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WORLD CONGRESS ON INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY 2002

This once-in-twenty-year event took place in Adelaide for three days at the end of February. Over 1800 delegates from around the world, including Whitehorse's Ian Dennis, were entertained and challenged by a mostly excellent range of speakers.

Highlights for Ian included:

- ◆ The competent and friendly management and staffing of the whole event,
- ◆ Meeting old friends and new contacts from all around the world,
- ◆ Canadian Don Tapscott's musings on competition,
- ◆ The presentation by Singapore Acting IT Minister David Lim on how the island State has developed a strong and effective IT industry,
- ◆ Bill Clinton demonstrating some social conscience,
- ◆ The hospitality shown to everyone by the people of Adelaide,
- ◆ The careful and intelligent chairing by Senator Richard Alston of the IT development strategies panel,
- ◆ Ziggy Switkowski challenging Microsoft and others to match Telstra's commitment to the broadband development fund,
- ◆ And the passionate presentation of Victoria's superiority in everything that matters by Minister John Brumby.



Ian & AIIA Manager Sandy Burns.

Ian's Lowlights were:

- ◆ The excessively US-centric agenda and speaker list
- ◆ Other than Ziggy, not one speaker from the Australian IT industry
- ◆ George Negus (the moderator) trying to be a "dinkum Aussie bloke", hogging valuable speaker time, and asking Bill Clinton inappropriate and insensitive "political" questions
- ◆ Commonwealth Bank chief David Murray trying to blame the IT industry for the global recession
- ◆ Falling off the South Australian Government stand and badly bruising his back

Voices from the Past

"The IT profession may be reaching a stage of zero population growth, with the mainframe market reaching saturation point"

Philip Stanley, Consultant to the Federal Government, Rydges EDP Manual 1977

In 1977 there were only approximately 2900 computers and 20,000 people employed in all aspects of IT in Australia!

APPOINTMENT OF PRACTICE MANAGERS

Whitehorse have recently introduced Practice Area Centres, reflecting our growth, and changes in our service offerings and market orientation.

Each Practice Area will have a Practice Manager to provide defined concentration of resource, expertise and effort. Below is a list of the Practice Areas and associated Practice Managers. Appointments are being made shortly to a number of areas.

Division	Director	Practice Area	Practice Area Manager
Information Technology & Telecommunications	David Goble	E-Services	Peter Lowe
		IT Management & Strategy	TBA
		Facilities Management	David Dennis
		IT Policy	David Goble
Policy & Strategy	Ian Dennis	Policy Advisory	Ian Dennis
		Research Services	TBA
Economic & Corporate Development	David Peile	Business Process & Interoperability	David Peile
		Economic Advisory Services	Paul Crosbie
		Corporate Development & Human Futures	TBA
Security & Risk Management	Benny Lönnborn	Security & Risk Management	Benny Lönnborn



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