10th Asia Pacific Specials, Health and Law Librarians conference

Adelaide Convention Centre, Adelaide, South Australia, 24–27 August 2003

The Conference committee invites you to join them at the 10th Conference and Exhibition in August 2003. Come and explore developments, exchange information and the issues concerning specialist information professionals. The registration brochure will be distributed in May 2003. Delegates will be interested to know that there has been no increase in conference fees and the conference dinner is included in the fees.

We have invited speakers on a wide range of topics that we hope you will find stimulating, interesting and useful. They include:

Marianne Broadbent

Dr Marianne Broadbent is group vice-president of Gartner, the world's largest adviser on the business uses of information technology. Marianne leads the global research and business development team for Gartner's Executive Programs, which has a membership base of more than 1700 chief information officers worldwide. Marianne works extensively as an adviser and advice broker with business and IT executives and management teams. Her particular areas of interest and expertise are the fusion of business and technology strategies and investments, the dynamics of the business value of IT, and the governance and management of business-driven IT, particularly in international environments.

Marianne was previously a professor in the Management of Information Systems at the Melbourne Business School, University of Melbourne, visiting researcher at Boston University, and head of the Department of Information Services at the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology. She is co-author of the book *Leveraging the new infrastructure: how market leaders capitalise on information technology* (Harvard Business School Press, 1998) and has won two international 'best paper' awards. Marianne has also led her own consulting firm and is a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

David Snowden

David Snowden is the director of IBM's Centre for Action Research in Organisational Complexity (CAROC). He was formerly a director in the Institute for Knowledge Management where he led the Institute's programs on complexity and narrative as well as taking geographic responsibility for the Institute's activities outside the Americas.

One of the founders of organic knowledge management, he pioneered the use of story techniques as a means of knowledge disclosure and a key aspect of creating a knowledge strategy. His subsequent work has taken him into the integration of learning and knowledge using models derived from complexity science and the development of advanced techniques for the management of informal communities and the simulation of social networks.

A gifted speaker and educator he is in regular demand as a keynote speaker worldwide. His masterclasses in a variety of subjects both public and private are highly rated and regularity sell out. David was a keynote at the 2002 BIALL Conference in Liverpool.

Richard Susskind

Professor Richard Susskind has specialised in the use of IT by lawyers and other professionals for more than twenty years. He is currently an independent adviser to national governments and to major professional firms. He lectures internationally and has been invited to speak in more than forty countries. In 1998, he was appointed IT adviser to the Lord Chief Justice of England.

Richard's fourth and fifth books, *The future of law* (Oxford University Press, 1996) and *Transforming the law* (Oxford University Press, 2000) are both legal best-sellers around the world. He is professor of law at Gresham College, London, a position that dates back to 1597. Richard is a law columnist for *The Times*. He has a First Class Honours degree in law from Glasgow University and a doctorate in law and computers from Balliol College, Oxford. Richard was awarded an OBE in the Millennium New Year's Honours List for services to IT in the Law and to the Administration of Justice.

Simon Tupman

Simon Tupman is an author, conference speaker, workshop leader, and facilitator. Since leaving behind a career as UK criminal lawyer, he has gone onto become one of Australia's leading experts in the fields of leadership development and communication.

Today, Simon works with a variety of organisations and audiences around the world, notably in Australia, New Zealand, the United States and the United Kingdom. He is the author of *Why lawyers should eat bananas* (2000), the best-selling business and professional development guide for lawyers and other professionals looking to achieve more in life.

Born in the United Kingdom, Simon holds degrees from Nottingham Trent University (BA), City University Business School (MBA) and is a solicitor of the Supreme Court of England and Wales. He is also an accredited professional speaker of the National Speakers Association of Australia.

Linda Watson

Linda Watson is director of the Claude Moore Health Sciences Library, University of Virginia at Charlottesville. She has just completed her year as president of the Medical Library Association (MLA), and is currently serving as past-president of that association.

Among many appointments, Linda has served on the MLA board as board member (1996–99), treasurer (1997–1999) and has served as chair of the National Program Committee.

She has also served as editor of *MLA News* 'Media news' column, as chair of the National Program Committee, and as chair of the ISI/Frank Bradway Rogers Information Advancement Award Jury. A Distinguished Member of the Academy of Health Information Professionals (AHIP), Watson is a recipient of MLA's Mid-Atlantic Chapter Librarian of the Year Award.

Linda began her medical library career in 1975 at the National Library of Medicine where she held several management positions until 1985. Linda is currently (2002–2005) a member of the National Library of Medicine PubMed Central National Advisory Committee. Her keynote address will cover the recent developments in PubMed, PubMed Central and the future developments planned for these services.

Check the conference website for up-to-date information and answers to all your questions. Contact details for both the committee and conference organisers, information about sponsors, exhibitors and the venue can all be found on the website. More information will be posted as it becomes available, including the conference program. The conference website is at http://www.alia.org.au/conferences/shllc/2003/.

We look forward to providing you with a fantastic conference program. We hope you will be able to join us.

Conference committee