

**Newsletter: September 2009**

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#### **National Director's Welcome – Judie Kay**

A warm welcome to new and long standing ACEN members. The WIL agenda in Australia continues to gather momentum. This was evident at the first meeting of the newly elected National Executive two weeks ago with reports of well attended State Network events, plans well progressed for our National Conference in Perth in 2010 (call for abstracts to commence shortly), the National Portal Project consultation underway, ACEN Scholarship about to be publicised and the WIL Report providing a valuable framework to guide further WIL. ACEN has come a long way in a short time and now moves forward to the next stage. Watch out for a membership drive commencing shortly outlining some valuable benefits to members.

#### **WACE Conference (Vancouver 23-26 June)**

The Australian contingent were the third largest group at the recent World Association of Co-operative Education WACE Conference in Vancouver with 44 delegates behind the Canadians at 206 and the USA 75. Australian delegates were well represented across all activities of the conference and presented a range of papers and workshops including the outcomes of the "The WIL Report", a project supported by ACEN. ACEN organised a dinner for Australians prior to the conference and 24 attended to take advantage of the opportunity to get together and network. A meeting to discuss the National Portal project with our Canadian colleagues also took place as well as ACEN chairing a meeting of National Associations on behalf of WACE. Papers available on the WACE website [www.waceinc.org](http://www.waceinc.org). Also see Qld section of ACEN website for conference overview.



**A group of Australians at the Conference Dinner**

#### **Up Coming Events**

##### **18 September 2009**

Queensland State Chapter Meeting  
University of Southern Queensland  
Springfield campus

##### **1 October 2009, 9.30am**

WA State Chapter Meeting  
Forum: A Shared Understanding  
(Chambers and Consulates)  
Curtin University

##### **4 November 2009**

Griffith University national WIL symposium  
Open to all ACEN members to attend  
Contact Carol-joy – [cj.patrick@griffith.edu.au](mailto:cj.patrick@griffith.edu.au)

##### **10 November 2009, 9.45am**

NSW State Chapter Meeting  
Forum: Assessment on Work Integrated Learning  
University of Sydney

##### **3 - 5 February 2010**

International Conference on Work Integrated Learning  
Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Hong Kong

##### **29 September – 1 October 2010**

ACEN National Conference  
Curtin University, Perth, Western Australia

#### **National WIL Portal Project – Melinda Bufton**

The National WIL Portal project is beginning to gather momentum with the recent inaugural meetings of the Advisory Group and Development Group, who will provide strategic and operational advice to the project as it develops. Their valuable input has already seen offers of consultation opportunities with hundreds of employers and community organisations nationally, as well as key suggestions pertaining to the portal's eventual functionality and usage. Next steps include a project website, which will provide a streamlined way for those involved in the project to access information and communicate, as well as allowing interested parties to follow the portal's progress via publicly available pages. See ACEN website for details.

#### **ACEN WIL Scholarship**

ACEN is providing a \$3000 scholarship to a tertiary student undertaking a WIL program in 2010 who would face economic hardship in order to participate.

Applications close 30 November 2009

Details will be available on ACEN website and distributed through State networks during September

## Results of National Executive Election & Motions and State Committee Elections

We are pleased to announce the results of the ACEN 2009 AGMs. Congratulations to all Committee Members.

### National Executive

#### 1. Elections

**Chair:** Judie Kay, Victoria University

**Secretary:** Carol-joy Patrick, Griffith University

**Treasurer:** Position vacant at AGM  
Subsequently filled by Matthew Campbell at ACEN National Executive Meeting  
27-28 August 2009

#### Executive General Members (in addition to State Chairs):

Matthew Campbell, Australian Catholic University  
David Jorgensen, Central Queensland University  
Cait Ryan, Monash University

#### 2. Proposed changes to ACEN Constitution

Proposed changes to ACEN "Rules" with regard to:

- Classes of Membership
- New Membership
- Membership of Management Committee and Terms of Office

were approved and were forwarded to the Queensland Ministry of Fair Trading for incorporation into ACEN "Rules".

#### 3. Audited Financial Statements

Audited Financial Statements, 2004-2009, were accepted.

### Report by Dr Deborah Peach on the Symposium for Developing an International Agenda for Cooperative Education, June 19-20 June 2009

Hosted and sponsored by Center for the Advancement of Co-operative Education, University of Waterloo, Canada and Co-operative Education and Career Services, University of Victoria, Canada. The following research areas were identified as international research groups:

1. The terminology and meaning of "Learning Through Work"
2. Building a theoretical framework & student transitions
3. Economic development
4. Organisational development and boundary spanning
5. Identifying gaps for future research
  - Powerpoint on ACEN website (Qld section)

### Recent Resources

1. The WIL Report: A national scoping study
2. Career Development Learning: Maximising the contribution of work-integrated learning to the student experience
3. Unleashing Aspiration: The Final Report of the Panel on Fair Access to the Professions (particularly Chapter 7), UK publication
  - Access to all documents available from the ACEN website (Resources section)

### Queensland

**Chair:** Dr Deborah Peach, QUT

**Secretary:** Fleur Webb, Griffith University

**Treasurer:** Carol-joy Patrick, Griffith University

### Victoria / Tasmania

**Chair:** Dineli Mather, Deakin University

**Secretary:** Vacant

Position of Secretary was tied between Gina Hurley, Victoria University and Cait Ryan, Monash University

### New South Wales / Australian Capital Territory

**Chair:** Freny Tayebjee, University of Western Sydney

**Secretary:** Jill Kelton, University of Sydney

**Treasurer:** Des Saunders, UTS

### South Australia / Northern Territory

**Chair:** Verity Kingsmill, Flinders University

**Secretary:** Helena Ward, Flinders University

### Western Australia

**Chair:** Jennie Walsh, Curtin University

**Secretary:** Jas Milsom, University of Notre Dame



### Award July 2009 – Dr Deborah Peach, QUT and Qld ACEN State President and ACEN National Executive member

ALTC Citation for Outstanding Contributions to Student Learning

For a significant contribution to building systematic and sustainable partnerships (both institutional and sector-wide) for the enhancement of student learning.

### Opportunities

#### 14 September 2009

Employer Liaison Coordinator, Careers and Cooperative Education Unit, University of Western Sydney – <https://uws.nga.net.au/cp/>

#### 30 October 2009

Call for Abstracts closes  
WACE Conference Hong Kong  
[www.waceinc.org](http://www.waceinc.org)

#### 30 October 2009

Request for Abstract Reviewers  
WACE Conference Hong Kong  
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