

travel between brisbane and toowoomba

Conference Bus

Please indicate on your registration form if you require this service. The cost will be \$28.00 each way.

PLEASE NOTE: The bus will only operate if minimum numbers are reached. Delegates who book this service will be advised two weeks before the conference if the bus will not be operating.

For other than the standard arrangements, please contact the conference secretariat.

The bus will travel from outside the Qantas baggage carousel at Brisbane domestic airport at 2.30pm Sunday 26th September and arrive in Toowoomba at approximately 5.30pm. The bus will deliver delegates to the recommended motels suggested in this brochure.

Returning

Departs University of Southern Queensland at 4.30pm on Wednesday 29th September arriving at Brisbane domestic airport at approximately 6.30pm.

McCafferty's Express Coaches

A coach operates frequently between Brisbane and Toowoomba transit centres. Approximate costing is \$23.00 one way for the 2 hour trip. For reservations call 131 499.

Airport Flyer

This bus service operates between Toowoomba accommodation and the Brisbane Airport. Approximate cost is \$45.00 one way or \$85.00 return for the 2 hour trip. Please note that this service does not operate on a Saturday. For reservations call 1300 304 350.

accommodation

A variety of accommodation options are available for delegates. A coach will run to and from the conference venue and the accommodation houses listed below. Please contact the conference secretariat for other motels located within a close proximity of these pick up points.

Quality Inn Hotel Burke and Wills

The hotel is in the centre of the CBD and offers well appointed 4½ star rooms with a choice of accommodation styles from standard to family rooms and executive suites.

554 Ruthven Street, Toowoomba

Phone: 07 4632 2433

Rates: From \$110.00 per room per night

Approximate distance to USQ is 6km

Villa Nova Motel

Motel offers 4 star apartment style units.

Cnr Ruthven and South Streets, Toowoomba

Phone: 07 4636 9200

Rates: From \$99.75 per room per night

Approximate distance to USQ is 4km

Toowoomba Comfort Inn Glenfield

Motel offers 4 star well-appointed units.

876 (Cnr) Ruthven and Stenner Streets, Toowoomba

Phone: 1800 463 544

Rates: From \$85.00 per room per night

Approximate distance to USQ is 2.5km

cancellation

In the case of a cancellation, participants are required to inform the conference secretariat in writing of their inability to attend. A full refund of registration fees, less a cancellation fee of \$50 will be made to any participant cancelling before the 1st September 2004. Alternatively, participants may nominate a substitute delegate. All refunds will be processed after the conference. Any refunds for cancellations made after this date will be at the discretion of the organising committee and will not be more than 50% of the fees paid.

organising committee

A/Prof David Dowling (Chair) - University of Southern Queensland

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usq corporate events

Conference Secretariat

All correspondence and enquiries should be directed to the Conference Secretariat, Corporate Events in the first instance. Please note, all registrations and payments will be administered by Corporate Events.

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Conference Registration Brochure

27th - 29th September 2004

Toowoomba, Queensland



USQ



welcome

The Conference Organising Committee is pleased to invite you to these important events in our academic year. Toowoomba, the Conference city, is a kaleidoscope of colour in September as the diverse range of flowers, shrubs and trees that grow in the city burst forth in blooms to announce the arrival of Spring. The city has celebrated this event for more than 50 years by hosting the annual the Carnival of Flowers, which will be held in the week prior to the Conference.

This rich tapestry of colours and textures will provide a beautiful backdrop for the Conference where we will address the issues confronting those who are engaged in engineering education. Engineering Schools around Australia are having to respond to changes in government policies, changes in educational technologies, increasing diversity in the student cohort, and in the prior learning and experience of students. At the Conference you will have a unique opportunity to:

- Learn how to respond to diversity by creating flexible learning environments;
- Discern the impact of the new technologies on your teaching environment;
- Engage in discussions about innovations in learning and teaching;
- Network with colleagues from other Universities;
- Collaborate with others to develop research projects;
- Participate in a range of workshops; and
- Enjoy the company of old and new friends at the social events.

The Conference promises to be a rewarding experience for all who attend. I look forward to welcoming you in September.

David Dowling

CHAIR, CONFERENCE ORGANISING COMMITTEE.

host city and assembly venue

The 15th Annual Conference for the Australasian Association for Engineering Education and the 10th Australasian Women in Engineering Forum will be held at the University of Southern Queensland, 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.

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 6° to 24°C.

registration fees

Included in your registration:

- Admission to all conference sessions
- Conference proceedings and a conference satchel
- All morning teas, lunches and afternoon teas
- Social program including welcome function and conference dinner

social program

An entertaining social program has been planned for delegates. On Sunday night there will be a welcome and early registration function in the foyer of the Allison Dickson Lecture Theatre, University of Southern Queensland. On Monday night you are free to dine at your leisure at one of the many wonderful restaurants on offer in Toowoomba. The AaeE Awards Dinner will be held at the Picnic Point Function Centre overlooking the Toowoomba Range on the Tuesday night of the conference.

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
- Cultural diversity
- Project and problem based learning
- Teaching innovations
- The student experience
- Accreditation
- Environmental engineering curriculum

Participants are encouraged to stay over and participate in meetings designed to promote the establishment of collaborative research projects. These meetings will be held from 9am-12noon, Thursday 30th September.



keynote speakers

Ms Catherine O'Sullivan

Ms O'Sullivan is the current Executive Director of Schools for the Toowoomba District. Before this position, Catherine spent 19 years working at the Goondiwindi State High School where she began as a classroom teacher and worked her way to the position of School Principal. Ms O'Sullivan is committed to the notion that Education must be delivered in partnerships with local communities and her work in the area of employment and training initiatives is recognised nationally. Ms O'Sullivan is a recipient of both a Churchill Fellowship and an Australian Rural Leaders Scholarship. Her work with education in the Goondiwindi Community was endorsed by her award as the 2002 Citizen of the Year. She was the 2003 Queensland Telstra Business Woman of the Year - the first educator to be recognised by this award in Queensland.

Professor Gary Miller

Gary E. Miller is Associate Vice President for Outreach and Executive Director of the World Campus at the The Pennsylvania State University, where he is also Affiliate Associate Professor of Adult Education.

Professor assumed his current responsibilities in 1994. Prior to his current position, he served from 1987-1993 as Associate Vice President for Program Development and Executive Director of the International University Consortium at the University of Maryland University College, where he also was the founding chair of the University of Maryland System Institute for Distance Education. From 1970 to 1987, he held progressively responsible positions in the Division of media and Learning Resources at Penn State, including six years as Director of Instructional Media.

Professor Miller holds a Doctor of Education in Higher Education from Penn State, as well as two degrees in English. He is the author of *The Meaning of General Education: The Emergence of a Curricular Paradigm* (Teachers College Press) and of numerous articles and book chapters on topics related to the curriculum, continuing education, and distance education.

Professor Miller currently serves on the Board of the American Distance Education Consortium (ADEC), the Academic Development Board of the Worldwide Universities Network, the Board of the Sloan Consortium, and the Advisory Board for the IBM Institute for Advanced Learning.

Professor Helen Garnett

Professor Helen Garnett commenced duty as Vice-Chancellor at the Charles Darwin University in October 2003.

Before taking up her role as Vice-Chancellor, Professor Garnett was the Executive Director of the Australian Nuclear Science & Technology Organisation (ANSTO) and Acting Executive Director since 1994. From 1992 - 1994 she was Deputy Executive Director of the same organisation.

Professor Garnett has a national and international reputation for her contribution to the life sciences and the peaceful development and application of nuclear technologies and as an Australian representative to the United Nations International Atomic Energy Agency from 1994 until joining Charles Darwin University. She has also served on committees of both the ARC and the NH&MRC.

Professor Garnett is a Fellow of the Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering and a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Company Directors and has held directorships in a number of organisations.

