

In this issue of *AUSA POST* we prepare for the eagerly anticipated AVCC OHS Conference in Melbourne. Results of the AUSA positive performance indicator benchmarking program show how member institutions compare with each other. We welcome 21 new members to the association. The AUSA Executive also gives notice of the next AUSA AGM.

“THE STOREY SO FAR”

The 2007 AVCC OHS Conference will be held on 4-6 July at the RMIT University Storey Hall, Melbourne. All AUSA members should schedule to attend this premier AUSA event.

The nine Victorian universities are collaborating to bring us an exciting conference showcasing best practices in OHS.

International speakers include

- Sara Cooper, Director of Health and Safety, University of Cambridge (UK)
- Alan Cowan, Head of Health and Safety, University of Brighton (UK)
- William M. Diesslin, Assistant Director, Department of Environmental Health & Safety, Iowa State University.

The conference organising committee has sought expressions of interest from AUSA members willing to present papers at the conference. Stragglers should contact [Michael O'Donoghue](#) by COB 14th March.

Located on Swanston St in the heart of Melbourne, we are delighted to be holding the conference in the award winning Storey Hall, a venue of intrigue and atmosphere.



Conference themes centre on the four Cs: Culture, Consultation, Compliance and Commercial. Further details are available on the conference website:

<http://www.rmit.edu.au/ausaconference2007>

PPI BENCHMARKING

Thirty-six agencies participated in the 2006 positive performance indicator (PPI) project. Completed surveys were received from 30 Australian universities, 4 New Zealand universities and 2 Commonwealth agencies. NSW had 9 respondents, QLD and Vic 6 each and WA 4. The self-assessment survey had a total of 35 questions based around the five major elements of AS/NZS 4801:2001 i.e. Policy, Planning, Implementation, Measurement & Evaluation and Management Review.

The highest recorded score was 128 out of a maximum of 140 and the lowest was 67. No agency scored 100% for any of the five elements.

Participating universities were provided with the average scores from their State and from the overall survey to compare with their own returns. Further results from this survey and opportunities to explore best practices will be provided at the AVCC OHS Conference in Melbourne.

NEW MEMBERS

AUSA welcomes the following new members:

Kendal Leggett, Murdoch
Bernadette Hayman, Melbourne
Stefan Delaney, Melbourne
Brian Logan, Queensland
Lisa Kelly, Queensland
Lisa Ng, Melbourne
Kathleen O'Donnell, USQ
John Christie, Murdoch
Kim Burgess, Bond
Michael Flannery, USQ
Lisa Stevens, Swinburne
Neill Bourne, Newcastle
Daphne McCurdy, New England
George Nicholls, Queensland
Dana Herrmann, Burnet Institute
Gregory Goodfellow, CSIRO
Adrian Quintarelli, Baker Institute
Phyllis Heggie, UNSW
Angelica Vecchio-Sadus, CSIRO
Petee Coveney, CQU
Ross Hansen, Griffith

AUSA PEOPLE

We farewell Kathy Richardson, former OHS Manager of UNSW who has left the sector. Kathy was a regular contributor to AUSA conferences and benchmarking initiatives. Paul Bransdon is now overseeing OHS, workers' compensation and injury management.

AUSA AGM

The next AUSA Annual General Meeting will be held in the RMIT University's Storey Hall on Friday 6th July 2007 at 12:00. All AUSA Members are invited to attend. Agenda items should be sent to [Michael Rafferty](#) by COB 6th June 2007.

AUSA WEBSITE

Visit the AUSA website for all information about the AUSA.
<http://www.ehs.uts.edu.au/AUSA/>