

AUT University and the Sport Management Association of Australia and New Zealand (SMAANZ) wish to invite submissions from scholars and practitioners to present at the Annual Conference, Waiheke Island Resort, Waiheke Island, off the coast of Auckland, November 29 and 30, 2007.

#### Conference theme

The broad theme for the 2007 conference is 'Convenient and Inconvenient Truths'. Presenters are asked to consider how their research or practice may or may not challenge existing beliefs, assumptions and approaches to what is promoted as 'best practice', in the broad sphere of sport management. In doing so, presenters should position their presentation as a 'convenient, or inconvenient truth'.

#### Conference website

The conference website that will detail the registration process, transportation services, accommodation packages and the conference social program will soon be available. Useful websites to help you plan your trip include:

Waiheke Island Resort: <http://www.waihekeresort.co.nz/>

Waiheke Island: [www.tourismwaiheke.co.nz](http://www.tourismwaiheke.co.nz)

Travel in New Zealand: [www.purenz.com](http://www.purenz.com)

#### Submission Guidelines

Completed research or a work-in-progress may be proposed as either:

- \* a 25-minute oral presentation (including questions)
- \* workshop

Presentations and workshops will include a title and abstract. Abstracts should be sufficiently developed to convey the relevance or significance of the topic to sport management, relevant literature, clarity of the conceptual framework, appropriate methodology, completed data analysis, and a discussion and recommendations/strategies practitioners could viably implement.

Presentations from practitioners are especially encouraged. Abstracts should identify the issue to be discussed, the relevance or significance of the topic to other practitioners as well as academics (e.g. a possible area for research and/or an important issue for sport management pedagogy/curriculum development).

#### Abstract Format

Each abstract must meet the following format specifications:

- \* One page maximum, including the presentation's title on the first line and author(s) with institution(s) on the second line
- \* Both lines bold-faced and centred 2.5cm from the top of the page
- \* Text should be single-spaced on A4 paper with 2.5cm margins in 12 point, Times New Roman font.
- \* A blind copy (omitting author/institution line) should also be provided.

#### Deadline

Submissions must be received by 30 June 2007. Submissions received after this date are not guaranteed to be reviewed. We alert you to the need to book your accommodation early and understand that your ability to do so is often predicated on notification of your abstract being accepted. Hence, we recommend for your benefit that the deadline date is observed.

#### Review Process

Submissions will be subjected to a blind review process. Submission of an abstract indicates the intent of the presenter(s) to attend the conference. No more than 2 first-authored presentations will be accepted from the same person, including all co-authorships, for either 25- or 75-minute presentations. Conference abstracts are accepted on the basis that they represent original work and should not have previously been published.

#### Contacts

All submissions and enquiries pertaining to abstract submission and the academic program should be directed to Dr Geoff Dickson ([geoff.dickson@aut.ac.nz](mailto:geoff.dickson@aut.ac.nz)). All other enquiries regarding the conference should be directed to Cindy Wiersma ([cindy.wiersma@aut.ac.nz](mailto:cindy.wiersma@aut.ac.nz)).

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