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President's Comment 10

The International Confederation of Principals (ICP) Convention held at the Aotea Centre, Auckland, in the last week of term one was a huge success and credit must go to the organising committee led by Madeline East (Farm Cove Intermediate) and Ian Fox (Bucklands Beach Intermediate). I acknowledge also the contribution of Paul Daley who represented SPANZ on the organising committee.

Over 1700 principals from around the world, including about 800 from New Zealand, enjoyed a varied and stimulating programme. Keynote addresses included Sir Ken Robinson (*Out of Our Minds: Leaning to be Creative*), Dr Todd Whitaker (*What Great Principals Do Differently*), Marc Prensky of Digital Immigrants/Digital Natives fame (*Engage me or Enrage me*) and Li Cunxin with a truly inspirational presentation based on his best-selling autobiography, *Mao's Last Dancer*.

Papers and presentations from the convention can be accessed online at www.icponline.org. Membership login details are: username – spanz, password – capetown. Many of the presentations will also soon be available at www.icp2007nz.com. Dr Todd Whitaker's book, *What Great Principals do Differently*, can be purchased via the SPANZ office for \$35.95 plus postage & packaging. The book provides sound, practical advice for principals, is an easy read yet proposes significant challenges in terms of changing our behaviour. I thoroughly recommend the book and welcome your feedback on Whitaker's approach to principalship.

Enjoy the new term.

Peter Gall
President