

ADVANCE NOTICE!



10th NATIONAL MEDIATION CONFERENCE 2010 ADELAIDE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA

TUESDAY 7th, WEDNESDAY 8th and THURSDAY 9th SEPTEMBER 2010

At

THE ADELAIDE CONVENTION CENTRE
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CREATING THE FUTURE

National Mediation
Conferences
Ltd
ACN: 092 175 990

Past Conferences:

- Adelaide 1992
- Perth 1994
- Sydney 1995
- Melbourne 1998
- Brisbane 2000
- Canberra 2002
- Darwin 2004
- Hobart 2006
- Perth 2008

PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS:

Pre-conference workshops will be held on Sunday 5th September and Monday 6th September 2010 at the Hawke Institute at the University of South Australia's City West Campus.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FEES:

To assist organisations to budget for the conference it is anticipated that the fees will be similar to that of the Perth Conference and will include a generous early bird discount and concessions.

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS:

The committee will call for abstracts in October 2009 with a closing date in February 2010. The committee seeks to encourage abstracts that explore:

- Novel, innovative and challenging concepts and theories that broaden the practice of mediation
- Practical mediation and facilitation skills particularly those drawn from alternative methods, theories and disciplines
- The nexus between theory and practice
- Mediation in the international arena- knowledge and skill sets drawn from mediating geo political and high conflict international disputes
- Mediation and its connection to peace building and peace making
- Drawing lessons from traditional conflict resolution models within indigenous communities

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- Designing architecture for managing and facilitating conflict resolution within organisations, alliances and workplaces using a dispute systems design, conflict systems management or project allianceing perspective
- The social sciences and their impact on mediation practice, theory and culture
- Social sciences and the law – strengthening the relationship through collaboration within the profession of mediation
- The retired judge and senior counsel mediation culture
- High dollar value and complex commercial mediations and the place of the generalist mediator with high level expertise in mediation skills
- Judges and tribunal members and the dual roles of mediating and determining the matter
- Mediation as a compulsory step in the pre-litigation process
- The Family Court of Australia and the Federal Magistrates Court. The challenges of embracing mediation and less adversarial litigation
- The role and relevance of mediators in the practice of collaborative law
- Creative approaches to dispute resolution research, including qualitative research, action research and reflective observations of practice

Mediation has expanded into many fields beyond the traditional family law, community, industrial and commercial areas. The committee is seeking abstracts from a wide range of professionals that critically examine the challenges and opportunities and the theoretical implications for mediation in their fields and in all fields of practice both traditional and emerging, including but not limited to:

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| • international | • health | • community |
| • peace-building and peace-making | • mental health | • cultural, cross-cultural and intercultural |
| • human rights | • education | • sport and recreation |
| • courts and tribunals | • criminal justice | • allianceing and partnering |
| • environmental | • victim offender | • religion and interfaith |
| • workplace | • restorative justice | • on-line dispute resolution |
| • human resource management | • family | |
| • commerce | • family law | |
| • industry | • ageing | |
| | • youth | |
| | • children's rights | |
| | • child protection | |

- construction and building
- defence and defence procurement
- dispute systems design

CONSULTATION

The original thrust of the first two National Mediation Conferences in 1992 and 1994 was to provide a venue for dialogue and debate from the widest range of interest groups as a way of fostering the development of mediation as an evolving profession. The conference was designed to become an authoritative voice for the wider mediation profession as has been demonstrated in its central role in the accreditation debates. To further this aim the committee seeks input from the mediation community on topics and areas of interest for consideration by the committee for the conference – please email suggestions to the Conference Organisers at mediation2010@plevin.com.au Further updates on the conference will be provided on the conference web site –www.mediationconference.com.au

NATIONAL MEDIATION CONFERENCE SCHOLARSHIP 2010

The purpose of the National Mediation Conference Scholarship is to encourage original research and study at a postgraduate level that will assist the community to understand dispute resolution processes and/or enhance the body of knowledge of dispute resolution practitioners through research.

An amount of up to \$10,000 will be awarded and up to \$1,000 to assist with payment of the costs associated with travel and accommodation to enable the successful candidate to present a paper at the conference. To be eligible the candidate must be a citizen or permanent resident of Australia and be currently enrolled in a higher degree by coursework or research and study at an Australian University. The candidates must be willing and able to present their paper at the Adelaide 2010 National Mediation Conference.

ALL CONTACT DETAILS AND CONFERENCE INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION CAN BE FOUND AT:

www.mediationconference.com.au