

ALIA builds a continuing professional development program for members

For the past six months ALIA has been building a program of training courses to support members in their pursuit of professional development. This program is based on developing partnerships with professional training providers.

These providers must offer quality courses and offer discounts to ALIA members.

The aim of this program is to provide access to a broad range of training courses. Another important aspect of the program is that there must be courses suitable to different work levels.

ICT (Information, Communication and Technology) courses

Monash Learningfast is offering the following courses to ALIA members. MLF courses are available via the internet.

TeachMe single courses \$45 each (including GST)

These are available only to ALIA members as single courses — for example word processing or spreadsheets or databases — normally they are only available as a package, for example Office 2000

ICT Skills Benchmark — single user \$125 (including GST), a fifty per cent discount

This is a competency-based package that provides a foundation for the effective use information, communication and technology products and services.

ALIA personal and institutional members can access these courses for the above prices until the end of September 2003

Management education courses

APESMA Management Education offers ALIA members access to all APESMA Short Courses at the APESMA member rate: \$350 for one-day courses and \$650 for two-day courses (a saving of \$100 off the full rate), and \$289 for online short courses with assessment.

Each of these short courses aims to develop a specific management competency. Ranging across topics as diverse as risk management, financial management, leadership, and dispute resolution skills, their intent is to provide experienced managers with a quick, effective skills update. Courses are scheduled Australia-wide.

If ALIA members have an undergraduate degree they have the option of completing three short courses (face-to-face two day and online courses only) with assessment and entering the APESMA/La Trobe Graduate Certificate of Management (Technology Management) or Graduate Certificate of Management with credit for completing Unit 302 (Employer Based Unit). They then need to successfully complete a further three units from the MBA program to attain their Graduate Certificate.

**APESMA/La Trobe
Master of Business Administration,
Graduate Certificate and**

Graduate Diploma of Management

The APESMA MBA is jointly awarded by APESMA and La Trobe University and is delivered through world-class distance education techniques. Students receive comprehensive learning materials and are not required to attend formal classes, but can interact via an online communication forum. Over 2000 students are currently enrolled.

ALIA members are also entitled to a ten per cent discount on fees for the APESMA Graduate Certificate, Graduate Diploma and MBA. Details of the MBA fees can be found at <http://www.mba-distance-learning.com>. To find out more, please e-mail alia@apesma-ed.com, call 1300 85 33 77, or visit <http://www.apesma-ed.com>.

Partnerships under negotiation

Information Enterprises Australia Pty Ltd (IEA) provides specialist training which focuses on all aspects of corporate records and information management. All courses are designed to reflect current information concepts and incorporate practical exercises and participant experiences as an integral part of each training session. IEA presenters are qualified trainers who have practical experience in working within the field of Information Management. Please go to <http://www.iea.com.au> for more information.

The Institute of Public Administration Australia, NSW Division (IPAA NSW) is the professional association for people interested in government reform, policy issues, trends, best practice and innovation in public sector management. IPAA NSW has earned an outstanding reputation as the public sector specialists in professional development. That's because IPAA NSW provides leading edge development opportunities exploring topical issues affecting management across government and the private sector. Please go to <http://www.nsw.ipaa.org.au/> for further information.

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Get ready to nominate!

Aurora Leadership Institute 2004

Applications for the seventh Aurora Leadership Institute to be held at Thredbo Alpine Village from 8 to 13 February 2004 will open on 1 September 2003.

Full details of application requirements and procedures will be posted to the Aurora website at the end of August.

Intending applicants are advised that the process of selection is quite competitive, and that the information sources listed on the website — including the May 2003 *Australian Library Journal* — should be consulted prior to submission.

Professional involvement with ALIA is an advantage.

Further details are available from the website: <http://alia.org.au/aurora/> and from Ian McCallum, Aurora Foundation secretary, phone 02 6257 9177.