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

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5/8 Australian Copyright Council *Seminars for libraries*: 9:30 Basics, \$66; 11am Text and images, \$88; 2pm AV resources, \$66; 3:30pm Internet and digital licences, \$77. All at 111 George Street, Brisbane. Details at <http://www.copyright.org.au/seminars/>, ph 02 9699 3247, fx 02 9698 3536

7-8/8 APESMA: short course *Project management*. Brisbane. Cost: members \$650, non-members \$750. Contact: ph 1300 853 377, short_courses@apesma-ed.com

14/8 QULOC *E-topia: everything you want from a single search*. QUT, Gardens Point Campus, 8:30am-4:45pm. Cost incl GST: \$77, \$55 (student registration). For information see the QULOC website at <http://www.quloc.org.au>

14/8 National Policy Congress *Regional meeting*. Brisbane City Council Library Theatre, Cnr George and Adelaide Streets, 5:00-7:00pm. Contact: Joy Goldsmith, ph 07 3846 1813, joy_goldsmith@hotmail.com, <http://alia.org.au/governance/npc/>

14-15/8 APESMA: short course *Contract management*. Brisbane. Cost: members \$650, non-members \$750. Contact: ph 1300 853 377, short_courses@apesma-ed.com

20-21/8 APESMA: short course *Finance for non-financial people*. Brisbane. Cost: members \$650, non-members \$750. Contact: ph 1300 853 377, short_courses@apesma-ed.com

16/9 QLD OPAL *General meeting*. The United Grand Lodge of Qld, 311 Ann Street, City, 12:30-2:00pm. Host: Ian Maddox iwmaddox@uglq.org.au

18/9 Quorum Group *General meeting*. Brisbane City Council Central Library Theatre, 5:00pm for 5:30pm. A gold coin is requested to cover the costs of light refreshments. Contact: Joy Goldsmith, joy_goldsmith@hotmail.com

24-25/9 APESMA: short course *Negotiation skills and dispute resolution*. Brisbane. Cost: members \$650, non-members \$750. Contact: ph 1300 853 377, short_courses@apesma-ed.com

15/10 QLD OPAL *General meeting*. Hopgood Ganim Lawyers, 141 Queen Street, City, 12:30-2:00pm. Host: Helen Gambley heg@hopgoodganim.com.au

20/11 Quorum Group *General meeting*. Brisbane City Council Central Library Theatre, 5:00pm for 5:30pm, gold coin donation cover the costs of light refreshments. Contact: Joy Goldsmith, joy_goldsmith@hotmail.com

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NLTD a highlight

Library and Information Week 2003, Ian Rogers, Library Studies, Victoria University

National Library Technician's Day (NLTD) was a highlight of Library and Information Week for the Library Studies Unit at Victoria University.

Kerrie Kelly, convenor of the Victorian Library Technician's group and committee members Linda Notley, Trisha Murray (secretary), and Bradley O'Brien (student representative) were invited to join the Library Studies Unit staff and students.

Ian Rogers, the head of unit, introduced Kerrie to students and extolled the virtues of membership of groups like ALIA Technicians to promote technicians in the workplace. Ian also noted that this year was a particularly auspicious one for library studies as it was the thirtieth year of the teaching of technicians at Victoria University.

Kerrie was then invited to present the ALIA Victoria University Library Technician Graduate of the year award. Barbara De Blank was presented with a certificate from ALIA and a package of prizes including a year's free membership with journals and opportunities for professional development and networking.

Kerrie spoke about the work of the group, the national conference for library technicians in Brisbane this year, and the 'Techs on tour' events. She provided the students with copies of the technician newsletter, *Tech notes*, invited the them to participate in the e-list for library technicians and to get involved with the profes-

sion through committee membership.

Kerrie, Linda, Trish and Bradley gave insights on their personal career choices and described their careers in the library and information agencies, also their insights into the current state of the library technician field for employment. All of the committee members emphasised the need for life long learning.

The committee spoke about the importance of having a strong technician presence for ALIA and need for students especially to network to find out about jobs that are going and to find out about opportunities for career moves, and for ongoing professional development. They said that student membership was cheap and an effective means to get started with the Association.

Barbara De Blank, told of her experiences and job activities. She gave praise to our teachers in preparing students for work in the industry.

The fun kept coming with Sue Reynolds, a teacher in Library Studies unit running a quiz, ably assisted by Mary Carroll. Questions included knowledge of library trivia, sections of movies, and general classification, spelling and knowledge questions. Prizes came courtesy of Margie Anderson from One Umbrella.

Ian thanked the committee, staff, One Umbrella, and ALIA for the success of the morning, providing the committee members with pens from One Umbrella. All had a great morning. ■

International conference on the future of consortia

In 1978, Victorian libraries identified a need for co-operative action to manage the conversion of card catalogues into machine-readable form. Their response was to establish CAVAL (Co-operative Action by Victorian Academic Libraries).

To mark its 25th anniversary CAVAL Collaborative Solutions is presenting *Consortia in the next 25 years: seminal international conference on the future of consortia*. Local and international speakers will examine library consortia development, management, models and issues as well as their present and future value.

Some of the themes and topics will be:

- consortia best practice;
- achieving sustainability;
- partnering;
- successes and failures;
- international benchmarking.

This conference represents a unique opportunity for Australian librarians to acquire new insights and share knowledge and experi-

ence in this fascinating and vital subject. The conference will be held at CAVAL on 27 and 28 October 2003.

For more information or to register your interest in attending, contact Steve O'Connor (steveo@caval.edu.au) or Sue Henczel (sueh@caval.edu.au), phone 03 9459 2722. ■

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