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VET RESEARCH: LEADING AND RESPONDING IN TURBULENT TIMES

AVETRA 2010 13th Annual Conference

Holiday Inn Surfers Paradise, Surfers Paradise, QLD
Thursday, 8 - Friday, 9 April 2010

*Optional Research Workshops and a Welcome Reception will be held on
Wednesday, 7 April 2010 at the Ashmore Campus of Gold Coast Institute of TAFE
Details will be available later on the website*

CALL FOR PARTICIPATION

The Australian Vocational Education and Training Research Association (AVETRA) aims to promote quality VET research, build capacity to undertake VET research and evaluation, and provide opportunities to exchange information and ideas. VET research may be on a small or large scale, for policy development, to improve teaching and assessment practices or to discover which partnerships, programs and services best meet the needs of the individuals, communities and enterprises. AVETRA members include TAFE and university-based researchers, training managers, industry-based trainers and managers, and VET decision makers. The annual conference aims to be informative, challenging and practical and assist people to build networks.

The conference is calling for papers to discuss this year's theme: **VET Research: Leading and Responding in Turbulent Times.**

The 2010 AVETRA conference seeks to explore the ways in which VET research can lead or respond in turbulent times. The conference will address the following contexts:

- **VET as an agent of change: Curriculum, teaching and learning** - Papers on curriculum, teaching and learning
- **VET policy leadership in turbulent times** - Papers on policy responses
- **Leading and/or responding in turbulent times: VET institution and management practices** - Papers on the organisation of the VET sector
- **Change and transformations in VET: Perspectives on turbulent times** - Papers providing perspectives about change, turbulence and transforming VET and society
- **Beyond turbulence: other issues and perspectives** - Papers that engage issues outside of or beyond these turbulent times



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PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

AVETRA accepts only research-based conference papers. For this purpose, research is taken to mean any systematic investigation into a subject or topic with the aim of creating new knowledge or revising existing knowledge.

PAPERS

Individual paper presentations must be no longer than 25 minutes, which will allow for at least 5 minutes for questions and discussion (and 5 minutes changeover between papers). Authors who want their papers peer reviewed must submit them by **27 November 2009**. There won't be any deadline extension.

INTERACTIVE SESSIONS

The conference aims to provide practical assistance to VET researchers and practitioners and to those new to VET research. Submissions for a 90 minute session which involves and challenges a small group of participants are requested. These may be workshops, symposia, roundtable or panel discussions but the proposal must identify the target audience and expected outcomes of the session and clearly identify the agreement of all presenters.

ABSTRACT AND SUBMISSION DATES

Abstracts are required for both papers and interactive sessions and must be lodged via the website www.avetra.org.au

All speakers must register for the conference.

For further information and to lodge an abstract go to www.avetra.org.au

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| • Last date for submissions of abstracts | Friday, 25 September 2009 |
| • Notification of abstracts accepted | Monday, 19 October 2009 |
| • Last date for submission of papers for refereeing | Friday, 27 November 2009 |
| • Last date for submission of non-refereed papers | Friday, 19 February 2010 |
| • Last date for submission of power point presentations | Friday, 19 March 2010 |

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

- Abstracts must be no longer than 300 words
- Indicate if your abstract is for a paper presentation or an interactive session (symposium, workshop, roundtable or panel discussion)
- Indicate whether your full paper is to be peer reviewed
- All abstracts need to be lodged via the website www.avetra.org.au