

ALIA BIENNIAL SYDNEY 2012

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Sydney conference promises discoveries to remember

There are many parts to a successful conference. While the quality of the program, and the depth and diversity of the speakers can be considered as the main actors, the supporting cast is equally important in creating an enriching experience. In putting together ALIA Biennial Sydney 2012, the Organising Committee has been working hard and thinking creatively to add that extra oomph and explore the conference theme of *Discovery*.

The Hilton Sydney has been selected as the conference venue and boasts superb facilities for delegates and exhibitors in the CBD. Straddling George and Pitt streets, the Hilton is ideally located for delegates to discover and explore Sydney's attractions and its rich variety of museums, galleries, parks, waterways, entertainment, restaurants, cafes, shopping, and business precincts – all within easy walking distance.

It is a known truth that memories of conferences past often revolve around the social program and the planning for Sydney 2012 will certainly contribute to this legacy. Mindful of tradition, the conference will be bookended by the Welcome Reception and Thank You Drinks. We have a few surprises up our sleeves for you. And in keeping with the *Discovery* theme, the Conference Dinner will be at the Art Gallery of NSW where you will have the opportunity

to explore the collections of this wonderful place. Fine food, wine and entertainment will be provided in a relaxed and unstructured environment – the perfect way to discover new friends and reconnect with old ones.

While you're in Sydney why not take the opportunity to discover some of NSW's newest libraries? Choose the trip to Sydney's North and visit Ryde and Chatswood Public Libraries, both of which were opened last year and are exciting and dynamic community spaces. On this trip you'll also jump over to Sydney's newest academic library at Macquarie University, where you can marvel at the massive automated storage and retrieval system. Alternatively you can opt for the Hunter Valley tour and spend time at the innovative Wallsend District Library and the Ourimbah Library which services TAFE and University clients. It goes without saying that a trip to the renowned Hunter valley also incorporates food and wine!

Registrations for Sydney 2012 are now open. Visit the website for further details. conferences.alia.org.au/alia2012/speakers.html. We look forward to seeing you there.

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