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Dear Members,

As the days grow warmer and spring is in the air, there is a sense of action and energy as this Newsletter reports exciting ALAR activities.

Please keep me informed of planned events, projects, publications and successes in the work you are doing.

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President's welcome

Greetings everyone

The 2009 ALARA National Conference is upon us – we strongly encourage you to drop everything and join us in Melbourne THIS WEEK if you possibly can. As well as providing state of the art pre-conference workshops, the conference program promises opportunities for introductory as well as leading edge explorations of AL and AR practices to support ongoing work throughout Australia and beyond.

As with all our national conferences we are holding the ALARA AGM on the second day, and seeking nominations for new Management Committee members. If you are interested to nominate or be nominated please get your nominations in to Donna by Thursday (Sept 17th) THIS WEEK and if you are coming to the conference, join us for the annual report and vote at the AGM.

We are also delighted to announce that we will be recognising the lifetime achievements of

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Ernie Stringer this year, with the awarding of ALARA Life Membership to Ernie. This award will be made at the Conference Dinner on Friday night. We thank the nominees for their participation in this special moment in our organisation's life.

This newsletter holds lots of information about exciting conferences coming up – there is a lot going on.

Once again, many thanks to all who contributed and especially to Margaret Fletcher who so tirelessly puts the newsletter together.

Dr Susan Goff



ALARA News:

ALARA Notice Board September 09

Results of the voting for constitutional change: Special Meeting 15 July 2009 closed 31 July 2009.

Meeting convened at <http://events.alara.net.au>

138 Members attended the online meeting and 17 members voted.

16 members unanimously supported the 2 Resolutions.

Resolutions now passed:

1 Membership will consist of five categories: Ordinary and Life, Organisational, Affiliate and Ex-Officio Members.

2 The membership fees for each class of membership will be determined by the Management Committee from time to time.

Call for nominations for Management Committee members 2009-2010

An email went out to all financial members with a nomination form attached inviting nominations

for the new Management Committee. All current members of the Committee will stand down at the AGM, taking place at the national conference, September 19th, 12.00 at Borderlands. The AGM will include the annual report, the voting in of a new committee and a discussion about the meaning of ALARA and membership. We welcome all members, new and old, to participate in this important discussion.



Conference news

World Congress Update Date claimer:

Pre congress workshops and meetings etc Saturday 4th -Sunday 5th September
World Congress- Monday 6th-Thursday 9th September, 2010

The confirmed venue is Donkeywheel, Melbourne which is just across the street from Southern Cross train station with direct tram, train, bus-to-airport connections.

The ALARA Executive endorsed the World Congress budget proposal and overview of the event at its last meeting. This endorsement in accordance with the MOU supports the establishment of the Congress Bank Account and the release of a first transfer of money from ALARA and Borderlands to support project officers to implement the agreed project plan. ALARA's President and Marketing and Membership Coordinator are meeting with the World Congress Organising Committee during the national conference to finalise the Congress's project plan and contracts for project officers amongst other matters. Marketing material is currently being agreed on for broad dissemination.

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ALARA's Australian National Conference ON NOW!!!

Don't miss this unique opportunity to learn new approaches to our practices, hear about the latest projects and initiatives, meet fantastic people and strengthen our wonderful community of interest with your contributions.

The Australian National Conference September 18 and 19 2009 – Melbourne with pre-conference workshops on September 17th. Contact Australian Vice President and conference chair, Jeanette Kavanagh for more details:

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“Living Differently: Action researching through the ecological and economic meltdown”

If you are a presenter and have not yet registered please do so as a matter of urgency using our electronic registration facility. See <http://www.alara.net.au/ConferenceInformation>.

We are looking forward to seeing you all at Borderlands on Friday morning for a wonderful conference experience. We thank the Victorian Conference Organising Committee members for their vision and sustained co-operation in mounting this event; and we thank Borderlands for providing the beautiful venue.



Inaugural conference: Experience-Based Learning Association (E-BLA) Australasia

December 7-9 2009

University of Technology Sydney

'Traversing the marshes: bridging theory and practice in experience-based learning'

A note from Geof Hill:

Our key note speakers will be Stephen Billett (Griffith University) and Kate Collier (University of Technology Sydney). The conference will coincide with the thirtieth anniversary of establishing an experience-based learning program at Hawkesbury Agricultural College (now UWS Hawkesbury). Richard Bawden, who initiated that program, will be our special guest, talking about establishing the program and the factors that fed into their understanding of experience-based learning. His presentation will be followed by workshops from people who are past staff and alumni of the Hawkesbury programs. The special event will culminate in a cocktail party.

I am the dinner entertainment. I have written a two act cabaret on the people and literature that informs my practice as an experience-based learning facilitator. It has all the hallmarks of a Geof Hill cabaret with Frierian Refrains as well as an audience participating choreography number!

I hope that you will be able to join us.

Registration can be organised via the web page on <http://www.e-bla.com/>



Asia-Pacific Science, Technology & Society (STS) Network Conference

Brisbane Australia, 23-25 November 2009

The first annual conference of the Asia Pacific STS Network brings together researchers involved in STS studies in the Asia-Pacific region (East Asia, Southeast Asia, and Australasia near the Pacific Ocean plus the states in Oceania) for stronger regional STS networking and critical discussions about S&T for the new millennium, environmental sustainability, and STS issues of interest to indigenous peoples.

Abstracts are invited in 3 categories (formal papers, roundtable discussion presentations, and posters) on the themes:

- Environment and sustainability transitions
- Indigenous people, science and technologies
- Life techno/sciences
 - Governance, public policy, community, citizenship
 - Utopia and dystopia: Science and technology for the new millennium
 - Conceptual and methodological innovations

For more details, program, keynote speakers, special panels, sponsors, events, registration fees, and online submission of abstracts: see APSTS Network Conference website at:

<http://www.griffith.edu.au/conference/asia-pacific-science-technology-society-network-conference-2009/>



Australian College of Educators

Invites you to discuss the DEEWR Values Education Partnership with:

Adjunct Professor Ron Toomey
Australian Council of Deans of Education Inc. (Australian Catholic University – Melbourne)
Manager – Taking Values Education to Teacher Education Project

A Troika for Effective Teaching & Teacher Education: Values Education, Quality Teaching & Service Learning

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5-6pm, Wednesday, 7 October 2009
Room A330, Queensland University of Technology, Kelvin Grove Campus.

For pre-registration, please contact wmcdonald@austcolled.com.au (Members \$20, Non members \$25, Groups of 5 \$75, Full time students Free). For further information locally, please contact the President, Metropolitan Region - ACE, s.milner@stpeters.qld.edu.au

Issues to be discussed will be:

- Quality teaching and implementation emerging from the DEEWR/ACDE Values Education project
- How will teaching and practice be aligned with research findings of the Values Education partnership project?
- Testing and measuring the impact of Values Education
- Good practices (especially for beginning teachers)
- The "double helix" relationship between values education and quality teaching and the "troika" with service learning
- Refashioning pedagogy as a result.

Arrive at 4.30 for a cuppa and the conversations around the topic will run from 5-6pm. Members of the Australian College of Educators and interested guest welcome.

Denise M Reghenzani
State Secretary - Australian College of Educators (QLD)



Positive Schools Conference & A Day With Jane Elliott, 20th and 21st May 2010

My name is Helen Street. I am an Associate Professor in psychology at the University of Western Australia (UWA) and a consultant for Wise Solutions. As a key organizer of the Positive Schools 2010 conference, I have pleasure in informing you that the 2010 Positive School Mental Health & Wellbeing Conference and Pre-conference day will be held at The Esplanade Hotel in Fremantle, WA on May 20th – 21st 2010.

This is a particularly special event with the iconic creator of BROWN EYES BLUE EYES, JANE ELLIOTT presenting a 60 minute keynote address at the conference on Friday May 21st in

Both workshops are at Riverglenn, 70 Kate Street Indooroopilly, Brisbane

Cairns, QLD Meeting

The local contacts are Robyn Lynn (robyn.lynn@jcu.edu.au) and Michelle MacLaren (michelle.maclaren@jcu.edu.au)

NSW Network events

The NSW network is planning one more workshop before the end of the year – the focus will be cross-cultural research practices in the action research environment.

Contact shankar.sankaran@uts.edu.au

Canberra network

A workshop introducing Action Learning and Action Research is in the early planning stages for October '09. Stay tuned Canberra members!



Publications

Submissions to **ALARj** are taken at any time. If you have a submission please send to alar@alara.net.au. ALARA publication information and submission guidelines can be found at <http://www.alara.net.au/publications>

Monograph Series - Articles Requested for referee and publication

The monograph series provides an opportunity for authors to publish quality refereed work that is more extensive than the length of a conventional paper. Authors thus are expected to present in-depth information and analysis on a topic.

Submission guidelines can be found at <http://www.alara.net.au/publications>

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