

**Design and Technology Teachers’ Association - Australia Inc.**

**1st NATIONAL DATTA CONFERENCE**

**Hosted by INTAD Queensland**

**To be held in conjunction with the Technology Education Research Conference (TERC)**

**Explorations of best practice in Design Technology & Engineering Education**

**December 5th to 8th, 2012**

**Crowne Plaza Hotel Surfers Paradise, Gold Coast, Queensland, Australia**

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF CONFERENCE**

**Keynote Speakers**

**Stephanie Atkinson, Sunderland University**

**P John Williams, Waikato & Edith Cowan Universities**

**Mark Sanders, Virginia Tech**

What constitutes good learning in Technology education? We know that in general, good learning occurs when

you have appropriate content (what to learn), pedagogical knowledge (how to organize learning in general) and

pedagogical content knowledge (how to organize optimal learning for specific content). We know that there are

many expert practitioners in schools and in the wider educational community. This conference provides the

opportunity for educators to share examples of best practice.

This is of particular importance in Design Technology & Engineering Education given that there are particular

features of the learning environment that are specific to the areas. These include learning by doing, interacting

with resistant materials, representing knowledge through words and 2 and 3 dimensional images, and engaging

in problem-solving where both student and teacher do not know what the precise outcome will be at the outset

of problem solving. These are the kinds of issues being explored during this 1st DATTA National Conference.

The conference Organising Committee invites presentation and workshop proposals that address aspects of

teaching and learning in technology education concerned with the theme of the conference. While papers

addressing the conference theme are particularly welcome, authors are invited to submit presentation and

workshop proposals addressing any topic relevant to Design Technology & Engineering education.

Delegates will come from a wide range of technology education stakeholders – teachers, teacher educators,

researchers, post-graduate students, policy makers, curriculum developers, consultants, and members of the

broader educational community.

Presentations will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, with INTAD workshops and visits scheduled at local Queensland schools.

**Conference Registration Website:**

<https://www.conferenceonline.com/index.cfm?page=booking&object=conference&id=17153&categorykey=F774E775%2D2309%2D46F5%2D865F%2DEC2EBAD50D29&clear=1>

**CONFERENCE** Early Bird Register after 30/9/12

**Registration (incl lunch 6th/7th/8thDec) Delegate $350 $400**

**Registration (incl lunch 6th/7th/8thDec) Presenter $290 $340**

**Events - Cocktail Evening Welcome Wed 5th Dec $55**

**Conference Dinner Thurs 6th Dec $90**

**Single Day attendance (incl lunch) $200**

**ACCOMMODATION**

**Crowne Plaza Surfers Paradise ($170 per night)**

**3 nights (Wednesday – Friday) per room (incl 1 B/f) $510**

**(extra person in twin room + $20 per night)**

**Extra Night Saturday (incl B/f) $210 (DATTA.AUST State delegates)**

**FLIGHTS**

**Melbourne to Gold Coast Return from $218.00 (Virgin)**

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