



IPTI's 13th international conference, held on April 27-28, 2010 in co-operation with the South Australian Institute of Rate Administrators INC. (SAIRA), was an information-filled, two-day event exploring current and emerging practices in property tax. Held at the Stamford Grand Adelaide Hotel, (Glenelg) Adelaide, Australia, it offered a comprehensive program for the more than 135 delegates from 12 countries, including Australia, Barbados, the United Kingdom, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Malaysia, New Zealand, Poland,



People's Republic of China, South Africa, Singapore, United States and Canada.

Delegates represented regional, district and city councils, local government associations, valuer-generals offices, universities, law firms, appraisal societies and corporations.

True to its theme, *Reforms in Revenue, Rating, Valuation and Taxation—Australasian and International Experience*, the conference program focused on property tax and reforms in revenue raising and valuation practices and improvements in rating and taxation. A choice of two workshops conducted prior to the conference offered delegates insight on Managing Technology in the Mass Appraisal Environment or Municipal Tax Policy and Rate Modeling.

A number of accomplished local and international speakers shared their perspectives on pertinent local issues and those evolving across the globe. Topics relevant to their respective countries were also presented resulting in lively discussion.

Opening the conference were IPTI President Jerry Grad and

Felicity-Ann Lewis, Mayor of the City of Marion and President of the Local Government Association of South Australia.

Gala dinner attendees, which included the Honourable Paul Holloway, Minister for Urban Development and Planning and the Honourable John Darley, Independent Member of Parliament, were treated to indigenous entertainment as well as a 'taste of the area' for those brave enough to try the kangaroo meat and local fish.



Mayor Felicity-Ann Lewis and IPTI President Jerry Grad

Conference delegates praised the speakers and chairs for providing insight into the economic principles necessary for designing a good local property tax as well as municipal tax policy options and tax rate setting. Moreover, the conference was characterized by vivid discussions, a generous exchange of information and friendly environment for collegial interactions on the timely topic of financing local governments.



Christine Dixon and Coralie Norris

Coralie Norris, Senior Advisor Policy and Professional Development commented that, "the content of the conference and the quality of the speakers were fantastic."

Roy Kelly, Professor of the Practice of Public Policy Studies also commented, "... I wanted to congratulate IPTI once again on a well-delivered property tax conference. As always, these conferences are a great way to share experience, learn new things, meet old friends, and make new ones."

IPTI agrees!



Upcoming Events 2010

- June 17-18 IPTI's 5th Mass Appraisal Valuation Symposium, HONG KONG, PRC
Register at <http://events.swiretravel.com/iptimavs/reg>
- June 22 In partnership with RICS Americas, IPTI presents a **webinar** on Valuation and Tax Appeals: Putting Together a Sound Approach to Appraisals in an Unraveling Economy. **Register at <http://www.eventbrite.com/event/710554287>**
- July 30 Pre-CHOVA **Workshop** in co-operation with the IRRV, LONDON, UK
- August 2-4 CHOVA **Conference**, hosted by the Valuation Office Agency, CAMBRIDGE, UK
- August 25 An IPTI/IMF/IRRV **Workshop** on "Volatility in the Property Tax: Perspectives from Canada and the UK", presented at the Munk Centre for International Studies, University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada
- September 14 **Webinar** on Management of Property Taxation in the Current Economic Climate—Challenges and Opportunities
- October 19-20 Appraisal of Non-Residential Properties **Workshop**, Bridgetown, Barbados

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