

• **24/8 ALIA SA.** *Monthly meeting.* Room 5.25, City West Campus, University of South Australia, 5:30pm for 5:45pm. Fourth Tuesday of every month, 24/8, 28/9, 16/10, 23/11. All members welcome. Contact: Fairlie Sampson, ph 08 8240 0300, library@tauondi.sa.edu.au

• **20/9 SALT.** *Monthly meeting.* Fasta Pasta, 131 Pirie Street, Adelaide, 6:00pm for 6:30pm. Third Monday of each month: 20/9, 18/10, 22/11. All welcome. Contact: Fairlie Sampson, convenor, ph 08 8240 0300, library@tauondi.sa.edu.au

• **28/9 ALIA SA.** *Monthly meeting.* Room 5.25, City West Campus, University of South Australia, 5:30pm for 5:45pm. Fourth Tuesday of every month, 28/9, 16/10, 23/11. All members welcome. Contact: Fairlie Sampson, ph 08 8240 0300, library@tauondi.sa.edu.au

• **18/10 SALT.** *Monthly meeting.* Fasta Pasta, 131 Pirie Street, Adelaide, 6:00pm for 6:30pm. Third Monday of each month: 18/10, 22/11. All welcome. Contact: Fairlie Sampson, convenor, ph 08 8240 0300, library@tauondi.sa.edu.au

• **16/10 ALIA SA.** *Monthly meeting.* Room 5.25, City West Campus, University of South Australia, 5:30pm for 5:45pm. Fourth Tuesday of every month, 16/10, 23/11. All members welcome. Contact: Fairlie Sampson, ph 08 8240 0300, library@tauondi.sa.edu.au

• **22/11 SALT.** *Monthly meeting.* Fasta Pasta, 131 Pirie Street, Adelaide, 6:00pm for 6:30pm. All welcome. Contact: Fairlie Sampson, convenor, ph 08 8240 0300, library@tauondi.sa.edu.au

• **23/11 ALIA SA.** *Monthly meeting.* Room 5.25, City West Campus, University of South Australia, 5:30pm for 5:45pm. All members welcome. Contact: Fairlie Sampson, ph 08 8240 0300, library@tauondi.sa.edu.au

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• **August ALIA Vic.** *Technology Symposium, 25 years of the internet and...* a one-day seminar. Further details tba. Contact: Trevor Wakely, ph 03 9669 8137, aliavicom@lists.alia.org.au

16-17/8 PiCS: Managing virtual teams. *How to make working remotely a success.* Presented by Dr John Gunndry International

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RMIT Publishing

RMIT Publishing has four new additions to the Informit Suite of Australasian Online databases. Informit Plus Text databases: Family and Society Plus Text; Australian Education Index Plus text; and Informit Index databases: SAGE Online; Serials Online.

RMIT Publishing will be demonstrating these databases at the upcoming ALIA Biennial Conference. To find out more visit the Informit website at <http://www.informit.com.au>.

Nielsen BookData New Zealand Booksellers' Choice Award 2004

The 2004 shortlist is: *The Penguin History of New Zealand* by Michael King; *The Dennistown Rose* by Jenny Patrick; *Dare to Dream: The John Britten Story* by Felicity Price; *The Lord of the Rings Location Guidebook* by Ian Brodie.

Now in its eighth year, the award is an established acknowledgement of the books that New Zealand booksellers have most enjoyed reading, selling and promoting. The winner will be announced in Auckland at the 2004 Book Industry Awards and Conference.

Dialog wins AIIP President's Award

The Association of Independent Information Professionals (AIIP) has selected Dialog for its 2004 President's Award. The AIIP President's Award is given annually in recognition of a person or institution that demonstrates extraordinary support of the objectives of the association. AIIP represents independent researchers and information professionals around the world.

Dialog Profound now features Aroq reports
Dialog announce that market reports prepared by Aroq are now available through Dialog Profound for electronic searching and purchase.

The reports cover the global automotive, beverage/drinks, clothing and food industries. Research is conducted and reports are written by Aroq's network of industry specialists, based throughout the world. Aroq's reports may be displayed on-screen or downloaded in PDF format.

New version of Dialog Profound

Dialog has released a new version of Dialog Profound when it began utilising a new technology platform for its line of business information, news and market research services. A new version of Dialog NewsRoom, a current awareness and news research service, also is now operating on the new platform and from the same interface.

Dialog Profound users may purchase sections of market research reports rather than the entire document, which may contain detailed information not necessary for a particular research project.

Revolutionary reporting tool for libraries

Dynix announced the general availability of Horizon Web Reporter. The product has completed extensive quality assurance testing and is ready for purchase and delivery. Developed in

partnership with MicroStrategy, Horizon Web Reporter is a revolutionary reporting solution that creates a new standard in report generation for libraries, powered by the MicroStrategy Business Intelligence Platform.

Horizon Web Reporter comes with a wide range of standard reports, ad hoc reports can be created without having to know the underlying Horizon database table structure. Users can also create and save new reports without having knowledge of SQL programming. Once reports are saved, they can be easily shared with other branch or peer libraries.

Amlib appointed as distributor for Africa

InfoVision Technology Pty Ltd has continued its expansion into new markets worldwide with the appointment of a new distributor for its Amlib Library Management System in Africa. A new company, InfoVision Africa Pty Ltd, has been established for the distribution and support of the Amlib library system, with immediate effect.

For more information visit <http://www.infovisionafrica.co.za>.

IIMP and IIPA improves reporting

It is a rare database that offers insights into Ethel Merman and Stephen Sondheim in the same article. Two resources from ProQuest Information and Learning, International Index to Music Periodicals Full Text (IIMP-FT) and International Index to the Performing Arts Full Text (IIPA-FT), give researchers that opportunity, as well as enhanced features and functionality in their latest releases.

IIMP and IIPA are now COUNTER compliant. COUNTER is a new international standard for usage statistics, giving administrators a choice between COUNTER or ICOLC-based usage formats. Free trials are available, for further information visit <http://iipa.chadwyck.co.uk/public/>.

ProQuest, Palgrave Macmillan distribution agreement extended

ProQuest Information and Learning announces an extension of its exclusive distribution agreement with global academic publisher Palgrave Macmillan and the addition of six new journals. The agreement includes electronic distribution as well as microfilm and fiche worldwide.

Free trials are available, for further information visit <http://www.proquest.co.uk>.

IDOX acquires TFPL

to boost consultancy expertise

i-documentsystems (IDOX) announced the acquisition of TFPL which has a long established history in the provision of consultancy, people and skills to both the private and public sector.

TFPL supplements the company's software and information services and delivers a unique blend of knowledge and information management expertise across both the public and private sectors. TFPL provides the group with a consulting and resource capability to push further into project and consultancy work with

the additional benefit of offering significantly enhanced services to each organisation's client base.

Innovative now in forty countries

Innovative Interfaces organisation's international reach has grown to forty countries around the world. Innovative achieved this landmark when the University of Namibia selected Millennium as its integrated library system.

Today, nearly 300 Innovative systems are at work in Africa, Asia, Australia, Europe, North and South America.

Elsevier opens an office in Beijing

Elsevier's decision to open an office in Beijing is the result of a number of new initiatives within mainland China, coupled with the continued and growing demand from the Chinese research communities for access to Elsevier's 1800 journals, book titles and portfolio of electronic products. The Beijing office will house marketing and customer service staff from Reed Elsevier's scientific and technical, health sciences and legal and business divisions.

Elsevier Publishers announces partnership with Tsinghua University

Elsevier Publishers and Tsinghua University are proud to announce a new publishing partnership that will help encourage scientific and technical growth in China and greatly improve the ways in which Chinese scientific and engineering advances are disseminated and communicated to the international research communities.

In this groundbreaking new partnership, Elsevier will hand first editorial responsibility for assessing Chinese submissions to the Tsinghua University board members prior to the full international review process.

Endeavor releases

ENCompass Outbound XML Search API

Endeavor Information Systems announced the availability of the ENCompass Outbound XML Search API, an application programming interface (API) to provide a mechanism for institutions and vendors to build their own XML gateways to the ENCompass system for managing, searching and linking collections.

ENCompass provides complete access to library-qualified information, plus the resources of a networked world in a single search.

Thomson ISI releases BIOSIS Previews 3.0

Thomson ISI announced the release of BIOSIS Previews version 3.0. Adding more relevant content and improving consistency, the most significant enhancements to the latest product upgrade include the inclusion of more than nine million CAS Registry Numbers (the international resource for chemical substance identifiers) entries to the 1969–1992 data segment, and the addition of more than 6300 sequence data accession numbers.

Available via ISI Web of Knowledge, BIOSIS Previews also includes powerful searching and linking capabilities. For more information, visit <http://www.thomsonisi.com/products/specialcontent/biosis/>.

Thomson delivers patent information faster

Thomson Derwent announced faster access to patent information via Derwent World Patents (DWPI) and DWPI First View — designed to deliver comprehensive and value-added patent information to customers as quickly as possible.

Currently containing approximately 13 million unique patent family records and with more than 1.5 million added each year from forty patent-issuing authorities, DWPI is the Thomson Derwent flagship information solution. In response to customers' need for this invaluable patent information faster, the timeliness of the full value-add content for major authorities within DWPI has now been greatly improved over previous years.

Blackwell agreement to provide access to peer-reviewed journals across Canada

Blackwell Publishing has signed an agreement with the four regional academic library consortia in Canada. This will enable subscribing higher education institutions across Canada to gain online access to the 670 peer-reviewed journals from Blackwell at a special rate.

Already twenty-six universities from across Canada have taken advantage of the offer for 2004. This compares to eight Canadian universities who had access to the Blackwell Publishing Collection prior to the signing of the four consortia agreement.

Swets enrol industry experts

Swets Information Services has founded two new industry advisory boards to assist in their e-journal management drive. Prominent members of the library and publisher communities have agreed to serve on the newly formed International Customer Advisory Board (ICAB) and International Publisher Advisory Board (IPAB). The boards will advise Swets' senior management on how to continue adding value in the information management chain.

The ICAB will represent the customer viewpoint on Swets' future service and product development. The IPAB will also work closely with Swets in its e-journal management drive from forming and testing concepts to giving structured feedback on new products and partnering with opinion leaders in developing new solutions.

Croner/CILIP partnership to benefit members

Croner has partnered with CILIP to provide its members with the latest health and safety and chemical hazards legislation and guidance. Selected data from Croner's *SilverPlatter* range of health and safety database products will provide CILIP members with essential regulatory chemical data and updates from key occupational safety and health sources.

Under the agreement, Croner will provide CILIP members with substantially discounted access to all SilverPlatter H&S databases. Special prices will apply to any order received between 28 April–30 September. ■



expert in Virtual topics. Melbourne 16–17/8; Sydney 19–20/8; Perth 30–31/8. Contact: PiCS Pty Ltd, ph 03 9835 8900, pics@bigpond.com <http://www.pics.com.au/>

• **November ALIA Vic. Christmas Party.** Join the ALIA Vic committee to celebrate the holiday season... Dates and further details tba... Contact: Trevor Wakely, ph 03 9669 8137, aliavicom@lists.alia.org.au

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30–31/8 PiCS: Managing virtual teams. *How to make working remotely a success.* Presented by Dr John Gunndry International expert in Virtual topics. Melbourne 16–17/8; Sydney 19–20/8; Perth 30–31/8. Contact: PiCS Pty Ltd, ph 03 9835 8900, pics@bigpond.com <http://www.pics.com.au/>

National

• **3/9 National Simultaneous Storytime 2004** *taking place during Literacy and Numeracy Week at 11:00am AEST.* Online registration available at <http://alia.org.au/advocacy/storytime/2004/register.html>

29/9–1/10 Australian Law Librarians' Group (ALLG) Symposium. *Capitalising on the Law.* University House, Australian National University, Canberra. Contact: Amanda Magnussen, ph 02 6283 2301, amanda.magnussen@ipaustalia.gov.au

9–11/11 International Conference on Archiving Web Resources. National Library of Australia, Canberra. Contact: Margaret Phillips, ph 02 6262 1140, mphillips@nla.gov.au. Registration forms available from: <http://www.nla.gov.au/webarchiving/>. *Sponsored by ALIA.*

10–13/4/2005 XIX ASLA Biennial National Conference. *Meeting the challenge.* National Convention Centre, Canberra. Contact: Conference Solutions, ph 02 6285 3000, asla@con-sol.com, <http://www.aslacanberra.org.au/>

Conference

• **21–24/9 ALIA 2004 Biennial Conference.** *Challenging ideas.* Gold Coast Convention & Exhibition Centre, Queensland. Contact: Conference secretariat, alia2003@alia.org.au, <http://conferences.alia.org.au/alia2004/>

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