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The Great Australian Byte

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to our first newsletter for 2006 and what an exciting year AGIA has ahead. The West Australian chapter of AGIA offered and won the proposal submitted last year to continue the National Committee. We are a group of very dynamic people with a wealth of broad experience and backgrounds. This can only be to the benefit of AGIA members as we hope to provide different perspectives on information management and delivery. We are kicking off this year with the AGIA Seminar hosted by CSIRO at the Australian Resources Research Centre , Bentley Perth W.A. May 5 2006. The theme is focussed on geoscience data management, storage and copyright.

We are also planning a second seminar on searching for geoscience information in September/October 2006 – date to be confirmed.

We are always looking for ways of improving our services and methods of delivery – your input is valued and we look forward to hearing from you.

On behalf of the National Committee here's to a successful year for all.

Kind regards

Mari Sell

President

AGIA Inc.

Mari Sell



FROM THE NEW EDITOR

Greetings fellow AGIA members. I am your new AGIA Newsletter editor. After putting up my hand, somewhat gingerly, to take over the reigns of editorship I am actually looking forward to the challenge. I just hope I can keep up the standard previously set!

I am now eagerly awaiting your contributions for the next issue, as it is a forum for you as members to share and disseminate your information, so please get the keyboard rattling and send me in news, information and ideas about what to include (or exclude) in the newsletter to : elizabeth.amann@bhpbilliton.com

AGIA WEBSITE

We are establishing an AGIA website and hope to be up and running within the Month... More news at the AGIA/CRCLEME seminar on 5th May 2006 at ARRC. If you have suggestions for useful content on your website, then please send feedback to Elizabeth.amann@bhpbilliton.com

Liz Amann

UPCOMING EVENTS

**** DATA STORAGE AND MANAGEMENT: Vignettes from the geoscience industry. ARRC, Bentley, Friday 5th May 2006**

The Australian Geoscience Information Association Inc, in collaboration with CRC LEME are holding a geoscience information seminar: DATA STORAGE AND MANAGEMENT: vignettes from the geoscience industry.

The geoscience industries have a voracious appetite for information: they produce it and consume it. But how well are they managing this vast store? And how should their players behave when it is used?

Opening address by Associate Professor George Cho (sponsored by CRC LEME)

on Intellectual Property and Copyright.. See Prof Cho's profile at <http://aerg.canberra.edu.au/php/showstaff.php?usercode=cho>

Other speakers include:

- Guy Holmes – SpectrumData
<http://www.spectrumdata.com.au/>
- Joanna Pearson – Maxwell Geoservices
<http://www.maxwellgeoservices.com.au/>



- Tony Kalma - Mineral Industry Geospatial Consortium (MIGC)
- Fractals/Geoinformatics

DATE: Friday 5th May 2006
TIME: 1 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.
VENUE: ARRC The Auditorium, Australian Resources Research Centre
26 Dick Perry Avenue, Technology Park, Kensington WA 6151
Plenty of parking !

COST: \$40.00 AGIA Members, \$75.00 non members (or join up on the day and pay the member rate - \$10 discount!)
Payment either by cheque made out to AGIA Inc or cash on the day (sorry no credit card facilities)

RSVP: Essential for catering purposes to Mari Sell President AGIA Inc.
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**** ALIA CLICK06 Perth Convention Exhibition Centre from 19-22 September.**

The Conference theme Click06: 'Create, Lead, Innovate, Connect, Knowledge' deliberately challenges the norm; playing with words and sounds, and asks you to think about the library profession's role and responsibilities in coming years. The ALIA 2006 Biennial Conference is to be held at the new Perth Convention Exhibition Centre.

Geoscience Library walking tour: CBD and West Perth

and

The AGIA Special Interest Geoscience Group dinner on Tuesday, 19 Sept

DATE: 19 Sept, 2006
TIME: 7.00pm
VENUE: Haloe Restaurant, Barrack Square, Perth (Barrick St Jetty)
RSVP: Rose.Hockley@bhpbilliton.com



CONFERENCE REPORT

AGIA Dinner at Information Online 2005

The Online Conference, is held every 2 years in Sydney in late January – early February. Papers always cover a wide range of topical issues such as content management, information architecture, the future of search engines and so on. Delegates come from all areas of the information industry from around Australia as well as overseas. Papers for this year's conference are available at the conference's web page at <http://conferences.alia.org.au/online2005/papersandpresentations.php>

The Conference is also good opportunity for AGIA members to get together.



Janet Jeffries

Here we have (from left to right): Rose Hockley (WA), Lisa Kirby (WA), Bernadette Waugh (WA) Janet Jeffreys (NSW), Lyndall Lander (NSW), Rae Davie (WA), Robin Jenkins (NSW) Kerry Smith (WA) and Lesley Johnson (WA).

SNIP'ITS

Web sites of Interest

Specialist Group in Computing of GSA

http://www.gsa.org.au/specialgroups/computing_sgic.html

Robert Muir Old & rare Books site

<http://www.muirbooks.com/MuirBooks/specials.cfm>