

Action Learning Action Research Association

Eighth ALARA World Congress 2010

Melbourne, Australia 6th – 9th September

Plus two pre-congress skill-sharing days (4th - 5th)

Presented by ALARA and The Institute of Development Studies
in partnership with Borderlands and oases Graduate School



Participatory Action Research and Action Learning:

Appreciating our Pasts

Comprehending our Presents

Prefiguring our Futures

FAQs

Venue - The Congress will be held at the *Bayview Eden*, Queens Road 6 Melbourne from the *6th till the 9th of September 2010*, with two pre-Congress skill-sharing days on the 4th and 5th of September in venues to be announced later.

The **Major Themes** which will guide the overall proceedings are as follows:

- **Philosophical** foundations of action-based, participatory approaches to research and learning
- **Power**, its uses, misuses and abuses in the learning and research relationship
- Recent developments in **methodological** thinking and approaches
- Innovations in **practice** and the contribution of **systems** approaches.

Evolving **Streams of applied PAR, AR and AL** include:

- ‘**ecology**’ stream”, with more distinct foci on *agriculture, water, energy and mining* and on *wilderness*;
- an ‘**education**’ stream with possible foci on tertiary and secondary and alternative;
- **community development** and **organisational development**;
- **PAR and international development**;
- ‘**welfare and health**’ ;
- ‘**systems**’ and ‘**business**’ and AL, AR and PAR with strong interest from a group of members of ANZsys
- ‘**Indigenous Peoples and PAR**’

Dates to Remember:

- **Now!** First call for abstracts and—if so desired—receive a response within two weeks for those who need to apply to their institutions;
- **Early February 2010:** second call for abstracts and *early-bird* registrations open;
- **March 2010:** ALARA members can renew their membership at 1/2 price **if** registering for the Congress;
- **April 29th 2010:** final date for abstract submission;
- **1st of May:** end of *early-bird* registration, start of regular registration period;
- **June 1st 2010:** end of reviewing process and participants notified re acceptance;
- **July 31st 2010:** all accepted papers, workshop descriptions, catalyst papers and poster session abstracts submitted for inclusion in the CD;
- **6—9 September:** welcome to Melbourne and the Congress!
- **To be announced in February:** further details re. refereed papers publication.