



Mike Flannery was elected President of the association at the AGM in Sydney June 2009.

## AUSA OHS Scholarship 2010



Nominations are invited for the AUSA OHS Scholarship of up to \$6,000 towards the cost of a project or study tour. Please refer to the AUSA website for information and the nomination form. Nominations are required by 18th June 2010.

<http://www.ausa.org.au/scholarship.html>

## PRESIDENT'S WELCOME TO 2010

On behalf of the AUSA Executive Committee, thank you for your continued support and development of the association. 2009 was a big year with the biennial conference held at the University of Sydney in June and we have started the planning process for the Brisbane 2011 Conference.

I encourage all members to assist the association and state chapters by participating in ongoing network meetings and discussions to continue the networks and resources available to us in our roles as workplace safety professionals.

Yours in safety,

Mike Flannery  
President AUSA

## UNI'S DO WELL AT OHS AWARDS

Universities were represented in various 2009 state safety awards initiatives including:

- University of Queensland (Self-insured employer);
- University of Wollongong, WorkCover Finalist for Best OHS Management System;
- RMIT School of Aerospace, Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering (for its proactive health and safety committee);
- Nicola Featherstone, University of Adelaide (for training initiatives);
- Rob Greenhalgh, University of Western Australia (for developing and maintaining safe systems of work).

State Finalists were entered into the national safe Work Australia Awards which were presented in Canberra on 28th April 2010.

Congratulations to Nicola Featherstone who was the winner in her nominated category. For more information click [here](#)

Congratulations to all Universities and employees who were recognised for their outstanding achievements in OHS over the past year!



# AUSA

Australasian University Safety Association

## 2009 CONFERENCE WRAP-UP

The 2009 Australasian University Safety Association (AUSA) Conference held at the University of Sydney from 6th - 10th July attracted 130 delegates. The conference is expected to break even financially which is a great result considering the impact on sponsorship and attendance by the GFC. The next AUSA Conference will be held in Queensland in July 2011 with preparations already in full swing!

## BENCHMARKING

PPI Benchmarking was conducted by **Mike Gavin** (Edith Cowan University) in 2004, 2006 and 2008. The results from these surveys speak for themselves and has allowed participating Universities to measure where they were at in terms of proactive initiatives that can be implemented to improve OHS. Whilst this benchmarking will not continue the Executive is seeking suggestions for other types of benchmarking which the AUSA could conduct or support. Please contact **Darren Smith** on 02 4221 3204 with your suggestions.

## MODEL SAFE WORK ACT

On 11 December 2009, the Workplace Relations Ministers' Council endorsed the *Model Work Health and Safety (WHS) Act*.

The model WHS Act endorsed by Ministers was submitted by Safe Work Australia and incorporated a number of amendments proposed as a result of consideration by Safe Work Australia, input from the Parliamentary Counsel's Committee and public comment. Refer to the [www.safeworkaustralia.gov.au](http://www.safeworkaustralia.gov.au) to download the act.

Each state will need to formally adopt the act by Dec 31, 2011. Supporting Regulations will be developed and released in 2010 – watch this space!

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN 2010:

- List server move to Google mailing list
- AUSA Scholarship – call for nominations
- AUSA Constitution – changes and vote by 18 June 2010.

## NEW MEMBERS 2009

The association would like to welcome the following new members who joined the association in 2009.

Universities (34): Rodney Pumpa (Australian Catholic), Horst Walter (Charles Darwin), David Tellentire (Charles Sturt), David Henry (Deakin), Fiona Peters (Edith Cowan), Mark Linke (Flinders), Lynda Colquhoun and Grant Shepherdson (Griffith), Susan Kelly (James Cook), Kerrie Gregory (Macquarie), Peter Fell, David House, Margaret Rendell and Christopher van den Bergen (Monash), Debbie Gaskin and Brad McKell (Murdoch), Mayuri Gosalia and Daniel Martin (Queensland University of Technology), Colin Chua, Virginia Littlejohn and Tessie Phan (Sydney), Zsigmond Balatinacz, Susan Butler, Walter Carmignani, Sam Montalto and David Keizer (Melbourne), Jennifer Hartley and Michelle Price (New South Wales), David Lester (Queensland), Jenny Hardy and Robyn Sferco (South Australia), Katria Raffan (Waikato), Rob Greenhalgh (Western Australia) and Joanne George (Wollongong).

Other (8): Kathy Holden (Holmesglen Institute of TAFE), Elizabeth Lee (Howard Florey Institute), Lisa Moncur and Fiona Richards (Garvan Institute of Medical Research), Cathryn Turnbull and Mark Frewin (Ludwig Institute for Cancer Research), Gregory Geoghegan (National ICT Australia) and Tony Hendy (Walter Eliza Hall Institute).

## READING LIST

Check out these new titles:

- CCH has produced a new publication 'Understanding the Model Work Health and Safety Act' by Barry Sherriff and Michael Tooma.
- Regulations at Work Number 73 - Personal Corporate Officer Liability under the Model Work Health and Safety Bill, by Mr Neil Foster, University of Newcastle.