

ing them. Melbourne 10/11; Canberra 17/11; NT 24/11. Contact: Alan Moor, ph 03 9835 8900, pics@bigpond.com, <http://www.pics.com.au/>

• **17/11 ALIA Top End.** *General meeting.* All library workers welcome. Great opportunity for networking, mentoring, and professional development. Different venues each month. Contact: Robin Hempel, convenor, ph 08 8999 6376, robin.hempel@nt.gov.au

QLD

• **3/11 Qld OPAL.** *General meeting* Resource Options, Unit 6, 6 Qualtrough St Woolloongabba, 7:30–9:00am. Hosted by Kerri Nixon. Contact: Kerri Nixon, ph 07 3391 3499, info@resource-options.com.au

• **9/11 Qld OPAL.** *End of the year get-together.* Skyline Restaurant, Southbank-Cotha, 6:00pm. The price is fixed @ \$23 for a three-course meal. Contact: Denise Cadman, ph 07 3840 0446, dcadman@bne.catholic.edu.au

• **21/11 ALIA Qld Library Technicians Group.** *Pre-christmas breakfast.* Watt Modern Dining, The Powerhouse, 119 Lamington Street, New Farm, 8:15–11:30am. Cost: \$10–\$25, champagne and/or orange juice extra, cash only, no cards. (See Watt website for directions and menu). *RSVP by 10/11 to:* A Johnson, ph 07 3864 4639, a.johnson@qut.edu.au

• **23/11 ALIA Quorum.** *General meeting.* Venue tba, 5:00pm for 5:30pm. Watch the ALIAQLD e-list for more information closer to the date. Contact: Joy Goldsmith, ph 0410 723 975, joy_goldsmith@hotmail.com

SA

• **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, CityWest Campus, University of South Australia, 5:30pm for 5:45pm. ALIA SA meets on the fourth Tuesday of every month, ali members welcome. Contact: Fairlie Sampson, ph 08 8240 0300, library@tauondi.sa.edu.au

• **25/11 ALIA Special Libraries SA.** *Round up: finish the year a month before christmas with a tour of the Migration Museum,* a talk from the museum librarian [an ALIA CPD informal learning activity] and dinner at the MBC bar and restaurant. Cost: \$5 for library tour, pay for your dinner. *RSVP to:* Silvia Muscardin, muscardin@internode.on.net

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Product news...

Online diploma

Now available from Capra Ryan is the new diploma from the revised Training Package. The course offers up-to-the-minute units including ICTs, Manage a Project and Small Group Training. Students can enrol in the full Diploma Course or single units for credit for professional development from January 2005. Capra Ryan Online is a registered online training organisation delivering training to the library and education sectors. Enquiries to enquiries@caprarilyan.com.au.

National Library selects OCLC PICA to underpin Kinetica

The National Library of Australia has announced the selection of OCLC PICA's Central Library System (CBS) software as the product to support the bibliographic system which underpins Kinetica.

The software will be implemented over the next year and will be operational from December 2005. CBS is an automated library system designed by OCLC PICA, based in The Netherlands.

Spydus 8 gives libraries full workflow functionality in a web-based environment

Civica has announced the most significant upgrade of its Spydus library management software for half a decade. Spydus 8 completes the product's evolutionary path from a text-based application to a graphical web-enabled solution, driven by a choice of two industry standard relational databases — Microsoft's SQL Server or IBM's DB2.

The next generation software will be rolled out to more than 250 Spydus public, special and academic library customers around the world, including over 100 Australian sites.

ProQuest adds key selections from EIU ViewsWire to ABI/INFORM

ProQuest Information and Learning announces the addition of key selections from EIU ViewsWire to the ABI/INFORM suite of business databases for library customers around the world. The prestigious service, published by the London-based Economist Intelligence Unit, provides concise analytical briefings to support decision-making for businesses.

The content is available at no additional cost to ABI/INFORM Complete and ABI/INFORM Global subscribers. Libraries may receive more information by e-mailing marketing@proquest.co.uk.

Dialog offers streaming real-time news

Dialog has announced that it is now offering streaming live news to subscribers of its Dialog NewsEdge service, a web-based personalised news monitoring and current awareness platform. Users can now monitor breaking news stories throughout the day without disrupting their workflow. The new feature is offered without additional charge to Dialog NewsEdge subscribers.

Endeavor Information Systems celebrates ten years in business

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years in business while looking forward to a future bright with opportunity, developments and exciting ideas for the evolution of library software.

Incorporated 1994, Endeavor Information Systems was founded as a start-up software firm with the goal of creating technology systems for academic, special and research libraries. Purchased by Elsevier in 2000, Endeavor continues to provide worldwide service and support through their headquarters in the United States, and regional offices in Australia, Brazil, the Netherlands, Singapore and the United Kingdom.

Academic libraries find success with ENCompass

Endeavor Information Systems announced the success of the package options of the ENCompass for Resource Access system for providing instant access to e-resources and expanded search capabilities. The ENCompass for Resource Access package options tailor federated search services for libraries that have specific electronic resource collections and end-user service needs.

With Basic, Enhanced and Premium ENCompass for Resource Access packages, Endeavor provides federated search and retrieval services of the library's electronic resources and licensed databases at levels that best suit the needs of the library. The ENCompass Package options help libraries select the database connections most appropriate for their local needs and resources.

Gale publishes new online database

Thomson Gale, has published a new electronic database, the *Science Resource Center*.

Science Resource Center (Sci RC) is the premier science research database combining Thomson Gale's authoritative reference content with periodical content, multimedia, and vetted web links. This online resource is intended primarily for high school and TAFE students as well as public library patrons.

For more information on *Science Resource Center*, please visit the Gale website at: <http://www.gale.com> or e-mail: gale@thomsonlearning.com.au.

Thomson meets 30-day turnaround for DVAP Information

The Thomson Corporation announced that in response to customers' need for invaluable patent information faster it has achieved its target to deliver value-added records for all patents from key patenting authorities to Derwent World Patents Index (DWPI) within an average of thirty days of the date the patent is published.

The thirty day figure is an average based on the turnaround time of all the documents from these authorities within each update of DWPI. In many cases, the time from publication of the original document to inclusion within DWPI is much less.

Currently, DWPI contains approximately 13 million unique patent family records, with more than 1.5 million added each year from

40 patent-issuing authorities. For more information, visit <http://www.thomsonderwent.com/dwpi/>.

Factiva and LexisNexis sign exclusive agreement to provide business news and information to global legal market

Factiva and LexisNexis Group announced that LexisNexis will provide Factiva's world-class global content collection to legal professionals at law firms worldwide.

Beginning on 1 March 2005, LexisNexis will provide Factiva content on an exclusive basis to law firms including those in the United States, Canada, the UK, France, Germany, Australia, New Zealand, Japan and Singapore, as well as courts; state and local governments; and law, tax and accounting schools in the United States and Canada.

The agreement provides legal practitioners around the globe with integrated access to a full-spectrum legal research system together with an enhanced premier business news service.

EBSCO A-to-Z launches

EBSCO A-to-Z with MARC updates

EBSCO A-to-Z with MARC updates (A-to-Z with MARC) is a valuable add-on to EBSCO A-to-Z. This comprehensive service provides a customisable file in MARC 21 format representing the library's e-resource holdings, title URLs and online coverage information. It supplies quality bibliographic records from CONSER and monthly updates to facilitate online catalogue maintenance. A holdings change report is now included for A-to-Z with MARC customers. Using the information, which is delivered as a Microsoft Excel file, customers can quickly see changes made to their A-to-Z account.

New features allow for more customisation for a library's site

EBSCO A-to-Z now includes greater customisation options through the new customer-controlled notes and icons feature and provides more flexibility through enhanced proxy server settings.

The notes and icons feature allows the administrator to completely customise notes for each library and to control where the notes display. Examples of local information to include as notes are indication of the physical location of print holdings within the library, access restrictions such as on-campus use only, indication that a resource is new to the list or notification that a particular resource is unavailable.

Eight new publishers sign up for SwetsWise Online Content

Swets Information Services has recently succeeded in signing eight new publishers, The Academy of Traumatology; The American School for Classical Studies at Athens; Austrian Academy of Sciences Press; BC Decker; IAHS Press; Medknow Publications; Palgrave Macmillan; and Pharmacotherapy Publications, Inc, to SwetsWise Online Content.

SwetsWise is the web-based, modular service for the procurement, access and management of subscriptions and online information. SwetsWise now carries a total of 8485 full text e-journals from 319 publishers, with more than 90 per cent

of the top STM publishers participating.

More information about SwetsWise Online Content and SwetsWise Subscriptions can be found at <http://www.swetswise.com>.

Swets launches SwetsWise Linker

Swets Information Services has launched SwetsWise Linker as part of its far-reaching e-journals management drive. SwetsWise Linker is an OpenURL link resolver providing users with a cohesive search environment for over 9000 e-journals and 500 e-journal aggregators and secondary databases.

SwetsWise Linker enables libraries to integrate all of their electronic holdings resources in one intuitive and customisable interface, providing seamless linking from one article's bibliographic information to another's full text. SwetsWise Linker is based on Openly Informatics' proven CATE technology (Click Access to Everything), and dramatically reduces the number of steps needed to move from one resource to another.

Nature launches research journals' archives

Nature Publishing Group has launched online the Nature research journals archive collection. The collection provides online access to every issue of *Nature Biotechnology* (formerly *Bio/Technology*), *Nature Genetics*, *Nature Medicine*, and *Nature Structural & Molecular Biology* (formerly *Nature Structural Biology*) published from volume 1 issue 1 to April 1998, previously only available in print archives.

The collection contains more than 11 000 articles from across the four journals. Articles are published in PDF format with HTML versions of abstracts and reference lists, and include links to the full abstracting services of CrossRef, Medline, CAS, and ISI, including the ISI Web of Science.

EMBO and NPG announce a new online publication

Nature Publishing Group (NPG), in partnership with the European Molecular Biology Organization (EMBO) have announced the launch of a new international publication *Molecular Systems Biology*.

Molecular Systems Biology is the first journal to be dedicated solely to the emerging field of systems biology at the molecular level. The journal will be available as a novel peer-reviewed online-only publication in Spring 2005, with an 'author-pays open access' pricing model.

Content Focus on: The New Paper

The New Paper, a daily afternoon tabloid newspaper published by Singapore Press Holdings and aimed at the younger reader, average age 30, is now available for the first time on Factiva.com.

The New Paper will be of particular interest to all companies doing business in Asia, large retailers, issue management experts and public relations consultants.

Factiva's coverage of Asia includes all daily newspapers from major cities in full text, the *Asian Wall Street Journal*, *Far Eastern Economic Review*, Reuters and Dow Jones news wires, plus detailed local domestic coverage from national news agencies.



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VIC

• **13/11 ALIA Schools Victoria.** General meeting. Santa Maria College Library, 50 Separation Street, Northcote, entry from Wardrop Grove from 9:30am. Contact: Anne Girolami, anneg@marcellin.vic.edu.au

• **24/11 PiCS Pty Ltd.** Information risk management. This workshop gives a theoretical and practical overview of the critical risks in managing corporate information and the tools to assist in minimising them. Melbourne: 10/11, Canberra: 17/11, NT: 24/11. Contact: Alan Moor, ph 03 9835 8900, pics@bigpond.com, <http://www.pics.com.au/>

• **25/11 ALIA Vic/ALIA Specials.** Christmas party: join in the festivities at the Athenaeum Library, 5:30pm for 6:00pm, lots of food, drink and fun! Cost: \$22 ALIA members, \$30 non-members [GST incl]. *RSVP to:* Ian McGregor, ph 03 9905 2668, ian.mcgregor@lib.monash.edu.au

• **2/12 Vic Library Technicians'.** End of year celebrations: join us for dinner at The Pub at Crown located on Level 1 at the West end of the Casino. We will be meeting at 6:30pm. Members and non-members are welcome. *RSVP to:* Libby Brackenridge, ph 03 9244 3894, eab@deakin.edu.au

• **26/2/2005 Vic Library Technicians'.** Mornington Branch library visit, meet us at 10:30am for a tour of the newly built Mornington Branch Library. We will also hear about the planning and building processes. Lunch at delegates' own expense will follow the visit, everyone is welcome. *RSVP to:* Linda Nottley, ph 03 8664 7212, lnottley@slv.vic.gov.au

WA

• **1/12 ALIAWest.** End of year breakfast: The ALIAWest Special Librarian of Year Award will be presented at this function. All information professionals in WA are invited to attend. Contact: Jane Edinger, ph 08 9263 5610, search@iinet.net.au

National

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

• **31/1/2005 Australian Committee on Cataloguing.** Seminar *What's in a Name?: the role of authorities in the 21st century.* Dockside Convention Centre, Cockle Bay Wharf, Darling Park, Sydney. Registrations close 24/1/2005. Costs: \$155 ALIA members/students, \$195

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