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Dear valued ISANA Vic/Tas members,

Following 2021's experience, the Vic/Tas team were prepared for presenting professional learning online but hopeful for some face-to-face engagement. In March, in connection with Vision International Ly Tran shared her research "Longing for Belonging" to over 130 members and guests. As the year progressed due to continued closed borders, we were made aware of the growing pressures and changes in workplaces. Across all sectors, memberships changed and experienced international education advisors found themselves changing roles and seeking new workplaces. Whilst ISANA members registered for online webinars, the changing realities of the workplace saw low attendance and engagement with sessions. With hope, the Vic/Tas team approached the planning of its biennial conference for face-to-face mode. Unfortunately, Melbourne became the most locked down city in the world and the conference switched back to online. Sponsored by Medibank, City of Melbourne and Iglu, the conference titled "Acknowledge, Adjust, Applaud" recognised the efforts of all involved in supporting our students. Over two days, sessions were presented covering topics including student health, student experience, regional connections and local government initiatives. Vic/Tas members have also had the opportunity to engage with online sessions coordinated by other states as well as the Masterclass series with IEAA. Just like the conference title, the Vic/Tas team acknowledge the diligence of its members and applaud you for your efforts. We ask you continue to share your knowledge and skills in the coming year – you have so much to offer.

Kind regards,

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