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**SPANZ 20th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS AND AGM  
31<sup>st</sup> MARCH AND 1<sup>st</sup> APRIL 2007**

**LEADING INTO**

**INTERNATIONAL CONFEDERATION OF PRINCIPALS' CONVENTION  
AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND  
2 – 5 APRIL 2007**

Dear Colleague,

Your Executive has arranged for our AGM in 2007 to include relevant workshops and a celebration Dinner. This wonderful occasion will be run at a minimal cost with the hope that you will stay on and take the opportunity to become part of the International Confederation of Principals (ICP) biennial conference, which is being hosted in Auckland, from 2-5 April 2007.

This will be an outstanding conference with the theme **"The Leading Edge"** focussing on innovation, creativity and futures thinking within the context of school leadership. We have an exceptional line up of international speakers confirmed including the following:-

- **Sir Ken Robinson**, Professor Emeritus at Warwick University who is an internationally renowned expert in the field of creativity and innovation.
- **John McBeath**, Chair of Educational Leadership at the University of Cambridge and Director of Leadership for Learning: The Cambridge Network.
- **Dr Michael Schratz**, Professor of Education at the University of Innsbruck. His main interests are educational innovation and change with a particular focus on leadership, quality development and self-evaluation.
- **Dr Todd Whitaker**, Professor of Educational Leadership at Indiana State University. Dr Whitaker has published in the areas of leadership, instructional improvement, change, leadership effectiveness, technology and middle level practices.
- **Dame Marie Clay**, renowned as one of the most distinguished researchers in educational literacy in the world. She is credited with changing the face of primary school literacy instruction through her Reading Recovery approach.
- **Lee Cunxin**, a remarkable man with a remarkable story to tell of his life growing up in poverty stricken China serving Chairman Mao in the Beijing Dance Academy. His life story is about to be made into a film.
- **Mark Prensky**, an internationally acclaimed speaker, writer, futurist and visionary whose focus has been on reinventing the learning process through the use of technology.
- **Dr John Hood**, Vice Chancellor of the University of Oxford whose attempts to make radical reforms in Oxford's administrative and academic systems have been met with much opposition.

It would be difficult, if not impossible, to find such a line up of speakers all in the one place at the one time. In addition there will be other high quality presenters in both keynote and korero (workshop) sessions.

We urge you to take advantage of this opportunity to attend a truly international conference that will cater for all school leaders and those with a strong focus and interest in school leadership from across the world.

Conference dates have been deliberately set immediately prior to the Easter break allowing delegates the opportunity to stay on post-conference to enjoy many of the wonderful attractions Auckland City has to offer.

We urge you to join us at the SPANZ AGM and Dinner and then to take advantage of the *Leading Edge* for what will be a truly memorable international conference. We know that for some of you it is a long way to come and airfares can be expensive but we know the experience will be well worth the effort.

As you plan your Professional Learning budget for next year you need to give this your strongest consideration

Further details on the International Conference and registration is available through [www.icp2007nz.com](http://www.icp2007nz.com).

SPANZ Executive will contact you before the end of the year to confirm your attendance at the AGM and in the meantime make sure you have returned your Professional Development Questionnaire.



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