

Professor Nick Moore will relay the results of a recent UNESCO review of the national information and communication policies in the Asia Region... and will assess the implications for Australia. Cliftons, Brisbane, 1:30-4:30pm. Costs [GST incl]: \$227.04 ALIA members, \$283.80 non-members. PD points: 3. Contact: Eve Cornish, ph 03 9459 2722, training@caval.edu.au, http://training.caval.edu.au/pdt/show_course.php?CID=173

• **9/3 QLD OPALS.** *General meeting.* Drug Arm Resource Centre, 24 Hamilton Place, Bowen Hills, 4:30-5:30pm. Host and contact person: Jill Griffin, ph 07 3620 8820, jiliang@drugarm.com.au

• **12/4 QLD OPALS.** *General meeting.* Queensland Studies Authority (QSA), 295 Ann Street, City, 12:30-2:00pm. Hosts: Kay Phillips/Gail Walker. Contact: Kay Phillips, ph 07 3864 0233, library@qsa.qld.edu.au

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• **7/6 QLD OPALS.** *General meeting.* Department of Corrective Services, Wacol, 8:30-10:00am. Host and contact person: Robyn Sanders, ph 07 3406 6429, tdc.library@dcs.qld.gov.au

• **1/8 QLD OPALS.** *General meeting.* Resource Options, Unit 6/6 Quattrough Street, Woolloongabba, 7:30-8:30am. Host and contact person: Jenny Hale, ph 07 3391 3499, info@resource-options.com.au

SA

• **7/3 Special Libraries (SA).** *Committee meeting.* Cafe Amore, corner Pulteney and Pirie Street, Adelaide, 6:00pm. All members welcome to attend. Contact: Hayley Gamble, ph 08 8204 1305, hayley.gamble@sawater.com.au

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• **21/3 NARG.** *TAFE City Campus visit.* Join us on a tour of the Library/Flexible Learning Centre at TAFE's City Campus at 6:00pm. A short meeting and refreshments will follow. Gold coin donation would be appreciated to help cover costs. RSVP by 20/3 to: Karen Waldon-Manning, ph 03 6344 2277, family_manning@yahoo.com.au

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Product news...

MPS Technologies and Swets embark on an innovative partnership

It has been announced that MPS Technologies has appointed Swets as the first Global Channel Partner for ScholarlyStats. ScholarlyStats is the new service from MPS Technologies for libraries that has been designed to alleviate the struggle of managing and evaluating usage statistics from multiple sources. Swets will serve as a distributor of this service. As part of this appointment, SwetsWise usage statistics are now included in the ScholarlyStats service. Further integration between the two services is also being explored.

As a Global Channel Partner, Swets will enable libraries worldwide to obtain ScholarlyStats through their trusted library supplier.

Further information can be obtained by visiting <http://www.scholarlystats.com> and <http://www.swets.com>.

Factiva Search 2.0 revolutionises Search for Business Information

Factiva has announced the introduction of Factiva Search 2.0. Powered by Factiva Discovery Technologies, a suite of capabilities that leverage text mining technologies, advanced content visualisation and Factiva's patented taxonomy, Factiva Search 2.0 provides a revolutionary user experience so that information workers can quickly find the information they need to support critical business decisions.

Factiva Search 2.0 searches across Factiva's more than 9000 authoritative sources, including *The Wall Street Journal*, Dow Jones and Reuters newswires and more than 3500 of the most influential websites. This next generation of search delivers relevant results that are organised by subjects, companies, industries and associated themes and presented in a graphical format for interactive navigation.

To learn more about Factiva Search 2.0 visit <http://www.factiva.com> and to request additional information contact <http://www.factiva.com/solutions/>.

SirsiDynix Unicorn GL3.1 set for release

SirsiDynix has announced that its newest version of the SirsiDynix Unicorn Library Management System is on schedule for delivery in the Northern

Spring of 2006. Unicorn GL3.1 includes updates to all modules, addresses critical issues such as ISBN 13 support and patron privacy and provides libraries with better resource-sharing capabilities with the new Unicorn Collection Exchange module.

SirsiDynix launches

OneStop self-service station

SirsiDynix has announced the launch of SirsiDynix OneStop self-service station. SirsiDynix partnered with EnvisionWare to develop this full-service solution that gives library users more convenient access to services and saves time for library staff. A first for the library industry, OneStop combines self-checkout, fine payment and print management — all in a single station. OneStop will be available from February 2006.

Market area maps and US Census information now available in SirsiDynix Director's Station

SirsiDynix has announced the immediate availability of a new market area analysis module for SirsiDynix Director's Station. The module allows library managers to make more informed decisions related to collection development by analysing US Census demographic information for the communities and neighborhoods they serve.

For more information, please see <http://www.sirsidyndix.com>.

New federated search will power Softlink libraries worldwide

MuseGlobal Inc (<http://www.museglobal.com>) and Softlink (<http://www.softlinkint.com>) have announced the selection of the MuseSearch solution for implementation as part of its new federated search product. It will be fully integrated within its suite of library technology solutions, including the popular Liberty 3 system used extensively in special, public and corporate libraries, and Oliver, used by school libraries. MuseSearch intelligence will allow Softlink users to take advantage of cross-resource searching with a single sign-on, and each user has the option of customising the interface and range of searching.

When providers update their sources, MuseGlobal ensures that content delivery is maintained and supported, guaranteeing availability 24/7.

Booksellers Association

in new joint venture with BookData

The Booksellers Association (BA) and Nielsen BookData are to jointly publish a new *Directory of Publishers for 2006*. The move comes after several months of fruitful discussion over the future of the BA's *Directory of UK & Irish Book Publishers* and BookData's *Red Book: directory of publishers*. Both the BA and BookData were keen to see an improved product in the marketplace, and negotiations have resulted in a decision to combine the two directories and publish one comprehensive reference tool for the trade. The price for the Directory will include online access, and the development is a key part of moving towards the online provision of information by the BA and BookData.

For more information go to: <http://www.nielsenbookdata.co.uk>.



Elsevier to publish

Journal of Clinical Densitometry

World-leading scientific and medical publisher Elsevier is pleased to announce the formation of a publishing partnership with the International Society for Clinical Densitometry (ISCD), the world's leading organisation in the field covering the assessment of skeletal health.

Under the agreement, Elsevier will assume publication of *Journal of Clinical Densitometry* (JCD), official journal of the ISCD, beginning with the January-March 2006 issue. The Journal will be accessible through Elsevier's institutional subscription service, ScienceDirect <http://www.sciencedirect.com>.

Blackwell Publishing scores a century of Asian journals

Blackwell Publishing welcomes 2006 with a milestone celebration. This will be the year when the world's leading society publisher celebrates the publication of its 100th journal in Asia.

Blackwell Publishing has been working closely with scholarly societies in the Asian region, particularly in Japan, Korea and China. Blackwell Publishing now boasts of a strong and growing list in the Asian region, and will focus on leveraging on its dominant position in Asia to further strengthen its publishing program in the region.

For more information go to: <http://www.blackwellpublishing.com>.

Blackwell's and Bowker to offer a Tables of Contents Catalog Enrichment Service

Blackwell's Book Services (<http://www.blackwell.com>) is pleased to announce a new partnership with Bowker (<http://www.Bowker.com>). Together, Blackwell's and Bowker will offer libraries a Tables of Contents Catalog Enrichment Service — a one stop service to access the largest database available of tables of contents, author notes, and book jacket summaries. Collectively, they will provide a database of 1 million tables of contents, with more than 80 000 new publications being added each year.

Through this partnership, both Blackwell's and Bowker will offer two options for libraries wanting to increase title circulation. One service option, MaRC Enrichment, puts content directly into the library's catalog by enhancing locally hosted MaRC records. The second option, OPAC Enrichment, allows content to be accessed directly from catalog records by placing links within the full record presentation, or by integrating content into displayed records using XML.

TheScientificWorld upgrades its publishing platform

TheScientificWorld Ltd has announced the launch of its new website offering a range of new functionalities aimed at accelerating the dissemination of its peer-reviewed content to scientific and medical researchers worldwide.

In addition to a complete redesign of the website, new functionality has been incorporated allowing users to search for related articles published by TheScientificWorld, PubMed and Google Scholar. Users can now also download TSW references to EndNote, the reference management tool from Thomson ResearchSoft, as well as forward article details to colleagues.

For more information go to: <http://www.thescientificworld.com/>.

EBSCO Publishing launches new support website

In response to customer requests for additional resources regarding support and training, EBSCO Publishing (<http://www.ebsco.com>) is pleased to announce the availability of our completely redesigned customer support website. This new site adds intuitive navigation and builds upon the existing comprehensive collection of resources while also expanding the range of services offered to include even more valuable information.

In an effort to enhance the existing support materials offered, EBSCO now provides an expanded searchable 'Knowledge Base' of helpful 'frequently asked questions'. Downloadable product-specific help sheets, marketing summaries, thematic units and complete user guides are also available.

More libraries, more collections, more speed

The European Library (<http://www.TheEuropeanLibrary.org>) launched version 1.1 recently. First launched as a Beta site in March 2005, the service has used the intervening time to gather feedback and conduct surveys on the live site in order to improve the offering in line with user needs and desires.

There are now 113 searchable collections across 12 libraries, with access to a further 30 as hyperlinks. Early 2006 will see the addition of 3 more national libraries and their collections and by the end of 2006 there will be at least 23 libraries and more than 200 searchable collections online.

For more details on the about The European Library please contact: Jill Cousins, Jill.Cousins@TheEuropeanLibrary.org.



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VIC

• **3/3 Vic Library Technicians** *Hot off the Press*. Focusing on technical services, delegates to this day long event will look at AV materials, following the work of vendors through to end processing for the library shelf. Cost (GST incl): \$35.20 ALIA members, \$49.50 non-members, \$35.20 student/concession. Contact: Kerrie Kelly, ph 03 8664 7155, kkelly@slv.vic.gov.au

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• **6/4 ALIA NGG (VIC)**. *Professional Development evening*. Three guest speakers will talk about various aspects of the PD scheme; how it works, what has to be done, who can participate, what it all means. RMIT Swanston Library, 5.45 for 6:00pm start. RSVP necessary to: Michelle Thomason, ph 03 9345 5108, michelle.thomason@rch.org.au

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• **29/4 Vic Schools**. *VELS*. Covers the role of the teacher librarian, thinking skills, development and application of research and information skills, assignment design. Contact: Kris Johnstone, ph 03 9805 9234, kjohnsto@sac.vic.edu.au

• **5/8 Vic Schools**. *Thinking curriculum*. More details TBA. Contact: Kris Johnstone, ph 03 9805 9234, kjohnsto@sac.vic.edu.au

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• **9/3 WA Library Technicians**. *Dunn and Wilson Oration*. Lothar von Retzlaff will reprise his 2005 Oration: E-commerce for library promotion and sustainability: how libraries can market themselves and their library's services online. Room 2.9 Alexander Library Building, Perth Cultural Centre, Northbridge, 5:30 for 6:00pm. Light refreshments, gold coin donation. PD points: 1.5. RSVP by 7/3 to: Judy Allan, Group convener, ph 08 9275 2506, allan@arach.net.au

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National

• **22-28/5 Library and Information Week** Aims to raise awareness of the value of libraries and information services and information professionals in Australia. Contact: ALIA National Office, 02 6215 8222, <http://alia.org.au/advocacy/alw/>

• **23/5 National Library Technicians Day**

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