Events Calendar

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All submitted events will be considered, but inclusion in the calendar is not guaranteed.

April

23–25

IIUM International Conference on Islamic Banking and Finance

Research and Development: The Bridge between Ideals and Realities

Crown Plaza Mutiara Hotel, Kuala Lumpur
www.iiu.edu.my/iiibf/iicibf

May

9–12

Company Directors Conference 2007

Australian Institute of Company Directors

Pudong Shangri-La, Shanghai, China
www.companydirectors.com.au/Events/Conference

June

4–5

AHRI National Convention

Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre, Sydney, NSW
www.convention.ahri.com.au

6–7

5th ANZAM Operations Management Symposium 2007 and 1st Asia Pacific Operations Management Symposium

Hosted by the Melbourne Operations Management Society, a consortium of Australian universities including: The University of Melbourne, Monash University, Deakin University, Victoria University, RMIT University, LaTrobe University and Swinburne University

Melbourne, Victoria
www.buseco.monash.edu.au/mgt/research/anzam

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Inaugural Corporate Law and Accountability Research Group Annual Public Lecture

After HIH, James Hardie and AWB: Standards of Corporate Accountability in Australia

Presented by the Hon Justice Neville Owen, Supreme Court of Western Australia and former HIH Royal Commissioner

www.buseco.monash.edu.au/blt/clarg/07-seminars.html

July

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AFAANZ 2007

Accounting and Finance Association of Australia and New Zealand

Gold Coast, Queensland
www.afaanz.org/afaanz_conf.htm

Event reviews

AIRAANZ Conference 2007

This annual conference of industrial relations academic researchers brings to public notice a crop of work reflecting on changes at work, in labour regulation and industrial life in New Zealand and Australia, and beyond.

A real highlight was provided by a last minute schedule change which allowed a full presentation on recent developments in Tonga and links between industrial issues and the pro-democracy movement in that country. Professor Tom Kochan from MIT presented an excellent keynote address on changes in perspectives about industrial relations from a US vantage point, commenting on prospects for a new approach to labour law in the US in the event of a Democrat president. His analysis was optimistic about the potential for change.

For a fairly comprehensive overview of the state and findings of industrial relations research in Australia and New Zealand, the conference is an invaluable annual aid. I recommend it.

Review by **Professor Barbara Pocock**, Director of the Centre for Work and Life at the University of South Australia.

CEDA/Fujitsu Economic and Political Overview 2007

An informed and valuable analysis of the emerging challenges in 2007, with economic commentary by Macquarie Bank's Richard Gibbs, political overview by business columnist Terry McCrann, and international affairs analysis by Sam Lipski AM, Chief Executive, The Pratt Foundation. Lipski looked at Iran as a contentious force in Middle East affairs, but warned climate change and poverty could prove the real trans-national threat.

Keynote was from Victorian Premier Steve Bracks. He emphasised job and economic growth and maxmising population outcomes via a new national reform agenda to improve literacy and numeracy.

Review by **Ricci Hoffman**, MBR Coordinator.