

ALIA Continuing Professional Development Scheme

Since 2000 ALIA has offered technician and associate members the opportunity to join the ALIA CPD Scheme. The scheme is run over the same period as the ALIA membership year, that is from 1 July to 30 June. Members can join at any time through this period, as long as they can provide evidence of the activities in which they have participated.

The scheme has been designed for members to participate in a wide variety of activities. The categories of activities covered by the scheme include:

- attending conferences/forums/symposia
- participating in informal and workplace learning activities
- undertaking formal education
- preparing and presenting papers
- running workshops
- writing journal articles
- keeping up-to-date with your professional reading, and
- participating in Association activities.

Members of the scheme are also encouraged to work through the *ALIA Career development kit* so that they can identify where they are at the moment, where they would like to go in their career, and what they need to do to get there.

Those technician and associate members participating in the CPD Scheme also become

eligible to apply for the new Associate Fellow category of membership.

As an introductory offer establishing this membership category, only three years continuous professional development compliance will be required until July 2006. Please visit <http://www.alia.org.au/membership/benefits/personal.html> to find out more information about this new category of membership.

If you haven't already joined the scheme, why not join now? Complete and return the form on the back of this month's cover sheet (by fax, or post) to join the scheme. Any activities you have participated in since 1 July 2003 can then be included into your CPD activities for this financial year. Once you have participated in the scheme for twelve months and accrued twenty weighted hours of professional development activities you are eligible to use the post-nominals CP (Continuing Practitioner) after your ALIA post-nominals.

To find out more about the ALIA CPD Scheme please contact Georgina Dale at ALIA National Office, ph 02 6215 8229 or e-mail cpd@alia.org.au.

And a reminder to members already participating in the scheme...

A copy of your CPD record sheets for the 2002–2003 year must be returned to the ALIA National Office by 1 September 2003. ■

National creative industries training strategy agreed

A national strategy to develop and encourage training in arts, cultural and creative industries has been agreed by the nation's Education, Employment, Training and Youth Affairs Ministers.

Queensland Employment, Training and Youth Minister Matt Foley said that commonwealth, state and territory ministers meeting in Perth had agreed to investing in training for creative industries to provide for more jobs and export earnings.

Mr Foley said that the decision to develop a National Strategy for Pathways to Employment in Arts, Cultural and Creative Industries would open up many creative opportunities for young Australians. ■



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Cost: members \$350, non-members \$450. Contact: ph 1300 853 377, short_courses@apesma-ed.com

4/9 APESMA: short course. *Effective research for busy professionals.* Sydney. Cost: members \$350, non-members \$450. Contact: ph 1300 853 377, short_courses@apesma-ed.com

8–9/9 [PiCS] Performance Improvement Conferences and Seminars. *Integrative document and content management.* Presenter: Len Asprey. Key strategies for the leverage of knowledge within enterprises. Sydney. Contact: Jill Moor, ph 03 9854 8900. Full program details at <http://www.pics.com.au>

9–10/9 APESMA: short course. *Contract management.* Sydney. Cost: members \$650, non-members \$750. Contact: ph 1300 853 377, short_courses@apesma-ed.com

12–13/9 Australian Society of Indexers, Sydney. *Indexing the world of information: an international indexing conference.* Carlton Crest Hotel, Sydney. Cost: ASI members \$380, non-members \$430. Contact: Glenda Browne, ph 02 4739 8199, webindexing@optusnet.com.au. More information <http://www.aussi.org>

• 17/9 National OPALs. *General meeting.* Employers First, 313 Sussex Street, Sydney, 12:30–2:00pm. Host: Maria Athanasatos, mariaa@employersfirst.org.au

17–18/9 APESMA: short course. *Leadership and team management.* Sydney. Cost: members \$650, non-members \$750. Contact: ph 1300 853 377, short_courses@apesma-ed.com

29–30/9 APESMA: short course. *Project management.* Sydney. Cost: members \$650, non-members \$750. Contact: ph 1300 853 377, short_courses@apesma-ed.com

• 1/10 Hunter Regional Group (NSW). *Committee meeting.* Contact: Dianne Schofield, diane.schofield@hunterlink.net.au

• 22/10 Hunter Regional Group (NSW). *AGM will be held this year at the new Sparke-Helmore building at Honey-suckle which houses the Special Law Library. Hosted by Gwen Hamilton, an invitation exists to dine in the building's new restaurant.* Contact: Dianne Schofield, diane.schofield@hunterlink.net.au

• 24/10 Children and Youth Services (NSW). *Children's Librarian's management seminar.* Burwood City Council Chambers, 9:00am–4:30pm. Contact: Mylee Joseph, ph 02 9777 7900, mylee.joseph@willoughby.nsw.gov.au

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11–12/9 APESMA: short course. *Finance for non-financial people.* Darwin. Cost: members \$650, non-members \$750. Contact: ph 1300 853 377, short_courses@apesma-ed.com

• 12–13/9 Top End Symposium. *Power our Territory: Information literacy for development of the Northern Territory.* An opportunity to learn, develop and

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