

awards

The Australasian Association for Engineering Education awards for excellence and innovation in engineering education will be presented at the conference dinner. For more information regarding these awards please see the Australasian Association for Engineering Education website: www.aeee.com.au

about the host city

The conference will be held at the University of Southern Queensland in Toowoomba. Perched 700 metres above sea level over an escarpment of the Great Dividing Range, Queensland's largest inland city Toowoomba, population 90,000, is the regional capital of the Darling Downs and annually hosts the nationally famous Carnival of Flowers.

Coming to Toowoomba, one can savour the many facets of the city itself and of the surrounding scenery. This Garden City is also rich in municipal, commercial and industrial history, and is renowned for its theatres, art galleries, museums and restaurants. The region offers botanical gardens, national parks and a healthy climate. The temperature range for the city in September-October averages from 10°C to 24°C.

travel and accomodation

Toowoomba is 130km West of Brisbane which is a pleasant 2 hour drive or bus trip. Information regarding travel options, accommodation options to suit all budgets, and an extensive social program will be provided via the conference website.

conference website

www.usq.edu.au/aeee

organising committee

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15th Annual Conference for the Australasian Association for Engineering Education and the 10th Australasian Women in Engineering Forum



creating flexible
learning environments

first announcement
and call for papers

27th - 29th
September 2004
Toowoomba,
Queensland

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invitation

The Australasian Association for Engineering Education and the University of Southern Queensland are pleased to invite you to Toowoomba for the 15th Annual Conference for the Australasian Association for Engineering Education and the 10th Australasian Women in Engineering Forum.

The central theme for this year's conference is the need to create flexible learning environments that empower the learner as they progress through their lifelong educational journey. The increasing emphasis on flexible learning presents new challenges for students, educators and practitioners that will be explored during the conference.

The conference program will be of particular interest to:

- Academics
- University support staff and librarians
- Equity practitioners
- Current and prospective students
- Industry practitioners
- Vocational educators

conference aim

The purpose of this conference is to:

- Share ideas and experiences;
- Identify and promote best practice;
- Develop networking opportunities with colleagues; and
- Foster active participation by attendees in presentations and workshops.

keynote speakers

- Ms Catherine O'Sullivan
Executive Director, District Office,
Education Queensland
- Professor Gary Miller
Associate Vice President for Distance Education
and Executive Director, World Campus,
Pennsylvania State University
- Professor Rosalind Williams
Director, Program in Science Technology and
Society, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

conference themes

The three days of the conference will focus on:

- Creating Flexible Entry Paths
- Creating Flexible Learning Environments
- Creating Flexible Curricula

Linkages of special interest include:

- Flexible learning
- Lifelong learning
- Learner centric education
- Articulation and advanced standing
- Engineering education for sustainability
- Women in engineering
- Project and problem based learning
- Teaching innovations
- The student experience

expressions of interest

Prospective attendees, authors and presenters are encouraged to indicate their interest in attending the conference, submitting a paper or conducting a

workshop via the form available on the conference website. This information will be used by the conference committee for planning purposes and will ensure that you are kept up to date with developments in the conference program.

submission of workshop proposals

Proposals are invited for workshops suitable for small and/or large groups. Prospective presenters are requested to submit details of the proposed workshop by Friday 2nd April 2004. The proposal should be no more than an A4 page in length and should indicate:

- Workshop objective
- Target audience
- Method of conducting workshop
- References
- Name of workshop presenter(s)

submission of papers

Prospective authors are invited to submit full papers for consideration by 2nd April 2004. Document preparation guidelines will be available on the conference website. Full papers will be reviewed anonymously by at least two peer reviewers. The process of reviewing papers is designed to meet the Australian Department of Education, Science and Training (DEST) criteria for published papers.

important dates

Expressions of interest:	5 Jan 2004
Workshop proposals:	2 April 2004
Full paper submission:	2 April 2004
Acceptance Notification:	14 May 2004
Final paper submission:	25 June 2004

Late entries may not be considered.