pleased to report that they have taken note of feedback from previous conferences, and in 2003 a sit-down luncheon will be served in the exhibition hall. Also, by moving the exhibition to the much bigger Hall 5, there is now room for more than 120 booths, the internet lounge, and even a special theatre to accommodate continuous product reviews from the large number of exhibitors.

In addition to the program, there will also be some fantastic satellite events to make your stay in Sydney even more useful. The conference committee looks forward to seeing you at Darling Harbour in January 2003!

Registration brochures will be mailed out shortly. Please contact Haydn Brakell or Francis Child at Conference Action in Sydney (phone 02 9437 9333 or [haydn@conferenceaction.com.au](mailto:haydn@conferenceaction.com.au) or [confact@conferenceaction.com.au](mailto:confact@conferenceaction.com.au)) to be placed on the mailing list to receive the brochure. ■



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