DAY 1  Sunday 20th November 2016

8.30AM  ICDE Executive Committee Meeting  (CLOSED)

4.00PM  Registration

6.00PM  Welcome Reception to Australia and 2016 ICDE Presidents’ Summit
  » Aboriginal Elder (TBA)
  » Andrew Vann, Charles Sturt University
  » Gard Titlestad, International Council for Open and Distance Education (ICDE)
  » Mandla Makhanya, University of South Africa

7:30PM  ICDE Executive Committee/CSU/Sponsors Dinner  (INVITATION ONLY)
  Evening at your leisure for non ICDE Executive Committee Members

DAY 2  Monday 21st November 2016

7.30AM  Registration Desk Opens

7.30AM  Breakfast
  Sponsored by The Australasian Council on Open, Distance and e-Learning (ACODE)
  PRESIDING:  Stephen Marshall, ACODE

8.30AM  Open Plenary Panel
  From Regional to Global: Critical Leadership, Quality and Partnership Issues Facing Online, Open and Flexible Learning Universities
  MODERATOR:  Andrew Vann, Charles Sturt University
  PANELISTS:  David Barnett, Pearson Australia
              Kam Cheong Li, Asian Association of Open Universities
              Caroline Seelig, Open Polytechnic (NZ)
              Mandla Makhanya, University of South Africa
  RESPONDENTS:  Peter Wells, UNESCO (Invited)
                 Hazel Rymer, Open University
  The open plenary session will serve as the catalyst for this year’s theme and examine critical leadership, quality and partnership challenges and opportunities in open, distance and flexible education. Panelists will target high level strategic issues that can be addressed in more detail amongst delegates during the regional forums and Presidents’ Challenge dialogue sessions later in the Summit.

10.00AM  Morning Tea

10.30AM  Smart Learning Facing the Challenges of Higher Education: Lessons from the Middle East
  SPEAKER:  Mansoor Al Awar, Hamdan Bin Mohammed Smart University
  Global leadership requires cultural agility – the capacity to adapt and respond to changing cultural and market conditions and to thrive in uncertain economic conditions. Vice-Chancellor Awar will draw upon his leadership experience at HBMSU to share his perspectives on ODL leadership across cultures and languages in the Gulf and how this can be replicated and applied in other regions of the world.
Regional Forums on Key Issues

**FACILITATORS:** Maxim Jean-Louis, Contact North I Contact Nord
Kamal B Gunaherath, The Open University of Sri Lanka

*This session will provide an opportunity to focus with your regional colleagues on key issues facing your region. Each forum group will share their key regional/institutional issues with members of the other regional groups.*

12:30PM Break

12:45PM Lunch

2:00PM Plenary Panel: The Australasian Online, Open and Flexible Learning Landscape

**MODERATOR:** Tian Belawati, Universitas Terbuka (Indonesia Open University)

**SPEAKERS:** Sandra Wills, Charles Sturt University
Robin Shreeve, Director, Open Training & Education Network

*This panel will examine current trends and developments in the open, distance and elearning sector in Australia. Panalists from diverse Australian universities will discuss the key opportunities and challenges facing open and distance learning universities on the continent. The panel will conclude with a candid commentary from two distinguished respondents as a prelude to an open question and answer session with the panalists.*

3:30PM Afternoon Tea

4:00PM Learning Analytics Market Place

**PRESIDING:** Belinda Tynan, Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology (RMIT)

*The learning analytics market place aims to showcase how ICDE members are using learning analytics to understand learner behaviours and taking actions to support and improve student learning outcomes and retention. Members of ICDE are invited to prepare an abstract which will be assessed for appropriateness before it is selected to be turned into a poster for the market place. If accepted the presenter must be prepared to participate in a market place session where like speed dating you will have 5-10 minutes to explain what your approach is to your colleagues. The market place aims to be inclusive of regions and different types of organisations.*

DAY 3 Tuesday 22nd November 2016

6:30AM Morning Reflection Walk

**Meet in lobby**

7:30AM Breakfast

*Sponsored by the Open and Distance Learning Association of Australia (ODLAA)*

8:00AM **Breakfast**

**PRESIDING:** Som Naidu, ODLAA
### 9.15AM

**Presidents’ Challenge Dialogues**

*Leadership Imperatives: What’s Missing on the Leadership Front?*

**PRESIDING:** Primrose Kurasha, Zimbabwe Open University

The last 3-5 years has seen numerous ‘leadership crises’ particularly for presidents and vice-chancellors of open, distance and elearning universities. In a number of high profile cases, the chief executives have been summarily dismissed or urged to consider options career choices. What critical leadership voids are driving this vulnerable environment? How do the issues differ across cultures and countries?

**FACILITATORS:** Michael Sankey, ACODE Leadership Institute
Glen Jacobs, St. George’s University

### 9.15AM

**ODL Quality: Political, Economic and Service Implications**

**PRESIDING:** Anthony McClaran, Tertiary Education Quality Standards Agency (TEQSA)

A constant issue for global open, distance and flexible learning institutions is quality. This includes quality of teaching, quality of support services, quality of assessment, and quality of design and delivery. This session will examine selected quality issues and their political, economic and service implications for open and distance education leaders.

**FACILITATORS:** Asha Kanwar, Commonwealth of Learning
Eva Egron-Polak, International Association of Universities

### 11.00AM

**Open Education – Driving Innovation for the Future**

**PRESIDING:** Som Naidu, Open and Distance Learning Association of Australia (ODLAA)

This session will examine emerging trends in the open content – open education landscape and critically discuss whether open education is a good return on investment for the mainstream university sector. Additional focus will examine emerging business and partnership models with particular focus in developing nations.

**FACILITATORS:** Wayne Macintosh, Open Educational Resource University (OERu)
Rory McGreal, Athabasca University

### 11.15AM

**Keynote Address: Dr. Bill Pepicello, President Emeritus University of Phoenix**

**PRESIDING:** Don Olcott, Jr. Charles Sturt University

*Form Follows Function: What Institutions and leaders will need to look like in the future to ensure quality in higher education. This keynote will discuss the anachronistic structure that has put higher education out of step with the rest of society and suggest how the current model must be transformed to align with the needs of today’s students.*

Vital to the transformation is a rethinking of the current business model, which is not sustainable into the future. Key elements of the model to be considered are funding mechanisms, facilities, faculty, and very importantly, technology.

A second consideration is how this model will define quality for students. The function of higher education has shifted significantly with the democratization of education. A new model is required that is accessible, user-friendly and results-oriented.

Finally, we will discuss the type of leadership necessary to bring about this transformation. The skills, preparation and attitudes that leaders will need to possess will be contrasted with the status quo.

**RESPONDENTS:** Andrew Vann, Charles Sturt University
Cindy Ives, Athabasca University
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<td><em>The ICDE 2017 World Conference will be held in Toronto, Canada. Maxim and ICDE invite you to join your colleagues at what promises to be the premier open, distance and flexible learning event of 2017.</em></td>
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