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Happy 2023!

I'm sure as you receive this email that some of you are already well underway with your year and others busy planning and delivering orientation, pre departure and other welcome events for your international students.

ISANA has kicked off this year with planning professional development, our 2023 Calendar should be online over coming weeks.

We are also excited to announce that 2023 will see us host our first in person National Conference in Australia since 2019! Venue, dates, and location to be announced soon! If you are interested in being on our conference organising committee, please email our secretariat isana@isana.org.au

In the meantime, please see below information for members about upcoming projects, conferences, and sessions.

Have a fantastic month,

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ISANA New Zealand Conference 2023 Program

We recommend taking advantage of registering for the early-bird special price through the [ISANA NZ Conference 2023](#) platform today. The organising committee will continue updating workshop details and will release a full conference schedule in the coming days. They are delighted to announce that the fourth plenary speaker is Prof Paul Spoonley, who will highlight what international education offers in terms of addressing one of the most significant social issues we face.

Key themes of the conference will address current issues, risks and opportunities for the sector:

- Code Essentials and the Capability Toolkit
- Learner Wellbeing and Satisfaction
- Building Professional Competence

The aim of the conference is to provide timely in-person professional development and networking for new and experienced practitioners, we look forward to seeing you there.

Deakin University has been contracted by the Australian Government to implement the Best Practice International Student Engagement Project under the International Education Innovation Fund (IEIF).

The IEIF is a \$10 million program to support the international education sector to innovate, diversify and grow.

The project team is seeking to identify enabling and inhibiting factors in international student engagement and showcase good practice in supporting international students. To facilitate this, the team has completed desktop analysis, released three surveys and has conducted a series of workshops based on key themes identified in the desktop analysis.

It is important that the project represent the diversity of experiences and voices in the international sector and other stakeholders.

The Education Provider and Stakeholder

Survey, https://researchsurveys.deakin.edu.au/jfe/form/SV_eOJlywwnuDCZBcy, is for professional and academic staff working with an education provider in Australia and overseas. This survey is also relevant to the diversity of stakeholders and communities working to support international students. It is not expected that only one individual completes the survey for each organisation. We are hoping for multiple responses to reflect the diversity of views.

The international student

survey, https://researchsurveys.deakin.edu.au/jfe/form/SV_79SeASXVWJVodYq, is for international students enrolled with an Australian education provider. We are kindly requesting that forward this survey to your international students. Flyer attached.

The international graduate

survey, https://researchsurveys.deakin.edu.au/jfe/form/SV_aVGfP749u7e9k4S, is for international student graduates who have completed a qualification from an Australian education provider. Please promote through your alumni networks. Flyer attached.

We look forward to sharing the results of this project with you.

Healthdirect has launched a new helpline - Multicultural Health Connect - the first national helpline to help people in multicultural communities get health information and advice.

The helpline is free and confidential, and run by workers with multicultural backgrounds.

In-language help is available by calling 1800 186 815 (MON-FRI 11AM – 7PM AEDT), where callers speak with a trained worker who understands and respects their culture, needs and concerns, either in the preferred language of the caller or with the help of an interpreter.

Follow link for more details: <https://www.healthdirect.gov.au/multicultural-health-connect>

