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## Message from the Executive Director



Dear Members

Welcome to the May PEPTalk. Since the last PEPTalk NZAPEP has been very busy representing the membership and the sector at a number of meetings, groups and forums. In addition the NZAPEP Board has been meeting to discuss strategies for 2011 and beyond.

Budget 2011 will be introduced in the House on 19 May and we look to what this might hold for the private tertiary education sector, knowing that the country will still be grappling with the economic reality that there is no spare money to increase the Government's investment in education. We hope that the Government will see its way clear to invest more in education and that private tertiary education providers will play an important part in the rebuilding of the economic and social fabric of New Zealand.

As a commitment to our Christchurch members and the entire Christchurch PTE sector, the NZAPEP Board held its strategy meeting in Christchurch on 3 May and afterwards hosted a forum for the PTE sector. The venue for the event was the New Zealand Institute of Sport's relocated campus at the old Riccarton Club.

This event was a huge success with 72 attendees from over 40 PTEs. Attendees were able to hear updates from Bob Carson from the Tertiary Education Commission, Tim Fowler from NZQA, Peter Martin from the Ministry of Social Development and Edward Wright from Metro Transport. At the conclusion of the event drinks and nibbles were provided. NZAPEP wishes to thank the agencies for their attendance and also the members and non-members who took the time to come along. In addition thanks must go to the New Zealand Institute of Sport for the use of their premises and to their staff members who so ably assisted with the arrangements

The next round of NZAPEP events will soon be starting and everyone is urged to attend these when they are in your area and hear the latest updates from the government agencies. Your attendance assures the success and continuations of such events.

Regards

Chuck Wareham

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## NZAPEP Conference and Events 2011

### Events

#### Christchurch

A special forum was held at the relocated New Zealand Institute of Sports campus located at the old Riccarton Club. The majority of the NZAPEP Board was in attendance to meet with both members and non-members

#### Roadshows

The post Budget round of Roadshows commence on June 8 in Auckland. Roadshows will be held in Auckland, Hamilton, Christchurch, Wellington and Palmerston North. They will run for four hours and presentations will be more detailed and in more depth that at a regional forum. This will be the last round of Roadshows for 2011.

The cost to attend these will be \$40 per person for member providers and \$70 per person for non-member providers.

The following indicative programme is subject to change and modification.

Date	Type	Location
26 May	Regional Forum	Dunedin
8 June	Roadshow	Auckland
9 June	Roadshow	Hamilton
14 June	Roadshow	Christchurch
15 June	Roadshow	Wellington
16 June	Roadshow	Palmerston North
1 November	Regional Forum	Auckland
2 November	Regional Forum	Tauranga
8 November	Regional Forum	Christchurch
9 November	Regional Forum	Wellington
10 November	Regional Forum	Wanganui

Registrations for the Roadshows will be open one month before the event at <http://bookings.nzapep.co.nz>

### Conference

Registrations for the NZAPEP conference open on 12 May.

This year's conference will be held in Wellington at the Amora Hotel (formally the Duxton) on Thursday 1 September and Friday 2 September with an optional workshop day to be held on Wednesday 31 August.

The draft programme can be found at <http://www.nzapep.co.nz/Programme.htm>. Please note that the programme is being updated as presenters are finalised.

The cost of Registration for Conference 2011 is as follows:

	Members	Non Members
Early bird (before 1 July)	\$650.00	\$750.00
Standard	\$750.00	\$850.00.

Conference registration includes tickets for the annual awards dinner where the Student, Tutor and Provider of the year are announced. In addition the recipients of the Margret Yates Scholarship, the L H Martin Leadership Award and the House of Montrose Life Time Achievement Awards will be announced.

## NATIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR BUSINESS STUDIES (NACBS) — UPDATE

The longer term future and shape of the New Zealand Diploma in Business is currently on hold due to the Targeted Review of Qualifications (TRoQ).

Last year a review of this qualification was begun but was put on hold due to the TRoQ development. However, prescription review of NZ Dip Bus papers has recently begun to ensure these prescriptions are up to date, relevant and fit for purpose. Drafts of prescription reviews will be circulated to providers in due course and feedback will be sought.

Because of the TRoQ development the March meeting of the NACBS was cancelled. The next meeting is scheduled for June.

NZAPEP is represented on the Committee by Terry Swanson

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### Student Loans to Remain Interest Free

The Government has recently announced that there will be significant changes to the student loan scheme will be included in the Budget of May 19. However the Minister for Tertiary Education, Hon Steven Joyce has confirmed that student loans will remain interest free for those students residing in the country.

Among the changes to the scheme will be a restriction on loans for students over the age of 55 and for trainee pilots, and a new ability for the entire loan balance to be recalled for those debtors who ignore requests to make repayments.

Students aged over 55 would be restricted to loans for course fees only, and trainee pilots also face having their entitlements restricted. The move is apparently predicated on the high percentage of borrowers over 55 who fail to pay back their loan balance, and the small number of pilot trainees who secure employment in the aviation field.

The changes form part of a long term overhaul of the entire student loan scheme which began last year with the introduction of limits on the number of years students could borrow for, an increase in administrative fees charged to students and tougher measures to deal with students who have failed a large proportion of their courses.

The suggested changes have drawn fire from the Labour Party and the Greens but some commentators have called for more radical changes, particularly with regards to adding interest to loan balances.

Speculation surrounding the student loan system has lead some to question whether the loans will remain interest free in the near future. Around 600,000 New Zealanders have a student loan, meaning any move to add interest would not be politically wise in an election year.



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## Letters to the Editor

NZAPEP welcomes letters to the editor and comment on articles. These should be addressed to PEPTalk at: [exec@nzapep.co.nz](mailto:exec@nzapep.co.nz)

NZAPEP reserves the right to not print, or to abridge any letter. However comments and opinions are always welcome, as is news about NZAPEP members.

If any members have articles or news they wish to be included in PEPTalk please contact Chuck Wareham. We are always pleased to acknowledge “good news” about members as long as space permits.

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## Ako Aotearoa Website

Ako Aotearoa is wishing to make its website more user friendly to the PTE sector. Keith Heathcote, a member of the NZAPEP Board has been asked by Ako Aotearoa to co-ordinate the PTE responses.

Two suggestions have been made; to create a section for SA/EER to enable the materials that presently listed in various locations on the web site to be centralised and to create a section for International Education where articles on international pedagogy and other matters relating to the teaching and learning of international students could be found.

Anyone with comments or suggestions on what could or should be included please contact Keith Heathcote at [keith.heathcote@ames.ac.nz](mailto:keith.heathcote@ames.ac.nz).

Suggestions and links to appropriate resources should also be forwarded to Keith.



## Air New Zealand Aviation Institute Launched

On Wednesday 20 April 2011 Air New Zealand launched a specialist Aviation Institute which will provide a comprehensive range of training covering most airline industry roles within a single organisation and will help meet the global aviation recruitment demand.

Air New Zealand's training organisation has a 70 year track record as a specialist post-employment aviation training provider, with many of its graduates now holding senior management positions within the global industry. The Air New Zealand Aviation Institute will now take that experience to a new level offering a full complement of pre and post-employment training opportunities.

The Institute will continue to provide the majority of Air New Zealand's own aviation training needs as well as outsourced training for other airlines, operators and aircraft maintenance organisations around the world, helping ensure the future supply of high quality graduates. It will also offer international-airline-standard facilities and programmes to local and international students seeking a career in the industry.

Three years in development, Air New Zealand has added considerable curriculum and training infrastructure to bolster its training capabilities. The Institute is a one stop shop not just for pilot training, but also for other airline roles such as engineers, flight attendants and front line check-in staff.

A major new initiative is the introduction of ab-initio flight training through the Aviation Institute's First Officer Programme. Initial flight training will be provided by one of five partner organisations and complemented by commercial airline entry assessments, training standards and advanced training modules through to first turbo-prop or jet type rating. The five partner organisations are Air Hawkes Bay, International Aviation Academy of New Zealand, Massey University, Nelson Aviation College and Southern Wings.

Other new additions to Air New Zealand's training curriculum and infrastructure include;

- European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) certified aircraft maintenance type training
- Boeing 777-300 training suite comprising of a CAE 7000 series full flight simulator and dedicated flight and maintenance training devices
- ATR72 full flight simulator
- Airline Integration Course – bridging the gap between ab initio flight training and first turbo-prop or jet type rating
- Customer service pre employment training producing job-ready graduates for frontline aviation roles
- Leadership programmes

From 2012 the Air New Zealand Aviation Institute will also offer an internationally recognised Diploma in Aeronautical Maintenance Certification, aligned with European regulations.

The Air New Zealand Aviation Institute has five schools based at two main campuses in Auckland and Christchurch and satellite facilities across New Zealand, as well as eight Auckland based flight simulators. It has 150 staff and delivers around 35,000 individual courses annually.

The Air New Zealand Aviation Institute is a proud member of the New Zealand Association of Private Education Providers (NZAPEP)



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## ANZA Workshop Grows Again

The ANZA Workshop grew by 6% in 2011, making it the largest ever ICEF event held in Australia. Educators representing 117 institutions in Australia and New Zealand, 12 work and travel organisations, 52 exhibitors and 191 ICEF-screened agents from 48 countries around the world came to the Gold Coast for the two and a half day event. This year's workshop was also the best to date, with 98% of participants rating it as good or excellent, the highest possible ratings.

Over 4500 pre-scheduled business meetings took place during the workshop allowing participants to make new business contacts and catch up with existing partners. "This was my first ICEF event and it was extremely worthwhile! It was great to meet with so many positive and professional agents from all over the world", said Kerrin Carlson from AICA Education in Australia.

In its second year, the Work and Travel Zone doubled in size showcasing sellers of work and travel programmes and providing participants with the opportunity to extend their products beyond traditional study courses. Jo-Anne Wilkie of Aquarius Backpackers in Australia said, "it was refreshing to see the tourism and education sectors working together. I'm looking forward to a more collaborative approach in the Australian market".

Educators were extremely happy with the quality and range of agencies at ANZA. Agents came from all over the world, allowing educators to expand their recruitment networks in both their key markets and new areas of interest. This was expressed by Lorraine Julian from New Plymouth Girls High School, New Zealand when she commented, "the workshop has widened the range of countries that we deal with – the agents were well informed and aware of their students' priorities".

Agents were also highly satisfied with the variety of educators at the workshop (university and vocational 34%, language schools 31%, secondary/boarding/high schools 34%, multi-sectoral 1%). "I met such good educational providers and so many different schools", said Sang Soon Nam from International Internship Center in South Korea.

Informal networking is an important part of ICEF events. Mealtimes, breaks, FAM Tours and social gatherings allow participants to maximise their time through additional informal discussions. Both the Welcome Reception and Dinner and Dance were enjoyed by all participants. The welcome reception, held poolside at the Royal Pines, showcased Aboriginal culture with a dance performance by *The Nunukul Yuggera Yugimbir Nugi Aboriginal Dance Troupe*. The Dinner and Dance on the second night provided an extensive seafood buffet with participants enjoying prawns, oysters and shrimps. Dagmar Scupin from Dr. Frank Sprachen & Reisen in Germany commented, "the functions were excellent! The evening receptions allowed me to do even more networking".

An informative seminar programme covered key issues such as: cooperation between education & youth tourism industries; Latin American student expectations; Immigration, New Zealand's contribution to export education in New Zealand; and Australian visas and immigration. A complete list of topics can be found at [www.icef.com](http://www.icef.com) If you require further information please contact Liz Adams [ladams@icef.com](mailto:ladams@icef.com) or Rod Hearps [rhearps@icef.com](mailto:rhearps@icef.com)

ICEF connects educators and student recruitment agents to key markets and networks worldwide, helping them achieve the results and efficiencies they require in growing international student enrolments. ICEF has built a reputation for quality through ICEF Workshops, the industry's premier educator/agent networking events; The ICEF Online Workshop, the collaborative Internet platform linking educators, agents, and service providers; and the ICEF Agent Training Course (IATC), practical, professional training for agency-based student counsellors. [www.icef.com](http://www.icef.com)

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*Dr Amy Edwards, Director*



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## Correspondence to Members

- 11 April 2011 - NZQA Website Updated
- 12 April 2011 - TEC Website Update 11 April 2011
- 12 April 2011 - ESOL - Views Required
- 12 April 2011 - NZAPEP Youth Strategy
- 12 April 2011 - Smaller and New Member PTEs
- 13 April 2011 - Education Performance Information
- 13 April 2011 - Education Bill Brings Greater Accountability in International Education
- 14 April 2011 - Foundation-Focused Training Opportunities Learner Travel Costs
- 16 April 2011 - International Learner of the Year—Nominations
- 16 April 2011 - Student Support National Sector Group.
- 16 April 2011—PBRF Update Expert Advisory Group
- 18 April 2011 - TOPs External Reference Group Meeting
- 18 April 2011 - 2012 PBRF Audit Approach Released for Consultation
- 20 April 2011 - TEC Website Updates
- 20 April 2011 - E-News 19 April 2011
- 20 April 2011 - Final Structure Confirmed for the TEC and Second PBRF RDC Data Reports Now on Workspaces
- 21 April 2011 - ESOL Qualifications Update
- 21 April 2011 - NZQA Review Summaries - March 2011
- 21 April 2011 - Quality Commission Financial Statements 2010
- 28 April 2011 - TEC/MSD Meeting re TOPS Funding.
- 28 April 2011 - Christchurch Reporting to TEC Regarding Travel
- 28 April 2011 - April 2011 Single Data Return Submission Deadlines
- 30 April 2011 - Skills Highway Award - Entries Close Thursday 19th May
- 2 May 2011 - Classroom Space Available to Rent - Christchurch
- 2 May 2011 - ESOL
- 3 May 2011 - NZAPEP-PTE Forum 18 May 2011
- 4 May 2011 - E-news - 4 May 2011
- 5 May 2011 - SDR Update 4 May
- 6 May 2011 - Cross-Border Tertiary Education
- 8 May 2011 - TOPS Reference Group Meeting
- 8 May 2011 - FFTO Travel.
- 8 May 2011 - NZQA Website Update May 2011
- 8 May 2011 - PBRF Sector Update - 6 May 2011
- 8 May 2011 - Professional Development for PTE Teachers
- 10 May 2011 - Upcoming Workshop—Building a New Future for Education Christchurch and Canterbury