

• **20/8 Quorum.** *General meeting to determine how members think the objectives of the group could best be achieved, all welcome.* BCC Central City Library Theatre, 5 for 5:30pm. *RSVP by 17/8 for catering purposes to:* Kathryn Harding, kharding@start.com.au

• **21/8 CAVAL training activities.** *Fund-raising for the future: full-day workshop conducted by Karl Schmude, former university librarian. Designed for senior library staff seeking practical insights into proven strategies of fund-raising in an educational, commercial or community environment.* University of Queensland, 9:30–4:30pm. Cost: CAVAL members \$297, non members \$330. Register online at http://www.caval.edu.au/Services/rego_form.html

• **24/8 Pathways to CPD.** *Networking: Passions outside the profession — sisters in crime.* Mary Ryans, Paddington. Contact: Sue Rigney, sue_rigney@justice.qld.gov.au

• **Sept Pathways to CPD.** *Networking: A day on the tug, SS Forceful. SS Forceful.* Contact: Sue Rigney, sue_rigney@justice.qld.gov.au

• **Sept Pathways to CPD.** *Team relationship skills Speaking up — when & how to effectively participate in teams & committees — Warren Horton, retired director, NLA. DPI Auditorium 1.* Contact: Sue Rigney, sue_rigney@justice.qld.gov.au

• **4/9 Pathways to CPD.** *Information services: Conference capers — Specials, Health & Law Librarians Conference.* Central BCC Library Theatre. Contact: Sue Rigney, sue_rigney@justice.qld.gov.au

• **11/9 Qld Library Technicians.** *Feed-back from Hobart Conference.* State Library Theatre, State Library of Queensland, South Brisbane, 5 for 5:30pm start, unless otherwise advised. Contact: Marian Moyle, ph 07 3244 6446, marian.moyle@detir.qld.gov.au

• **12/9 Qld OPALs.** *General meeting.* Domestic Violence Resource Centre, 56 Boundary Street, South Brisbane, 12:30pm. Contact: Linda Mill, ph 07 3217 2544.

• **11/10 Clare Burton Memorial lecture series.** Queensland University of Technology, Owen J Wordsworth Rooms, Level 12, S Block, Gardens Point Campus, 2 George Street, Brisbane, 5:30–7:30pm. Contact: Glenys Drew, ph 07 3864 4082, g.drew@qut.edu.au

• **mid-October (around 15th) Pathways to CPD.** *Critical & creative thinking. How & why it is important to stay at the cutting edge — Suzette Boyd, Scotch College.* Inchholm Hotel. Contact: Sue Rigney, sue_rigney@justice.qld.gov.au

• **24/10 Pathways to CPD.** *Information services: Conference Capers — RAISS Conference.* Central BCC Library Theatre. Contact: Sue Rigney, sue_rigney@justice.qld.gov.au

• **26/10 Pathways to CPD.** *Networking: Passions outside the profession.* Mary Ryans, Paddington. Contact: Sue Rigney, sue_rigney@justice.qld.gov.au

• **27/10 12th ALIA Library Technicians Conference.** *Committee exclusive workshop.* Workshop title to be announced shortly. Brisbane City Council Toowong Library. Both sessions: ALIA members \$50, non-members \$55; one session: ALIA member \$30, non-members \$35. Contact: Elaine West, ph 07 3403 6027.

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Product news around Australia

OID@Hand brings hand-held technology to clinicians

Ovid@Hand was launched at the meeting of the Medical Library Association in May this year. Developed by Ovid Technologies and Unbound Medicine, Ovid@Hand allows clinicians to enter requests for specific information, articles or searches directly into their hand-held device. They can also review the latest tables of contents from their own pre-selected personal library of leading medical journals. Whenever they sync their hand held device with their computer, Ovid@Hand instantly and automatically fulfills the requests, including database searches, access to full-text articles and much more.

Document delivery now available via SwetsnetNavigator

SwetsnetNavigator allows users to order the hard copy version (and soft copy, if available) of articles through numerous document suppliers. Account administrators are given controls whereby they may select one or more of these suppliers, as well as enable the document delivery option on a user, department or account level. SwetsnetNavigator offers online access to almost two million full-text articles and tables of contents from 17 000 journals. <http://www.swetsnetnavigator.com>.

Elsevier Science and ScienceDirect making inroads in the People's Republic of China

ScienceDirect — a division of Elsevier Science, recently announced that it has successfully implemented a tailored ScienceDirect OnSite information solution addressing the unique needs of Chinese researchers and scientists for content, navigation and functionality.

The portal, with both English and Chinese navigation, will enable more than 400 000 faculty members, students and staff in China to access ScienceDirect OnSite's database of scientific research information. It is accessible by all the twenty-eight academic institutions belonging to the Elsevier SDOS China Consortia.

Swets & Zeitlinger update ABES online

Swets & Zeitlinger Publishers are pleased to announce a major update to the online demonstration facility of the *Annotated Bibliography for English Studies* (ABES). Visitors to the ABES demonstration page at <http://abes.swets.nl> will now be able to browse the full contents of the ABES database at no charge. A maximum of five hits will be returned for every search from the more than 28 000 fully-annotated records that ABES currently contains. A result counter will keep users informed of the number of additional hits available to regular subscribers.

Fretwell-Downing Informatics opens Australasian office

Fretwell-Downing Informatics (FDI) has expanded its global operations by opening an Australasian office based in Melbourne. The office was opened on 2 April 2001 and is deliv-

ivering sales, marketing, application and technical support services to both Australia and New Zealand.

Through strategic alliances, FDI has been marketing VDX, its interlending and document delivery solution, in the Australia and New Zealand region for a number of years. The decision to open an Australian office has been taken in recognition of FDI's growing customer base that comprises many respected institutions and state and national libraries.

Factiva.com delivers the content of leading Australian and global news sources

Factiva recently announced the launch of Factiva.com, a web-based news and business information service that makes available for the first time the complete Dow Jones and Reuters collection of nearly 8000 global sources from 118 countries in twenty-two languages.

Factiva.com users can track customers, competitors and topics of interest, set up personal pages tailored to meet specific information needs and search for news from a uniquely rich archive of global content. This content collection is universally coded using Factiva Intelligent Indexing, a powerful categorisation scheme of industry, news topic and region codes plus more than 300 000 company codes, to ensure precise and accurate information retrieval.

KiwiNet, the single source of information and supply for New Zealand books

KiwiNet offers libraries free access to a website centralising all information on New Zealand books. The service includes a weekly e-mail notice alerting subscribers to information such as newly listed titles, reprints, and delayed publications. KiwiNet offers secure online facilities with a choice of payment options, and the security of dealing with an established New Zealand company, Techbooks Library Services. See the advertisement on p29 for details.

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National Library looks for new system

The National Library is evaluating expressions of interest for the replacement of its integrated library management system. Following evaluation of the responses, the Library intends to form a short list of potential tenderers and to seek formal offers for the provision of a new system. The Library has used Dynix since 1991 to deliver its online catalogue and to support its operations in acquisitions, cataloguing, serial control and circulation. ■