

VALA2006: CONNECTING WITH USERS



VALA2006 is *the* strategic conference for information professionals involved in technology in libraries and the information management sector. It will be held from 8–10 February 2006 at Crown Towers in Melbourne, VALA2006 will be VALA's 13th Biennial Conference and Exhibition. Twenty-five years after the first conference, in 1981, this promises to be one of the best VALA Conferences ever.

The objective of this conference is to support library and information organisations as they drive innovation and growth through the use of technology to meet the needs of their users. The 2006 VALA Conference will help delegates to make informed technology decisions by providing analysis and experience on virtually all aspects of technology in library and information management services.

The conference theme *Connecting with users* reflects one of our key challenges in the field of library and information technology. The keynote speakers, drawn from India, Germany, UK and the USA, were chosen for their expertise and work with major projects of significant interest and their understanding of current key issues.

VALA is delighted to welcome our six excellent keynote speakers. From the USA, we have Vinod Chachra from VTL Inc, Daniel Clancy from the Google Print project, and Sandy Payette from Cornell University and the Fedora Project. From India there is Narayanaswamy Balakrishnan from the Indian Institute of Science; from the UK, Willard McCarty from King's College London; and from Germany we will hear Britta Woldering, who is from the German National Library.

Complementing an impressive range of local and international speakers reporting on innovative projects and topics of current importance, our keynote speakers will ensure that the conference provides a broad vision of emerging developments in libraries on both the local and world stage. More information about the speakers and the program is available at <http://www.vala.org.au/conf2006.htm>, where delegates can register online.

Attending VALA2006 will give delegates live access to insights developed within the industry, as well as a unique opportunity to see demonstrations of all the latest technology products and solutions in the state-of-the-art Trade Exhibition (which is already nearly sold out). Our extensive social events and conference dinner/dance in the Crown Towers venue will allow the opportunity to catch up with colleagues and exhibitors in a relaxed atmosphere.

Armed with the knowledge provided by attending the conference and exhibition, VALA delegates can make better, and more confident, technology decisions that will enhance the performance and efficiency of their information services in truly *Connecting with users*.

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