

The *neXt* big event is almost here...

With only one month to go until the neXt major event on the ALIA conference calendar — *neXt 2005*: ALIA National Library and Information Technicians Conference — it's still not too late to register. Go to <http://conferences.alia.org.au/libtec2005/> where you can register online, access full program details and find out about satellite and social events.

This conference promises to be dynamic and engaging with over 50 speakers from Australia and overseas. Satellite events prior to the conference include tours to 40 libraries, CAVAL workshops and our first-timer presenters workshop where new presenters will have an opportunity to learn how to manage their nerves, present confidently and respond to questions.

Our keynote speakers offer a glimpse of the global, work and individual issues relevant to all who work in the library and information sector:

- Dr Alex Byrne, president-elect of IFLA (2005–2007), will highlight the social responsibilities of libraries, including global responses to the tsunami disaster, and IFLA's role in the continuing debate on providing free access to information and freedom of expression
- Lothar Retzlaff, 2003 Dunn & Wilson Scholarship recipient, will consider the role that e-commerce holds for library promotion and how library technicians can market themselves and their library's services online
- Carolyn Cherrett will explore the concept of jobs and careers, and will provide delegates with the opportunity to challenge their perceptions and beliefs about their own careers.

The trade exhibition continues to expand and delegates will be able to hear from a broad array of exhibitors as to how their

services and products can improve the way in which library staff work.

Looking for fun? Share a drink and a story at the *neXt 2005* cocktail party... and say farewell to old and new friends at the *neXt* farewell drinks. Cocktail and farewell drinks are included in all full registrations and extra tickets are available for purchase.

Tickets for the conference dinner can be purchased until the week before the conference commences. Contact aleks@conferenceaction.com.au... this is a must for all delegates.

First time at a conference? Join our informal dinner for first-timers, hosted by conference committee members. Contact aleks@conferenceaction.com.au if you are interested.

The conference committee eagerly awaits your company at *neXt 2005*, 6–9 September, Darling Harbour, Sydney.

Meredith Martinelli, convenor, neXt 2005




Register now!

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