

This issue of *AUSA POST* gives notice of the forthcoming AUSA OHS Conference to be held in Sydney and alerts AUSA members to timeframes looming for contributions. Submissions for the AUSA positive performance indicator survey are now due. AUSA continues to build on both its international relationships and domestic reach with 35 new members in 2008.

AUSA CONFERENCE 2009

The next AUSA Conference will be held at the University of Sydney on 7 - 10 July 2009. The Conference Steering Committee is planning a stimulating professional program around the theme: *OHS in a Changing Climate*.

The program will address current issues such as:

- harmonisation of OHS legislation
- globalisation of OHS in an increasingly international landscape
- new technologies
- safe building design and sustainability
- selling OHS
- wellness and wellbeing.

AUSA Members will be invited to contribute to the conference program. There will be a call for abstracts to be submitted by February 2009, so take advantage of the quieter holiday period to gather your thoughts and words. Further details will be provided soon in the official "Call for Papers".

The AUSA Conference is the Associations primary forum for networking and professional development. Don't miss it.

PPI BENCHMARKING

One of the benefits of AUSA membership is the opportunity to benchmark your institutions OHS performance against others in the higher education and research sector. All AUSA member institutions have been invited to complete and submit their benchmarking survey results to [Mike Rafferty](#) by 12th December.

A review of AUSA's benchmarking outcomes will be presented at the AUSA Conference in Sydney, together with a discussion of how the audit results can be used by each participating institution to their advantage.

INTERNATIONAL LINKS

AUSA President Jon D'Astoli recently attended the CSHEMA Conference held in St. Louis. The primary purpose of the visit was to build on the relationships being formed by AUSA with sister associations in the USA and UK. The President of CSHEMA (USA) and Chairman of USHA (UK) both attended the last AUSA Conference held on Melbourne. Details of conferences being held by these associations are available via the [AUSA website](#).



The international delegates in St. Louis held meetings to established groundwork for a

future World Congress on University EHS. Pictured are Jon D'Astoli, Cheri Hildreth (then President, CSHEMA) and Alan Cowan (Chair, USHA).

NEW MEMBERS

AUSA welcomes the following new members in 2008:

Iain Stuart, ADFA UNSW
Glen McPhee, Auckland
University of Technology
Annette Combs, Charles Sturt
Sue Taylor, CSIRO
David Holding, East Gippsland
TAFE
Belinda Owen, Edith Cowan Uni
Brian Best, Massey University
Sam Barresi, Kangan TAFE
Tracey Lewis-Jones, Ballarat
Melissa Musicka, Newcastle
Brenton Bellchambers, Uni of SA

Curtin University of Technology:
Tanya Hazelden, Tom Osborne,
Dean Probert, Robert Jones and
Liz Wallis-Long.

Swinburne Uni of Technology:
Suzanne Canterbury and Jennifer
O'Brien.

University of Adelaide:
Deb Coulls, David Randall, Paul
Roberts, Gerald Buttfeld, Anne
Richards and Linda Knobben.

University of Melbourne:
Katherine Nowell, George
Papadopoulos, Jill Williams,
Margarethe Hoppach, Richard
Jones and Michael Tuohy.

University of Western Australia:
Eddie Stoelwinder, Peter
Carlyon, Kristen Wade, David
Seaman and Megan McManus.

AUSA WEBSITE

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