



## **Newsletter Number 3 - February 2009**

### **International Association for Educational Assessment Annual Conference 2009**

#### ***Conference organising committee***

In this newsletter, we thought you might like to know who is involved in the organisation of IAEA 2009 in Brisbane. We (Peter Luxton and Joy Cumming) are *co-chairs* of the Conference Organising Committee, representing the two host organisations: Queensland Studies Authority (QSA) where Peter is Deputy Director (Student Achievement Division); and Griffith University (GU) where Joy is Professor of Education.

Other members of the Conference Organising Committee are Bob Dudley (QSA Assistant Director, Assessment Policy Branch), Anna van Hoof (QSA, Assistant Director, Testing and Analysis Branch), Janine Gilmour (QSA Assistant Director, Curriculum Support Service), Claire Wyatt-Smith (GU Professor and Dean of Education) and Graham Maxwell (Educational Consultant), assisted by Lisa Roberts (QSA Executive Assistant, Student Achievement Division) and Anna Nikolic (QSA Executive Support Officer, Testing and Analysis Branch).

#### ***Conference manager***

We have engaged International Convention Management Services (ICMS) [www.icms.net.au](http://www.icms.net.au) as our conference manager. ICMS has offices in Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane. Emily Yiannakis (ICMS Conference Manager) and Sally Meares (ICMS Conference Coordinator) are liaising with the Conference Organising Committee and managing all the technical aspects of the conference, including the website. ICMS will manage your registration for the conference and process submissions for presentations. Consideration of the submissions and decisions about the program will be made by the Conference Organising Committee.

#### ***Proposals reminder***

We know how quickly due dates come around. Can we remind you that the due date for submission on presentations is 27 March. Remember that as well as regular papers (involving 20 minutes presentation + 10 minutes discussion), we are offering the option for presenters to organise a group of papers (up to three) to form a symposium of 90 minutes and submit this as a single joint proposal. There is also a further option of running a workshop that involves more deliberate teaching and interactive participation than is typical in paper sessions. Proposals for presentations should be submitted on-line through the conference website; alternatives are available if this proves impossible but website submission is preferable.

## **Registration**

Registration is now open through the conference website [www.iaea2009.com](http://www.iaea2009.com). Please read the information carefully. Discounted conference registration fees apply until 30 April. Accommodation registrations must be made by 7 August. If registration through the website is not possible (for example, you have no credit card), the form can be printed off and faxed or mailed to ICMS. However, payment is required for the registration to be accepted.

The *useful information* page of the website gives you, among other things, information on *exchange rates* (updated daily) and *visas* (needed by everyone except New Zealanders). We suggest that you visit [www.immi.gov.au](http://www.immi.gov.au) to see what you need to do to obtain a visa.

Hoping to see you in beautiful Brisbane in September.

Peter Luxton and Joy Cumming

### **Co-chairs IAEA2009 Organising Committee**

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