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President's Report

Dear colleagues, fellow members and guests,

It is my privilege to deliver my first report as the National President of the Institute for Information Management tonight. We are celebrating another very successful IIM year that will be remembered for myriad of activities and new initiatives that aimed at providing more opportunities to learn and discuss about new challenges and ways we conduct our business and deal with content and information in general.

We live in an era that is often categorised as an “era of information”. Almost every week we are exposed to new ways of collaboration and exchanging information and experience. This makes our communication more efficient, but also introduces new challenges, such as eDiscovery.

The IIM has a very important and recognised role in the sphere of managing information. It provides communities and meetings where these challenges are discussed, experience exchanges and solutions sought.

Events

IIM held a National Conference in Canberra over the period of 14 - 16 August 2007. The conference was a success and complemented the State events. Thank you to the ACT Conference Committee for a job well done and for your personal efforts in making the IIM National Conference a success. It is important to mention that this conference significantly improved our financial position, with the revenue of over \$85,000.

IIM, after a successful co-hosting in 2006 and 2007, joined again with the number of information professional organisations to provide a well structured and stimulating program of events known as the ‘Information Awareness Month’ (IAM) in May 2008.

The State committees worked tirelessly to produce forums which provide members and guests an opportunity to learn and meet other information professionals. I thank all the Branch Committees for their efforts. It is through the individual contributions of committee members that we were able to deliver number of events and programmes that promote ‘better practice’ within the information management industry.

Our ACT committee was involved in delivering the national conference last year and very actively involved in the Information Awareness Month 2008 that delivered 16 events, which is more than 50% of all events organised nationally. Also, this branch was very active in organising communities of practice in WCM, EDRMS and BI. In the following year, these Communities will aim to gain national, rather than regional character.

Our WA branch had a very successful year. Their events are getting marvellous attendances, which is a product of an active and enthusiastic committee.

NSW under the stewardship of Peter Godard and supported by Len now becoming much more active. They have delivered 4 very well attended events in the past year.

Board

During the past financial year, the National Board of IIM met on 6 occasions with most of them conducted via teleconference.

I would like to thank all the Directors that have worked with me over the past twelve months.

The current board stands at:

Ms Vladimir Videnovic – President

Mr Ben Tosetto – Director, Finance and Governance

Ms Robine Polach – Immediate Past President

Mr Greg Wilson – Director, Industry and Development and Regional Director Vic/Tas

Mr Peter Goddard – Director, Membership

Mr Paul Fendley – Director, Marketing

Mr Terry Gaston – Vice President and Regional Director, WA

Mr Colin Towns – Regional Director, ACT

Ms Kerry Nichols – Director, Service Delivery

Ms Deborah Holtham – Director

Mr Robert Goode – Director & Secretariat Office

Robine is stepping down from the Board. On behalf of the Board and members I would like to thank Robine for the years of service that she gave IIM. It was through her energy and motivation that we were able to launch the new IIM website last August.

IIM Website

IIM's new website which incorporates a number of unique features was launched last August. Though the "Contribute" section I encourage all members to share their knowledge and experience. More recently, we established a forum environment, enabling members to discuss various issues. The first of which will be the Gershon report.

Members

In the past year we had a pleasure to welcome EMC as our first enterprise member. We have 8 new corporate members and 30 new individual members.

IIM continues to grow and I welcome all our new members. To all our members, thank you for your continued membership and support.

Acknowledgments

Over the year IIM worked with many sponsors and I would like to thank them for their ongoing support. The sponsors enable IIM to present forums of a high calibre for our members and guests.

In October 2008, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU's) was executed with the Records Managers Association of Australasia. IIM is also actively pursuing opportunities to collaborate with other organisations that share the similar interest in information management.

I also want to thank the Secretariat for their continued support of the Institute.

The Institute delivers its activities as a function of a group of professionals and enthusiasts that are professionally and personally interested in the information management industry. Most of our activities and initiatives are result of voluntary efforts of a small group of people that invest their time and share their passion with you, our members. I encourage all of you to take more active role in this organisation.

Vladimir Videnovic
President
November 2008