



## International Industrial Relations Association World Congress

### Event Statistics

Event Name:	15 <sup>th</sup> World Congress of the International Industrial Relations Association (IIRA)	
Theme:	The New World of Work, Organisations and Employment	
Date:	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> – Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> August 2009	
Venue:	Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre Sydney	
Conference Delegates:	1500	
Exhibition Stands:	7	
Sponsorship:	Platinum:	Clayton Utz
	Gold:	Australian Government - Dep. Of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations
	Silver:	NSW Government - Industrial Relations, Workcover NSW, Qantas
	Bronze:	The Law Society of NSW, State Government of VIC, Queensland Government
	Major Supporting Partner:	Australian Senior Human Resources Roundtable, AMMA - Resourcing Australian Industry, Unions NSW, Australian Industry Group
	Supporting Partner:	SAGE, ACTU, AUT - NZ Work and Labour Market Institute
	Marketing Partner:	Australian Human Resources Institute, ACCI - Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry
	Gala Dinner Sponsor:	The University of Sydney, Faculty of Economics & Business
	Conference Website Sponsor:	The Law Society of New South Wales
Streams/Tracks:	9	
Abstracts:	503	
Papers:	360	
Speakers:	360	
Posters:	128	



Congress Website: [www.iceaustralia.com/iira2009](http://www.iceaustralia.com/iira2009)



## The Client

The International Industrial Relations Association (IIRA) is the peak international body dedicated to developing and exchanging knowledge in the field of industrial relations, at an international level, and provides the academic and the practitioner with a forum for discussion and research.

The Industrial Relations Society of Australia brings together representatives of management, trade unions, government services and the professions, together with specialists in the various academic disciplines concerned with industrial relations, and seeks to develop an integrated approach to industrial relations.

## Congress Objectives

The theme of the 15th World Congress focuses on the future direction of work and employment relations in this century. The Congress explores how both developed and developing economies are dealing with new challenges arising from the impact of globalisation on the nature of work, organisations and institutions. In particular, new forms of voice and representation for workers will be examined as well as how families and communities are dealing with change.

While the concepts of employee representation, collective bargaining, social partnership and social dialogue are being challenged by more individualised employment arrangements, the means by which work and employment relations are regulated remain a central issue for people around the world. The dignity of labour is also a fundamental human right in a civilised community.

## Congress Program

The objectives of the Congress were achieved by ensuring a comprehensive and well planned program was established. The Congress program is presented in a variety of mediums designed to give maximum information exchange. These mediums include;

- 9 tracks/streams across 3 days
- 5 tracks/streams across 1 day
- 22 special symposia
- 4 Congress Forums
- Study Group Meetings
- Publishing Workshops
- Poster sessions

## The Role of International Conferences and Events (ICE)

The Congress Committee members were professionals from the industry who were volunteering and did not have the time, resources or expertise to coordinate such a large event.

ICE was contracted to professionally coordinate all aspects of the event, this included liaising with all service providers, sponsors, exhibitors and delegates to ensure a successful outcome was achieved.

## Rationale/Methodology

The project planning process involved the construction of a detailed critical path to monitor, update and evaluate the event criteria. ICE reported monthly to the Conference Committee.

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