

Call for papers

neXt 2005: ALIA National Library and Information Technicians Conference

The neXt program committee invites submissions for presentation at *neXt 2005: ALIA National Library and Information Technicians conference*, 6–9 September 2005, Darling Harbour, Sydney. The conference will explore the themes of *eXperiences*, *eXcellence*, *eXpectations* and we are actively seeking submissions that will:

- educate and inform delegates on current practice in the library and information sector
- showcase excellence in practice, procedure and individual performance
- challenge delegates to consider and debate changes in information management, resources and services
- identify technological innovations and their current and/or future benefits for the information sector
- encourage collaboration amongst organisations and individuals, thereby providing an opportunity to continue professional development beyond the conference.

Proposal themes may include, but are not limited to, the following topics

eXperiences — celebrating achievements

- Library and information technicians and the history of the sector.
- Career paths — individual experiences.
- Collaborative partnerships, consortia and co-operative ventures.
- Service delivery — onsite, virtual and remote.
- Services for users with special needs.
- Implementation success — new systems, new procedures.
- Strategies for situations.
- Children and young adult services — the wow factor.
- Archives and records management — synergies of practice.

eXcellence — focusing on now

- Creating excitement — services to indigenous and multicultural communities.
- Surveying the client — analysis and solutions.
- Leadership in a changing work environment.
- Managing staff and services.
- What is quality customer service — the benchmarks.
- Information literacy — the role of the library.
- Education and training for library and information personnel.
- Collection development strategies.
- Marketing services.
- Service charters and service-level agreements.
- Health and safety.

eXpectations — imagining the future

- Planning for equipment, people and space in the next decade.
- Computer futures — new technologies.
- Key skills and knowledge requirements for the future.
- Managing your career — the future happens tomorrow.
- Intranet architecture and web design.
- Emerging trends — the next big thing?

Types of presentation:

A *paper* describes and discusses work that the presenter is doing or has done in relation to theory and practice. Papers are generally delivered in a lecture style and will run for approximately thirty minutes. The audience will be limited by room capacity and set in theatre style.

A *workshop* features one or more leaders working with a group. Delegates will actively participate in the learning process. The audience will be limited by room capacity.

A *short talk or demonstration* is a fifteen-minute presentation on a particular topic. The content is descriptive and can be supported by audiovisual material. There will be between two and four short talks in any one session.

Guidelines for contributors

Format: Abstracts are to be submitted using the template available from the conference website [<http://conferences.alia.org.au/libtec2005/>] or from Kate Fisher (see address details below). In addition all submissions must be in the following style:

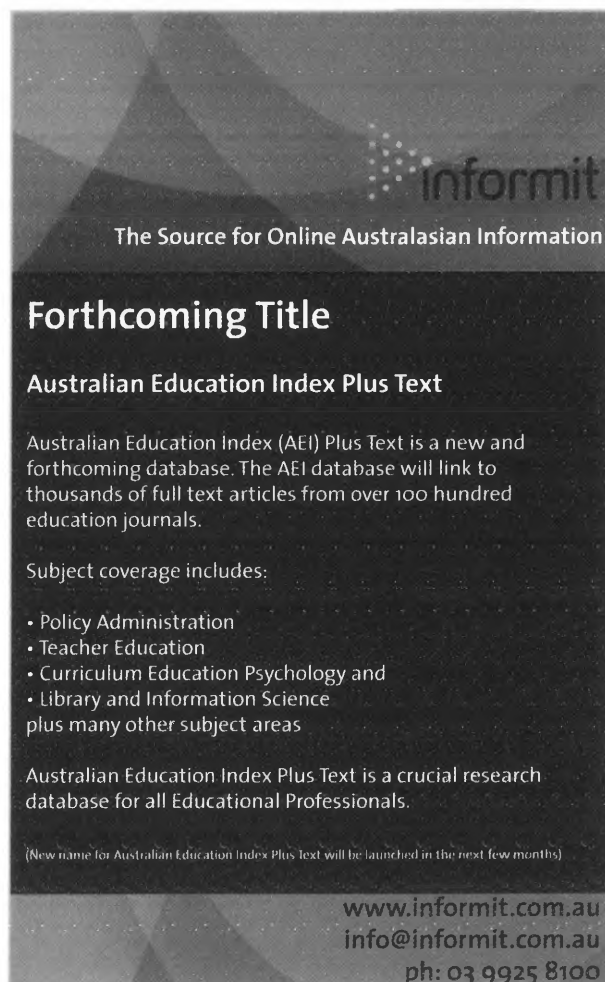
1. Font to be in 12-point Ariel with double-spacing throughout.
2. The complete title to be in capitals, with presenting author/s underlined. Co-authors to be listed if required.
3. All submissions to include: name, organisation, position, address, phone number and e-mail contacts and previous presentations. Please indicate if this would be your first presentation if selected.
4. The abstract is to be no more than 250 words and must clearly indicate the focus of the paper.
5. References should be used sparingly.

Submissions: All proposals are to be submitted in electronic format (e-mail or disk) and in Microsoft Word. Submissions can be made via e-mail to: kate@conferenceaction.com.au, or mail the proposal on disk to Kate Fisher, project manager, Conference Action, Suite 104/308 Pacific Highway, Crows Nest NSW 2065.

All proposals will be acknowledged.

Submission dates: Submissions due: 31 October 2004. Notification of acceptance: 31 December 2004. Submission of full paper/presentation: 31 July 2005

Acceptance of papers/presentations will be at the discretion of the program committee. Abstracts and biographies for accepted papers and presentations will be published in the program guide and on the *neXt* website [<http://conferences.alia.org.au/libtec2005/>]. ■



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