

Conferences

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Latest Legal Library & KM Conferences
NINTH SOUTHERN AFRICAN ONLINE INFORMATION MEETING

3-5 JUNE 2008

CSIR CONFERENCE CENTRE MEIRING NAUDE ROAD, PRETORIA

Organised by Southern African Online User Group

Together with SLIS and OSALL

The following gives detailed information about the Conference, Workshops, Social events, etc. Once you have decided what events you wish to attend please click on the Online Registration link. (You can also go to our website to register online: www.saoug.org.za)

ONLINE REGISTRATION: CLICK HERE <http://www.gavgapi.com/saoug/public_pages/chooseOption.php>

The 9th SAOIM once again expands over three days in 2008 to include a pre-conference workshops. The meeting provides a forum for the exchange of information on current developments, applications and opportunities in the expanding field of online information in the broadest sense. The aim is to provide an insight into the extent of growth and activity taking place in the information industry. Coverage will include not only the traditional online systems and services, but will extend to some of the newest areas of information transfer and exchange. SLIS and OSALL will also be contributing to this event in 2008.

Keynote speakers already confirmed include:

Derek Law - Head of the Information Resources Directorate, University of Strathclyde.

Derek has worked in several British universities and published almost 200 book chapters, articles and conference papers. Most of his work has been to do with the development of networked resources in higher education and with the creation of national information policy. Recently he has worked on the use of wireless technology in developing new methods of teaching and learning. This has been combined with an active professional life in organisations related to librarianship and computing.

Geoff Hoy - Geoff has been associated with UCT libraries for many years, and is now involved with TENET, the tertiary education network which is used by all tertiary academic institutions in South Africa. >From his unique perspective gained on both sides of the computer screen, Geoff will be addressing strategies on how to bridge the communication gap between the librarian and library systems on the one hand, and the computer technicians' understanding and implementation of programs on the other.

Christof Appel - Christof has presented in the UK, USA, Dubai and South Africa. He has wowed audiences with his entertaining and thought provoking business presentations. As a naturally gifted communicator he has proved an ability

to connect with audiences ranging from high school students in Soweto to Fortune 500 CEO's. His business career started at the age 19 when he launched a media and marketing company. After selling the business and its flagship youth magazine he joined Business Day and Financial Mail. During his corporate career he started consulting to companies on their ability to attract, develop and retain top young talent. His new company is assisting organizations in an economy where the business rules have changed considerably.

Programme: Preliminary details of papers and workshops, can be seen by going to the SAOUG website at <http://www.saug.org.za>

Exhibition: An exhibition will run during the conference (04-05 June 2008) allowing information and product suppliers to launch and demonstrate their latest offerings to the information industry, and providing ample opportunity for existing and potential users to discuss their online requirements.

Conference Fees : (Wednesday & Thursday – 4 and 5 June 2008):

Paid-up Members of either SAOUG, SLIS or OSALL may register as Members.

*Registration Fees:

Members R1000; Non-members R1800;

Institutions sending 10 or more delegates: Less 50% per delegate;

Institutions sending 5-9 delegates : Less 25% per delegate;

One-day registration: Members: R600; Non-Members: R1000

*Late Registrations: After 27th May 2008

Members: R1200

Non-Members: R2000

NB: Institutions sending more than 5 delegates to the conference please send a list of the delegates - together with the Institutions name, contact details, and a precise indication of what functions each delegate will be attending - to rduoit@yebo.co.za so that an invoice can be issued.

Workshops (Finger Lunch included) – (Tuesday, 3 June 2008)

A: Evidence-based Library and Information Practice (The Basics: What, Why, How, Who and Where). Presenter: Dr Glenda Myers, Wits Health Library. 08:30 – 13:00 : Members: R250; Non-Members: R350.

B: Practical Presentation Skills for Trainers. Presenter: The Voice Clinic 13:30 – 17:00 : Members: R250; Non-Members: R350.

C: The Deep End: Planning a Digital Strategy for Yourself. Presenter: Jarred Cinman & Jacqui Maroun, Cambrient Consulting. 13:30 – 17:00 : Members: R250; Non-Members: R350.

NOTE: If 2 Workshops are attended (Full Day) : A & B OR A & C :

Registration: Members: R450; Non-Members: R650.

Social Events:

Tuesday evening – 3rd June : 18:30 – Late. Pay for Yourself – Baobab Restaurant, Menlyn Shopping Centre

You can stay in your hotel room and order room service, or you can join colleagues for a meal at a nearby restaurant and network with the conference delegates before the start of the conference. Please indicate on the registration if you wish to attend so that tables can be booked.

Wednesday evening – 4th June : 17:00 – 10:30

“Dinner and Evening Entertainment at : The Flame & Grill, 300 Hill Street, Arcadia (opposite the American Embassy). Please indicate your attendance on the registration form. Members: R60; Non-Members: R90.”

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NB: All fees must be paid and received prior to the Meeting. Cancellations received after 27th May 2008 will incur a 50% cancellation fee.

Round Table Discussion Box Lunches:

Lunch on the Wednesday, 4th June will include Round Table Discussions on the following topics: Delegates must book ONE Preferred Topic ONLY, with a Second Choice in case of over-subscription.

Topics:

1. Patent support group
2. End User Training: Best Practice
3. Institutional Repositories
4. EBLIP (Evidence Based Library & Information Practice
5. Life after Graduation: the Gap between Theory and Practice
6. Mentoring
7. Library 2.0.
8. Budget for small libraries
9. Automated Help Desk
10. Federated Search Engines
11. Designing new libraries

Accommodation and Transport:

Should you require Accommodation close to the CSIR Conference Venue and/or Transport please contact Chris Cromhout at chris@crigel.co.za

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