

Date:	Thursday 12/04/2007	
Time :	2pm-3pm (AEST)	
Venue:	Teleconference	
Attendees	Paul Barron Dr Nina Mistilis Lachlan McKerrow	Matthew Tati Liz Ward Carolyn Nodder
Apologies	Dr Simon Milne	

Agenda and Meeting Objectives:

1. President's report (inc. Welcome and Apologies)
2. Financial report
3. Event opportunities & conferences
4. Academic network

Presidents Report

- The joint IFITT / ATDW meeting in Sydney went well. Presentation was very good and meeting provided a good networking opportunity for all involved. Approx.30 pax attended.
- Next event is to be held in Melbourne. Details still to be confirmed.
- Paul is speaking at the 'No Vacancy' conference in Sydney on May 17 which focuses on accommodation sector. The organiser of this conference – Martin Kelly - is also organising the annual Travel Tech conference in August and is considering getting Roger Carter out to speak at the conference and also to conduct a 1 day work shop either side of the conference. Roger is well known in IFITT circles and there is possibility of IFITT involvement in some way in the conference. Watch this space.
- Still no date or venue confirmed for the Tourism Futures conference - so no further info.
- ENTER conference in Innsbruck Austria in January 2008. No IFITT international board meeting's held recently so there is no progress to report. Paul will be updating the IFITT international web site with details of the new Australasian board members and roles.
- Minutes of last meeting confirmed with 1 change required. Matthew to update and send to Paul for distribution.

NEXT STEPS:

1. **Paul to update IFITT international web site with details of the new Australasian board members and roles.**

Financial Report

- Formal handover of finances still to be completed. Expect that Lachlan and Paul will meet next week to do this.
- There has been no change in financial position since last meeting as no incoming's or outgoing's. Approx ~\$4012 in the IFITT accounts.

NEXT STEPS:

1. **Paul and Lachlan to meet to do formal handover of finances.**

Event opportunities & Conferences: Updated IFITT Blurb for Distribution

- We don't have a blurb or flyer on IFITT Australasia or how to become a member. There is some old flyers around but these are out of date and not that relevant.
- Liz will provide assistance to produce a new flyer for distribution at the upcoming Melbourne ATDT / IFITT event.
- Paul will put together some background info and Lachlan will use this to prep a draft flyer that we might be able to print and use going forward.

Academic Network

- Focus of the network should be to build meaningful bridges between academics and industry in Australia and New Zealand.
- Importance of need to assist academics to get grants for research was noted.
- Similarly, the need to match academic capacity with industry needs is very important.
- Question of academic conference was discussed and it was agreed that a combined academia-industry event is best because this will give both sides the opportunity to interact. The Tourism Futures model is seen as the way to go and it is important to consider the disciplines that academics come from.
- Finally, the need to understand the research needs of industry and government and use this understanding to set the research agenda is important. Ideas such as the list of HOT TOPICS discussed at the last IFITT Australasia board meeting are very useful. It was agreed that Matthew will send out the lists sent in so far (there are only a couple) and that rest of board can supply their lists before Matthew T compiles the final list with all 'votes'. The list can then be used to draft press releases and other media items.

NEXT STEPS:

- 1. Matthew T to send our current list of 'hot topics'.**
- 2. ALL BOARD MEMBERS who have not sent in lists to send to Matthew.**
- 3. Matthew to compile the final list.**

NEXT MEETING:

- Friday 15 June. Will be a morning meeting with time tbc.