Contemporary Digital Radio Technologies course to meet skills need

A new course being offered by RMIT University in Melbourne under contract to ACMA has been designed to meet a need for updating skills in contemporary digital radio technologies.

The course is designed to meet the needs of ACMA staff and the broader communications industry for relevant and targeted technical training over the next five years. The course aims to update skills and train a new generation.

The type of training offered was provided in the past by ACMA predecessor organisations such as the Post-Master General's Department and Telecom Australia. The lack of such training in recent years has been compounded by the fact that many skilled people currently working in the industry will soon retire.

Following discussions between ACMA and RMIT University's School of Infrastructure, Electrotechnology and Building Services, the course was developed by the school's Dr Milan Simic, Program Manager, Computer Systems and Telecommunications.

ACMA representatives joined senior RMIT staff and industry representatives to launch the ACMA-sponsored RMIT
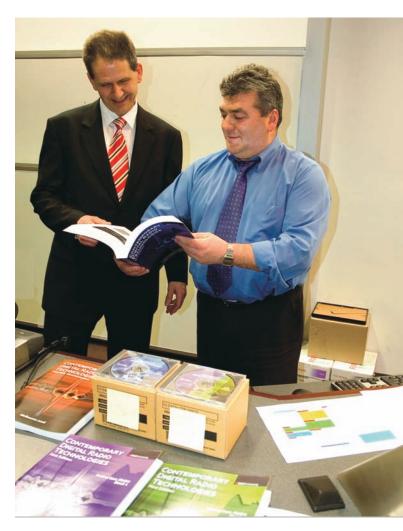
Contemporary Digital Radio Technologies Course on 18 May 2006. The first course was conducted from 22 to 26 May for ACMA staff, the culmination of 18 months development work. The course will be offered to the public, and industry has already indicated its interest.

RMIT University has been contracted for five years for development and provision of courseware materials on the contemporary digital radio technologies, with the course materials to be made available to ACMA under a licence agreement over that period and used by RMIT University to deliver the course.

The course covers a range of communications technologies as well as digital television and radio broadcasting, and course graduates will receive a certificate. They can also request a transfer of credit for other courses in communications engineering programs offered at Australian universities.

For more information about the course, contact RMIT University's School of Infrastructure, Electrotechnology and Building Services on telephone 03 9925 4921, fax 03 9925 4666, email wendy.gillies@rmit.edu.au or mail to Short Course

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ACMA'S SOUTHERN AUSTRALIA REGION MANAGER, DAVID GUNN, LOOKS AT COURSE MATERIALS WITH RMIT'S DR MILAN SIMIC AT THE LAUNCH OF THE CONTEMPORARY DIGITAL RADIO TECHNOLOGIES COURSE.