

21st ACMS Conference – Welcome

On behalf of the Conference Committee I extend a warm welcome to all delegates to the 21st Australian Clay Minerals Conference at Queensland University of Technology, Brisbane.

Thank you for taking time out of your weekend to participate in our conference and for your efforts in submitting abstracts and preparing presentations and posters. You have enabled us to put together what I hope will be for you an informative and productive day and an enjoyable exchange of ideas.

This year we broke from our usual format of two days of presentations separated by a day field trip, in order that we could coordinate with the 19th World Congress of Soil Science. Our next conference in 2012 will be a celebration of our 50th year since formation and will see a return to the longer format. This should alleviate the need for parallel sessions and give everyone the opportunity to listen to each presenter, rather than having to choose as you will be required to do during today.

The conference dinner following today's presentations is an informal affair and an opportunity to pursue discussions, catch up with old friends, and make new acquaintances. Dinner is a seafood buffet at the Quays Restaurant and Bar, Mercure Hotel, 85-87 North Quay, Brisbane, about 1 km north of QUT, commencing at 7:30 pm. The restaurant closes at around 10:00 pm.

For our field trip tomorrow Sunday 8th August, the bus departs from QUT at 7:30 am. Please be here on time so that our return time of around 5:30 pm can be achieved. Will Gates has arranged a full day with visits to bentonite extraction at Ebenezer Coal, lunch in the Tamborine Mountains, and a visit to Geofabrics development and testing laboratory for geosynthetic liners.

Thanks to the Committee for their support and hard work and a special thanks to Ray Frost and Queensland University of Technology for arranging the venue for the conference.

John Keeling

ACMS President

If you require further information or assistance please contact a committee member

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