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NT

• **24/5 Top End.** *Come and celebrate National Library Technicians' day* at the Darwin Sailing Club from 6:00pm. Contact: Dianne Wilcox, ph 08 8988 1200, diwilcox@austarnet.com.au

• **25/5 Top End.** *Tour, meeting and dinner.* NT Police, Fire and Emergency Services Library, Peter McAulay Centre, Berrimah. Tour: 5:00–6:00pm, meeting: 6:00–7:00pm. Come and join us for dinner and celebrate Library and Information Week. Venue tba. Contact: Jayshree Mamtara, ph 08 8946 7881, jayshree.mamtara@cdu.edu.au

• **22/6 Top End.** *General meeting and tour.* Peter Spillet Library, Museums and Art Galleries of NT, 5:00pm tour. 6:00pm meeting at Darwin Sailing Club. Contact: Jayshree Mamtara, ph 08 8946 7881, jayshree.mamtara@cdu.edu.au

• **27/7 Top End.** *Garden party,* venue tbc, 5:00pm. Contact: Jayshree Mamtara, ph 08 8946 7881, jayshree.mamtara@cdu.edu.au

QLD

7/5 Queensland Parliamentary Library. *Open Day: a unique opportunity to visit the heritage 19th century O'Donovan Library in Parliament House, George Street, 10:00am–4:00pm.* Contact: Judith Barker, ph 07 3406 7920, judith.barker@parliament.qld.gov.au

• **23/5 ALIA Quorum.** *Trivia night and Queensland Library Achiever of the Year Award.* Start preparing your team for the trivia night. The Library Achiever of the Year Award winner will also be announced at this event. Further details will be published on the ALIA QLD e-list closer to the date. Contact: Joy Goldsmith, ph 0410 723 975, joy_goldsmith@hotmail.com

• **24/5 ALIA Qld Library Technicians.** *Annual dinner and Recent Graduate Award.* Skyline Restaurant, Southbank TAFE, Cnr Merivale and Tribune Sts, South Brisbane, 6:00pm to 9:00pm. Please forward cheque/money order (payable to ALIA) to Jennifer Parker, 15 Alenola St, Chapel Hill 4069. Call for credit card payments. Full rates: \$35.00 ALIA members, \$40.00 non-members [GST incl]. Contact: Jennifer Parker (7:00–9:00pm), ph 07 3378 5211, jennifer.c.parker@det.qld.gov.au

• **26/5 ALIA Quorum.** *You are invited to attend the Rockhampton Library Information Week Celebrations.* CPD workshop in the afternoon, and wine and cheese event at night. ALIA president-elect Gillian Hallam and Quorum convenor Sue Hutley will be in Rocky as guest speakers. Contact: Kate Watson, ph 07 4930 6829, k.watson@cqu.edu.au

• **1/6 Qld OPAL.** *General meeting.* Robyn Sanders, Qld Corrective Services. Venue/time: tba. Contact: Robyn Sanders, ph 07 3406 6429, tdc.library@dcs.qld.gov.au

• **8/6 Children and Youth Services Qld.** *Powering our partnerships: learning through libraries.* A professional development opportunity presented by: CYS-ALIA (Libraries for Lifelong Learning Group) and SLAQ (Brisbane Sub-Committee). Brisbane School of Distance Education, 200 Montague Road, West End. Cost \$22.00. Contact: Liz Blumson, ph 07 3365 6064, lblumson@worldoptions.com.au

• **11/6 ALIA Quorum.** *CPD workshop* for current and prospective members of the ALIA CPD scheme. Further details will be published on the ALIA QLD

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Product news...

DialogLink 5 now available

DialogLink 5 is now available for free downloading. The new DialogLink 5 software package, designed to help enhance the role of information professionals in their organisations, has a new, more intuitive interface and additional tools to streamline the process of finding, retrieving and distributing information found through the Dialog online service.

DialogLink 5 features report-building tools and linking capabilities that provide a faster and more efficient means of integrating retrieved information into management reports, company publications and internal information-sharing systems, such as company intranets and portals.

Scirus indexes reach 13 million

Elsevier has announced that its free science-specific search engine, Scirus, has now indexed 13 million patents. By making patents available through its index, Scirus has expanded its service to include new and valuable information sources.

Scirus includes the ability to search the index by title, abstract, author, date and affiliation. Users who require more in-depth patent searches are directed to specialised patent search tools offered through LexisNexis.

Elsevier on 'Hottest Journals of Millennium' list

Following a six-year tracking period, twelve Elsevier journals, covering subject areas ranging from physics to microbiology, made it onto a series of 'Top 10' lists included in a report entitled 'Hottest Journals of the Millennium (so far)', compiled by Thomson Scientific.

The findings were published in *Science Watch* and included 'Top 10' journals lists in 11 different subject areas. Each journal listing was ranked by the number of citations per paper appearing in that journal. Elsevier's science and technology journals, particularly those related to life sciences showed strong performances.

ProQuest adds more than 500 business books from Safari

ProQuest Information and Learning now distributes Safari Business Books Online, a grow-

ing electronic reference library of more than 500 titles, to the academic and corporate library markets.

Safari Business Books Online covers a wide range of critical business skills ranging from communication and problem-solving to leadership, customer service and employee performance. The e-reference business books deliver instant, reliable answers to important topical business questions and research needs.

ProQuest licenses 66 key medical journals

ProQuest Information and Learning announced the addition of 66 significant journal titles from publishers Hodder Arnold Journals, Springer Science+Business Media, and Mary Ann Liebert, Inc. The new agreements will greatly expand ProQuest electronic offerings in medical and science research databases.

ProQuest acquires ExploreLearning

ProQuest Information and Learning has acquired ExploreLearning, producers of the world's largest online simulation library for maths and science education. With an objective of helping learners make sense of complex scientific and mathematical principles, ExploreLearning offers modular, interactive maths and science simulations (manipulatives) for teachers and students in grades 6–12. Its growing base of support materials provides a powerful enhancement to the way teachers teach and students learn.

Customers can continue to access products at <http://www.explorelearning.com>. Free 30-day trials are available to educators.

Maxus Australia appointed as sole distributor of MultiTes

Maxus Australia is pleased to announce its appointment as sole distributor in Australia and New Zealand of the MultiTes thesaurus management software produced by Multisystems of Florida, USA. MultiTes 2005 Pro was released early in 2005 with a new visual interface, 32-bit application architecture and a number of enhancements. MultiTes 2005 Pro enables thesaurus builders to increase their productivity, and makes thesaurus construction easier than ever. Networking and web options expand the potential for development and use of thesauri

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ISI Web of Knowledge expands to include HighWire free archive

Thomson Scientific has announced that ISI Web of Knowledge now offers links to the HighWire Press free archive. HighWire Press hosts the world's largest repository of free full-text life science articles.

Once all links are in place, users will be able to link directly from any content area within ISI Web of Knowledge to the full text of more than 800 000 HighWire Press articles, which include many of the most cited journals in science.

New online file history lookup tool up to 85 per cent quicker

Thomson Scientific announced that MicroPatent launched its new, online file history inventory lookup tool. This online link scans MicroPatent's in-house file repository for the requested document numbers and reports whether or not they are in stock, so customers can easily estimate the time it will take to process their order.

MicroPatent has an in-house inventory of more than 100 000 records, and it's growing daily. File histories available from this repository are processed 50–85 per cent more quickly than orders outside this collection.

CILIP Consultancy Services rebranded

CILIP Consultancy Services has re-branded as CCS. The brand reflects the new range of benefits offered by CCS to its clients.

CCS's new services take into account major changes to the regulatory and legislative environment and the rapid development of new electronic information products and services which have substantially changed the way in which organisations manage and use their information resources. For instance, the Freedom of Information Act and the Children's Act have caused many organisations to review their records management policies and information handling processes.

CILIP's Information Centre is now a Wi-Fi hotspot

Members of CILIP can now use their own laptops for broadband access to the internet, when they visit the Information Centre at the Institute's

London offices. This follows the installation of a wireless broadband internet connection, or Wi-Fi hotspot, in the Centre.

ICA selects Blackwell

The International Communication Association (ICA) and publisher Blackwell Publishing have joined forces to publish the leading journals in communication. The publishing partnership will commence in 2006 and includes the ICA's flagship publication, the *Journal of Communication*, the top-ranked *Human Communication Research*, *Communication Theory*, and *Journal of Computer Mediated Communication*. The titles will continue to publish with Oxford University Press until the end of 2005.

Close to 3500 members belong to the ICA whose main interest is the study of all aspects of communication. Member scholars are dedicated to promoting research and bringing the results of that research to bear on problems and issues of society.

Log on and learn with Film Australia

One of the nation's largest producers of television documentaries and educational programs, Film Australia, takes a new direction with the launch of learning@filmaustralia — a dynamic online educational resource.

Five websites under the learning@filmaustralia portal cover subjects ranging from body image to railways and from life in the workforce to the media. Visit <http://www.filmaust.com.au/learning/> to access each learning site.

Wiley forms book publishing partnership with AIChE

John Wiley & Sons, Inc. and the American Institute of Chemical Engineers (AIChE) have announced that they have signed a multi-year agreement to jointly publish books in chemical engineering and industrial chemistry under a new, co-branded imprint, effective April 2005.

Under the agreement, Wiley and AIChE will co-publish 10–15 books a year in the broad field of chemical engineering, including books in process safety and emerging technological areas like biological engineering and sustainability. Wiley will oversee the publishing services for these books including production, marketing, and distribution worldwide. AIChE will retain editorial control of the titles. ■



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e-list closer to the date. Contact: Joy Goldsmith, ph 0410 723 975, joy_goldsmith@hotmail.com

• **14/6 QLD Library Technicians. AGM.** Guest speaker and venue: tba, 5:30pm for 6:00pm. Contact: Jennifer Parker, ph 07 3244 6076, jennifer.c.parker@det.qld.gov.au

• **21/6 ALIA Quorum.** Meeting to review the events held in April, May and June, and plan the events for the remainder of the year. Further details will be published on the ALIA QLD e-list closer to the date. Contact: Joy Goldsmith, ph 0410 723 975, joy_goldsmith@hotmail.com

• **14/7 ALIA Quorum. NER*D — HERDSA 2005.** Conference participants will talk about the key themes and ideas from the conference. Further details will be published on the ALIA QLD e-list closer to the date. Contact: Joy Goldsmith, ph 0410 723 975, joy_goldsmith@hotmail.com

• **24/7 CQ New Graduates Group. Picnic at the Botanical Gardens.** Join the CQ New Graduates Group in Rockhampton for a picnic and meet and greet at the majestic Botanical Gardens. RSVP to: Kate Watson, ph 07 4930 6829, k.watson@cqu.edu.au

• **26/7 Qld OPAL. General meeting.** Jill Rogers, ANTA. Venue/time: tba. Contact: Jill Rogers, ph 07 3246 2314, rogersj@anta.gov.au

• **1/9 ALIA Quorum. NER*D — International Conferences 2005.** Participants of the IFLA, ALA and Engaging Communities conferences will talk about the key themes and ideas from the conference. Further details will be published on the ALIA QLD e-list closer to the date. Contact: Joy Goldsmith, ph 0410 723 975, joy_goldsmith@hotmail.com

SA

• **27/5 ALIA SA. Quiz night.** calling all SA libraries and librarians to celebrate Library Week with trivia, fun and prizes. Start preparing your team now! (Max 8 per table). Contact: Kate Sinclair, ph 08 8201 2577, kate.sinclair@finders.edu.au

8/9 Australian Copyright Council. 3 sessions: Introduction to copyright \$70; Libraries: text and images \$100; Libraries: internet and digital licensing \$100. Presented by experienced ACC lawyers; meet the people you speak to on our hotline! Contact: Customer service, ph 02 9699 3247, info@copyright.org.au, <http://www.copyright.org.au>

9/9 Australian Copyright Council. 2 sessions: Governments: using copyright material \$100; Managing government-owned copyright \$80. For people working in organisations that are part of State, Territory or Commonwealth Governments. Contact: Customer service, ph 02 9669 3247, info@copyright.org.au, <http://www.copyright.org.au/training/>

VIC

• **27/5 Vic Library Technicians. Discotechs - west coast library tours:** a full-day event looking behind the scenes at a variety of libraries. We will see community partnerships at work, and tech services. Cost [GST incl]: \$27.50 ALIA members, \$38.50 non-members. Contact: Patricia Murray, ph 03 9925 2063, patricia.murray@rmit.edu.au

• **28/5 Vic Specials Libraries. Maximising literature:** includes reading programs, literature circles, maximising the guest author and an early look at Book Week 'Books Rock'. Santa Maria College. Contact: Robyn Griffiths, ph 03 9262 7799.

• **1–13/8 Vic Specials Libraries. Online conference.** Topic: tbc. Contact: Robyn Griffiths, ph 03 9262 7799.

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