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Seminar "Shaping Public Management: From Birmingham to Beijing "

Rio de Janeiro, 26 and 27 November 1999

Jointly organised by the International Association of Schools and Institutes of Administration (Specialised Association of IIAS) and the Division of Economics and Public Administration - DEPA (United Nations)

This seminar is being held at the invitation of the Brazilian School of Public Administration, the Getulio Vargas Foundation and the Public Service School Foundation, and with the support of the Brazilian Institute of Public Administration

During the seminar, a joint IIAS-Unesco panel on « The Point of View of Women on Training in Public Administration », will also be organised.

[Draft Programme](#)

Practical Information and registration forms are available at the IASIA Secretariat. (Fax: 32-2-537.97.02, E-mail: iasia@iiasiisa.be) as well as on the IIAS Web Site <http://www.iiasiisa.be> (IASIA - Rio de Janeiro).

Catherine Coninckx
Executive Secretary

Build The Innovative Organization

Metro Toronto Convention Centre, South Building, Toronto
November 25 and 26, 1999

For more information please call Teresa at (416) 515-7250 or email at croscup@strategyinstitute.com

Policy Research Conference on *Analyzing the Trends*

Ottawa, Ontario. November 25 - 26, 1999

<http://policyresearch.schoolnet.ca/1999conference/index-e.htm>

Twenty-First Annual APPAM Research Conference

4-6 November, 1999
Washington Monarch Hotel, Washington, DC

Theme: "Public Policy Analysis and Management: Global and Comparative Perspectives"

Call for Papers and other information is now available on the APPAM website.

Keep up-to-date on APPAM Activities, the Jobbank, etc: <http://qsilver.queensu.ca/appam/>

Innovation Insights

The National Research Council of Canada (NRC) and the Alliance of Manufacturers and Exporters Canada have teamed up to produce a unique program called Innovation Insights. Manufacturing managers and executives are invited to join up to 15 of their colleagues to visit companies across Canada to learn from the best. October visits in Ontario, and their focus, are:

- Hammond Manufacturing, Enclosure Group, Guelph, October 6 (theory of constraints; finite scheduling; customer service excellence)
- Kodak Canada, Toronto, October 7 (Six Sigma; ISO 14000; lean manufacturing)
- Canada Post, London, October 7 (change management; lean thinking)
- GE Multilin, Markham, October 12 (culture change; management style; focused factory workcell teams; supplier partnerships; quality)
- CRS Robotics, Burlington, October 19 (Matching standard solutions to diverse and sophisticated markets and processes throughout the world.)
- Firestone Textiles, Woodstock, October 27 (How employee involvement, employee motivation and data collection reduce machine downtime.)

Complete information and a schedule of visits is available at: <http://www.tvp-ii.org/ii/iindex.html>

Source: Ottawa-Carleton Manufacturers' Network, *OCM News* at: <http://www.ocmn.org>

Citizens at the Crossroads: Whose Information Society?

October 21-24, 1999, London, ON Canada

The University of Western Ontario, Government of Canada's Department of Canadian Heritage and the Canadian International Development Agency

Call for Papers

Abstracts and papers are invited for a conference to address issues related to the growth of the knowledge-based economy and society. Specifically the conference, as part of a government-wide policy research agenda, will address citizenship in the information society by exploring the forces that advance and impede civic participation domestically and internationally, in the developing and developed world.

The conference is expected to attract both researchers and policy professionals. Abstracts and papers are invited on these topics:

- Ownership and control of electronic and other media networks, services and information; different forms of commercial and political control; impact on access and on the exercise of citizenship
- Controversial content, censorship, propaganda, and privacy; tensions between freedom of expression and the control of illegal activities; new forms of propaganda and censorship; the protection of children
- Civic knowledge, education, and participation: rights and responsibilities and citizenship in an information society; is a virtual education, education?; how the net and other forms of communication expand and constrain civic participation.
- Democracy and political action: effects of new networks and the freer flow of information on national and other identities, political cultures and the way people mobilize for action within and across borders (esp. in biotechnology as information)
- Human rights, diversity, and marginalization: importance of access to information and communication media for human rights; risks of marginalization and homogenization.

Abstracts: May 31, 1999

Papers: October 1, 1999

Submissions should be sent electronically to fims-conference@julian.uwo.ca and should include a one-page abstract of a paper or panel proposal in MS word or ASCII format. In addition, the Program Committee needs a one-page C.V. or biography, which includes citations of relevant work. Selected papers should be no more than 30 pages. Papers not received by the October 1 deadline will be removed from the program. The conference also intends to provide access to all accepted papers either through publication or via our web site. A monograph will be published based on a selected number of papers presented at the conference. Please check our web site at <http://www.fims.uwo.ca> after May 1 for conference and registration information.

Global City-Regions Conference

Los Angeles - October 21-23, 1999

hosted by the UCLA School of Public Policy and Social Research

For more information: www.sppsr.ucla.edu/globalcityregions

International Knowledge Management Summit (IKMS Canada 99)

Nov 22-24, 1999
University of Toronto, Toronto

Hosted by the Delphi Group Canada
For details visit <http://www.skmi.com>

Keynotes:

- Dr. Paul Romer - Professor Of Economics, Stanford University
- Thornton May - Vice President, Research and Education and Corporate Futurist at Cambridge Technology Partners
- David John Snowden - Director, IBM Institute of Knowledge Management Europe, Middle East and Africa
- Dr. Nick Bontis - Director, Institute for Intellectual Capital Research
- Carl Frappaolo - Assistant Professor, DeGroote School of Business, McMaster University, Executive Vice President, The Delphi Group

Over 35 speakers and case study presenters

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IV International Congress of CLAD on State and Public Administration Reform

19-22 October 1999, Mexico, D.F., Mexico

INAP / AECI / IDB / WB / CAF / ECLAC / UN(DESA) / PAHO Invitation

CLAD's International Congresses held in Rio de Janeiro (1996), Margarita Island (1997), and Madrid (1998) all attracted a large attendance, and are now viewed as the main forum in Ibero-America and the Caribbean for the exchange of ideas and knowledge on State and Public Administration Reform. Consequently, the interest of thousands of officials, researchers, advisors, and scholars, as well as representatives from governments, universities, businesses, international organisations, and co-operation agencies to take part in this event, is renewed every year.

This IV Congress will build upon the steps already taken, towards learning from reflection and discussion, thus providing the attending participants with more favourable conditions in which to achieve this goal. Mexico will be the host country of the Congress. That this Congress takes place at the end of this millennium in the birthplace of one of the most ancient and developed civilisations in our hemisphere is a good omen.

Once again, we hope to welcome and greet you personally in Mexico, in October 1999.

Angel Acebes
Minister of Public Administrations - Spain
President of CLAD
Jose Natividad Gonzalez Paras
President, INAP Mexico
Jose Alberto Bonifacio
Secretary General of CLAD
<http://www.clad.org.ve/homei.html>

In the following address <http://clad.org.ve/congre4i.html> you will find details of: Objectives, Agenda, Panels, Conferences, Round Tables, Networks, Registration Form, Papers, Languages, Registration Venue, Accommodations and Transportation, and Panel Proposal Form.

Institute of Public Administration Australia

Institute of Public Administration Australia, National Conference, Darwin, Australia, September 8-10, 1999

C.I.P.A. '99

CITIZENS AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION IN THE INFORMATION AGE:

Constructing Citizen-Oriented Society for the Future

18-20 August, 1999; University of Tampere, Tampere, Finland

Preliminary program, list of accepted papers, registration form and additional information is available at <http://www.uta.fi/laitokset/hallinto/CIPA99>

There are currently about 50 papers or presentations in the program, coming from a variety of different countries, representing different scholarly ideas, traditions, perspectives, and different practical contexts and concerns. Based on this variety, we expect to have an interesting and intriguing discussions and exchange of ideas. The key issues to be discussed during the three day conference are:

"what is the role of citizens and public administration in the information age" and "how can we use modern information and communication technologies, organizational principles, and knowledge in order to create and secure a citizen-oriented open society for the future".

Organizers: International Social Science Council (ISSC), University of Tampere, ISFI Research Project, University of Tampere, Information Society Research Centre (INSOC)

Keynote Speakers: Prof. Ted Becker, Auburn University, USA
Docent Tarja Cronberg, Executive Director,
Regional Council of North Karelia, Finland
Prof. Christa Slaton, Auburn University, USA

The purpose of this conference is to discuss, in a multinational and multidisciplinary context, the role of citizens and public administration in the emerging information society. During the conference issues like "what is the role of citizens and public administration in the information age" and "how can we use modern information and communication technologies, organizational principles and knowledge in order to create a citizen-oriented open society for the future" will be scrutinized.

The working language of the conference is English.

MAIN TOPICS

The general theme of the conference will be discussed under five sub-themes or topics:

1) *Information Society: Present State, Trends and Prospects*

The opening section of the conference will concentrate on systematic analyses, well-grounded opinions and visions on the present state, current trends and future prospects of the information society. Proposed papers may analyze issues such as:

- * What are the current trends and directions for the information Society? Where are we now and where are we going?
- * What are the main economic, political, cultural, and societal forces affecting the development of the information society?
- * What are the main social and human problems of the information society? And how can we deal with these problems?
- * What does the recent development look like at the global level? What will happen to the less developed countries in second and third worlds? Are they left out from the global information society; or if not, what is their role in the emerging global village? Is there such village at all?

2) *The Changing Role of Public Services and Public Administration in the information society*

In this section the role of public and private sectors and the organization and production of public services and public administration are discussed. Proposed papers should focus on issues such as:

- * How should the division of labor between the public, private, and the "third" sectors be organized in the future society? What is, will be, or should be the role of public sector, public activities, public services and public administration at the information age?
- * What kind of public services are needed at the modern times? Who should fund and who should produce these services, how should their production be organized and controlled, and for whom should these services be targeted?
- * What is or should be the division of labor between different levels of public administration, e.g. what is or should be the division of labor between the central (i.e. state or federal), regional, and local administrations?

3) Role of Citizens and Customers in Organization, Production and Control of Public Services at the Information Age

This section will concentrate on the role of citizens and customers in the organization, production and control of public services in the information society. Proposed papers may analyze issues such as, but not necessarily limited to:

- * the need for, promises, and opportunities of citizen's participation and control in the modern society
- * different modes and types of citizen's participation and control the strength and weaknesses, opportunities and threats of citizen and customer participation
- * the role of and need for self-help and spontaneous grass-root level activities, cooperatives and/or indirect public administration
- * the role of customers and citizens in commercially oriented service production.

4) Use of Open Computer Networks and Modern Information and Communication Technology in the Service of Democratic Information Society

In this section the role of open computer networks (i.e. Internet) and the modern information and communication technology are analyzed in politics, administration, and service provision of the information society. Proposed papers may concentrate on issues such as:

- * How could open computer networks (e.g. Internet) and modern information and communication technology be used in the service of citizen oriented democracy? What kind of strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats can be seen in the use of this technology? And what should be done in order to take advantage of the new possibilities and promises offered by this technology?
- * What is the role of public electronic networks, virtual communities, and customer oriented information systems in the service of modern democratic society? What are the challenges of electronic democracy to modern society? How should these challenges be responded, and what kind of results can or could be expected?
- * What kind of technical solutions are available for administrative and political processes and service delivery: WWW, E-mail, electronic bulletin boards, discussion lists (etc.)? What kind of systems can be used in electronic town meeting, televoting, and public electronic access? How can digital cities and wide area networks be used to create a new form of local and regional government?
- * What are the pioneering projects, how have they been established, funded and managed? What kind of lessons have been or can be learned on the basis of these projects? What kind of new developmental projects are initiated and planned?

5) Speaking of Information Society: Values, Meanings, and Language

The last section of the conference will concentrate on ethics and moral issues, rhetoric and politics of information society, conceptual and terminological issues and clarifications, and theories of and theoretization on information society. Proposed papers may analyze issues such as:

- * Are there, in fact, any comprehensive and plausible theories of information society? If there are, what is their relation to other developments in the field of social, political and administrative theory?
- * Is the concept of information society appropriate for theoretical reasoning, or is it just untheoretical catch-word, appropriate only for visionary discussions and policy programs?

* What are the differences between the rhetoric and the realities of information society? Is the concept of information society just a myth or utopia without sufficient realist or theoretical grounds?

PUBLICATION

A selection of papers presented at the conference will be published later on by the organizers.

The conference is organized by:

- * International Social Science Council (ISSC, Unesco House, Paris, France)
- * University of Tampere, ISFI (Information Society in Finland: Present State and Future Prospects)
- * University of Tampere, Information Society Research Centre (INSOC)

DEADLINES

Registrations for participants without a paper or a presentation will be accepted as soon as possible.

REGISTRATION FEES

Registration fees for the conference are as follows:

Before June 15 After June 15, 1999

Persons, presenting a paper 500 FIM 700 FIM

Other participants 500 FIM 1000 FIM

The fee will cover access to the conference and the conference material. 500 FIM is about 95 USD or 84 ECU.

Registration form will be available from the conference site at

<http://www.uta.fi/laitokset/hallinto/CIPA99/Registration.htm>

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Additional information concerning conference city (Tampere, and how to reach it) and about organizers is available from the conference www site.

<http://www.uta.fi/laitokset/hallinto/CIPA99>

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The Creative City: Re-inventing Cities for the 21st Century

9-12 August 1999, Amsterdam

In association with Comedia consultancy, London & The Creative Town Initiative, Huddersfield, UK

More information at: <http://www.amsu.edu/1999/cc.htm>

IIAS Call for Papers

London, England July 12-15, 1999

The International Institute of Administrative Sciences (IIAS) will be holding its first specialized conference in London, England July 12-15, 1999. Papers on the theme of Accountability in Public Administration: Reconciling Democracy, Efficiency and Ethics. Sub-topics are:

- Accountability and democracy: answering to political authority and citizens' needs
- Accountability and efficiency: formal controls and performance management
- Accountability and ethics: the role of values and legal procedures in raising standards
- Accountability across levels of governments: globalization and decentralisation

The deadline for submissions was December 31, 1998, but they show some lenience about dates.

An interesting thought:

"Social environments which are less divisive, less undermining of self-confidence, less productive of social antagonism, and which put greater resources into developing skills and abilities, may well turn out to be more innovative and better able to adapt to the environmental problems we face."
Richard G. Wilkinson. (1994) "The epidemiological transition: from material scarcity to Social Disadvantage?" *Daedalus* 124 (4): 61-78

Call for Papers/symposium (Panel) Proposals Academy of Management Meeting

Chicago August 8-11, 1999

Submission deadline: January 8, 1999

The deadline for submission of proposals for the Chicago 1999 Academy of Management Annual Meetings is fast approaching. The Management Education and Development division (MED) invites papers for special sessions on MANAGEMENT EDUCATION IN A PLURALISTIC WORLD. Though time is late, we know you can develop a paper or symposium (panel) proposal by January 8th on this important subject. Really! Actually all divisions of the Academy of Management invite your submissions as you can see in the call listed below) on the conference theme: Change and development Journeys into a Pluralistic World.

For further information contact Catherine Coninckx at: iasia@agoranet.be

Ontario Public Sector Quality Fair

June 15 and 16, 1999

Sponsored by Public Sector Quality Council in Ontario
Queen's Park, 900 Bay St., Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Features:

- Exhibits of public sector quality team achievements
- Keynote speakers from public and private sector organizations
- Seminars on service quality and continuous improvement.

For more information: www.psqf.org

Administrative Sciences Association of Canada 1999 Conference

June 12 - June 15 in Saint John, New Brunswick.
Call For Papers!

In keeping with the conference theme of "Working on the Digital Frontier" I am sending all messages of the TIM division electronically. The official call for Papers, and an urgent request that you also help review papers can be accessed via my web page at University of Toronto, by clicking on the following url address:

<http://www.mgmt.utoronto.ca/~bates/index.html#ASAC>

You can either fill out the form electronically, or download it and either mail it or fax it to me. If you don't have access to a web browser, contact me, and I will fax or mail the forms to you. The official style guideline can also be accessed at my website.

I will look forward to seeing you at this year's conference in St. John, New Brunswick, and thank you in advance for your participation in the TIM division.

International Summit on Public Service Reform

June 9-11, 1999 Winnipeg, MB

Summit Tracks:

- Alternative Service Delivery
- Workplace Transformation
- Information Technology
- Leadership and Partnership
- Performance Measurement/Governance

Keynote Speakers:

- Oscar Arias, Nobel Peace Prize Winner, former President of Costa Rica
Topic: TBA
- Jocelyne Bourgon, President of the Canadian Centre for Management Development
Topic: "How the Grassroots Can Drive Public Service Reform"
- William A. Etherington, Senior Vice President and Group Executive of IBM
Topic: "How Technology is Changing the Way Governments Deliver Service"
- Henry Mintzberg, Cleghorn Prof. of Mgmt. Studies at McGill University, Prof. of Organization at Boul. de Constance (France)
Topic: "Rooting the Third Way"
- Geoff Mulgan, Policy Advisor, Prime Minister's Office (UK), Founding Director of Demos and Author of "Connexity: Responsibility, Freedom, Business and Power in the New Century"
Topic: "Is Government Coming to an End?"
- Rex Murphy, CBC Commentator and Host of "Cross Country Checkup"
Topic: "Canada From the Outside In"
- David Osborne, Co-author of "Reinventing Government" and "Banishing Bureaucracy"
Topic: "Banishing Bureaucracy"

SUMMIT TRACKS (An overview of public service reform issues)
Alternative Service Delivery

- David Osborne, Co-author of "Reinventing Government" and "Banishing Bureaucracy"
Topic: "Banishing Bureaucracy" (Workshop)
- Sue Vardon, Chief Executive Officer, Centrelink, Australia
Topic: "Creating a Customer Service Culture for a National Government"
- John Wilkins, Manitoba Treasury Board Secretariat
Topic: "Special Operating Agencies - A Manitoba Success Story: Lessons Learned"

Workforce Transformation

Topic: "Workforce Transformation in an Award-Winning Private/Public Partnership: The Teranet Success Story" Co-presenters:

- Art Daniels, Assistant Deputy Minister, Restructuring Secretary Cabinet Office, Government of Ontario, Canada
- Aris Kaplanis, President & Chief Executive Officer, Teranet Land Information Services Inc.
- Graham Lowe, Professor, Canadian Policy Research Networks Inc.

Topic: "Human Resource Renewal in Smaller, Leaner Governments: Results from a Study by the Canadian Policy Research Network Inc."

Panel Discussion

Topic: "Reforming the Public Service: Political Perspectives in Developed and Developing Countries"

- Chair - Paul Thomas, Professor of Political Studies, University of Manitoba,

Canada Panelists:

- Brendan Martin, Writer and independent consultant (Public Services International-France)
- Hon. Satish Roopa, Minister of Executive Council (MEC)/Safety & Security and MEC for Public Administration and Transformation, North West Province, South Africa
- Hon. Eric Stefanson, Minister of Finance, Government of Manitoba, Canada Information Technology
- Rodger Guinn, Executive Director, Better Methods Initiative, Government of Manitoba, Canada

Topic: "Manitoba's Better Methods Project: Re-engineering Internal Administrative Processes"

- Jerry Mechling, Professor, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, United States

Topic: "Decision Making in Public Agencies When the Citizenry Is Wired"

- Ignace Snellen, Professor (EM) of Public Administration, Erasmus University and Leyden University, Netherlands

Topic: "The Effects of E-commerce on Bureaucracy Around the World"

Panel Discussion

Topic: "Can Technology Be Used to Protect the Public's Interest?"

- Chair - William A. Etherington, Senior Vice President and Group Executive of IBM

Panelists:

- Andy Macdonald, Vice President, Marketing and Business Development for SITA (Europe)
- Ronald D. Saull, Senior Vice President and Chief Information Officer, Information Services Division of The Great-West Life Assurance Company, London Life and Investors Group

- Patrick Smith, Vice President, Systems Integration and Technology Planning, Sprint (U.S.)

Leadership and Partnership

Panel Discussion

Topic: "Municipal Partnerships: A Comparison of Leadership Styles"

- Chair - Gail Stephens, Chief Administrative Officer, City of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada

Panelists:

- Glen Murray, Mayor, City of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada
- Gail Stephens, Chief Administrative Officer, City of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada
- Officer, City of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada

Performance

Measurement/Governance

Christopher Pollitt, Professor of Public Management, Erasmus University, Rotterdam, Netherlands

Topic: "Impacts of Public Management Reform - Is the Emperor in his Underwear: Comparative Analysis of Reform in 10+ Countries"

Panel Discussion

Topic: "The Effect of Statistical Surveys and Opinion Polls on Public Policy and Administration"

- Chair - Jon Singleton, Provincial Auditor, Government of Manitoba, Canada

Panelists:

- Chris Adams, Vice President, General Research Services Division, Angus Reid Group, Winnipeg, Canada
- L. Denis Desautels, Auditor General of Canada
- Ivan P. Fellegi, Chief Statistician of Canada, Statistics Canada

For further information: <http://www.gov.mb.ca/sfi/summit/index.html>

Reminder for the Upcoming 1999 Midwest Academy of Management

April 16-17, 1999 at the Cornhusker Hotel in Lincoln, Nebraska

Dear Colleagues,

This e-mail is to remind you to make both your conference and hotel reservations for the upcoming 1999 Midwest Academy of Management Meeting to be held April 16-17, 1999 at the Cornhusker

Hotel in Lincoln, Nebraska. Hotel reservations must be made by March 26, 1999 to receive the conference rate and early conference registration is due by April 5. You may register at the Midwest Academy of Management website: <http://www.utoledo.edu/~mwacad/>

Highlights of the 1999 Midwest Academy of Management Meeting include sessions on: the current research trends in organizational behaviour, human resource management, social issues management, and entrepreneurship; the strategic management of technology; the current activities in Asia; pedagogy and technology; case critiques; workshops on grant writing and writing for publication; Gallup's recent selection, leadership, and work place development projects; and a number of engaging social activities, such as a reception at the Sheldon Memorial Art Gallery and Sculpture Garden. Detailed conference highlights and the preliminary conference program are available on the website listed above.

Conference participants who want their submissions to be included in the web-based proceedings should check the proceedings website to make sure an electronic version of their submission has been placed there: <http://www.sba.muohio.edu/management/MWAcademy/>

If not, please attach a Word-based version of your submission to an e-mail and send it directly to Bill Snavely at snavelwb@muohio.edu by Friday, March 19 in order to be included in the proceedings.

Finally, doctoral students are encouraged to sign up for the doctoral consortium held Friday morning from 8:30-12:00 when they register for the conference.

I look forward to seeing you in Lincoln on April 16-17 for the Midwest Academy meeting!

The Third International Research Symposium on Public Management (IRSPM III): The New Public Management - Dead or Alive?

25 - 26 March 1999

Aston Business School, Aston University, Birmingham, UK

You are invited to attend and participate in IRSPM III. The first two Symposia were exciting and stimulating events and the third looks set to build on their strengths.

The confence features The new public management - Dead or alive? by Sandra Dawson (Judge, Institute of Management, University of Cambridge)

Discussant Walter Kickert (Erasmus University)

Chair Margaret Harris (Aston Business School)

and

Bureaucracy and markets in Western Europe - Some theoretical reflections on Max Weber and David Ricardo

by Jan-Erik Lane (University of Geneva) Discussant Lawrence Jones (US Naval Postgraduate School)

Chair John Mawson (Aston Business School)

Many other [Plenary Papers](#) will be presented at the conference.

IRSPM Steering Committee:

Stephen P. Osborne [Chair] (University of Aston), George Boyne (University of Wales, Cardiff), Anne Casebeer (University of Calgary), Jim Cutt (University of Victoria, British Columbia), Nicholas Deakin (University of Birmingham)

Registration form for the symposium can be obtained by faxing Pat Clark 44 (0)121 333 5620.

Public Sector Transformation Workshop

The Workshop on Public Sector Transformation at Macquarie Graduate School of Management (MGSM) brought together 35 academics from Australia, New Zealand, America and the UK to discuss the changes that are affecting the public sector throughout the world. The three day conference included four keynote addresses presented by:

- Professor Richard Laughlin ("The New Public Management Reforms in Schools and GP Practices: A Comparative Study of Professional Resistance and the Role of Absorption and Absorbing Groups") and Dr Jane Broadbent ("Organisational Responses to Unwanted Accounting & Financial Changes with Specific Reference to General Medical Practice in the UK & New Zealand: Institutional Isomorphism or Organisational Resistance or Both?") from the University of Essex
- Professor Bob Walker ("The Use of Replacement Price Accounting to Shape Perceptions and "Control" the Public Sector") from the University of New South Wales
- Professor Lee Parker ("Recent Public Sector Financial Management Changes in Australia") from the University of Adelaide

A total of 19 papers were presented in two parallel streams.

Many of the papers explored the different government initiatives that are occurring globally (New Zealand, Nigeria, Australia and the US) which have a clear intention of transforming the nature and design of the management and accounting practices in the public sector. Yet, as many of the papers demonstrated, the actual effects of these changes remains something less than the original transforming intentions of Governments.

Transition to a new state while retaining much of the past methodologies, rather than transformation, is perhaps a better way to describe what is occurring. The keynote addresses by Richard Laughlin and Jane Broadbent describing their work in British schools and GP practices were typical of this important general theme. Given this increasing complex picture of intention and seeming resistance, the call of Professor Laughlin, Dr Broadbent and others at the Workshop for a wide-ranging evaluation of the real merit and worth of these changes (both positive and negative) and their affects to all stakeholders came out as a strong and important theme. It is these concerns that are causing so much current research interest in the public sector throughout the world.

Such was the success of this Workshop at MGSM and the continuing and growing interest in this research world-wide that it is now planned that Associate Professor Guthrie will run a similar event, probably annually, for the next few years. Such a move will undoubtedly provide MGSM with an important event in order to attract international scholars and improve the School's research profile.

Copies of the workshop program and details re authors are available from the Public Sector Transformation Centre on <http://www.gsm.mq.edu.au/pstc/>

FORUM LOGOV

"Towards a World Charter of Local Self-government"

took place 8- 30 October 1998

This was a on the draft of the World Charter of Local Self-government, jointly prepared by the initiative of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) and the World Associations of Cities and Local Authorities Coordination (WACLAC).

The Charter was initiated by WACLA (World Assembly of Cities and Local Authorities) in Istanbul 96 at the Habitat Conference II.

The text of this document (in English) can be found at <http://web.bham.ac.uk/l.montiel/logov/charter.htm>

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