

29-30 September 2008

The 2008 Forum will be held at the University of Technology Sydney (UTS) on 29-30 September (Monday-Tuesday). Interest areas include ICT, digital media, telecommunications, broadcasting, communications culture, Internet and e-commerce.

## What the Forum does

With around 70 contributors and 60 papers in 21 sessions, this is the largest annual gathering of communications knowledge in Australia. It gives a springboard to serious thinking and data about the state of media, telecommunications and the Internet. It is also a national meeting-place for researchers and communications practitioners. One strength of the Forum is the depth of analysis, criticism and research offered by professional researchers and practitioners. The Forum is open to all viewpoints; a co-operative effort by policy and research centres around the country. The sessions are based on proposals submitted by experts from many different areas, and selected by an eminent review panel.

## Keynote speaker

Jonathan Levy, Deputy Chief Economist, Federal Communications Commission, USA

## What the registration fee covers

The fee of \$450 covers all sessions on both days of the Forum, plus lunch and refreshments on each day. The lowest possible fee has been chosen to make the Forum accessible to the widest range of people, including scholars and community groups. Unfortunately, we can't offer a further discount, because it is already built into that low price. Please do not ask for a concession. The rate is already non-profit, subsidised by the unpaid work of researchers, who cannot be asked to do more.

## How you can help

One practical way to help the Forum is to register now, as that makes planning and funding a lot easier. Another way is to tell your colleagues, directing them to the web page or forwarding the program. The rapid growth of the Forum in the last three years has come from referrals by people who have benefited from it.

## The published PDF volume

In early October shortly after the Forum a PDF volume of all the papers will be downloadable from the web page.

## How to contact us

For inquiries about registrations and attendance: [c.abad@networkinsight.org](mailto:c.abad@networkinsight.org) or phone 02 9230 4262.

## Behind the scenes

This is a co-operative, non-profit initiative shared among researchers. We do not have a secretariat, a planning committee, or staff. Therefore, we ask you to contact us via email if at all possible; rather than telephoning.

## Sponsors Custodians of the Forum

A group of seven people from different places and backgrounds act as Custodians of the Forum, to under-write its independence and diversity:

Mark Armstrong, Director, Network Insight Institute;

Professor Trevor Barr, Media and Communications Unit, Swinburne University;

Emeritus Professor Reg Coutts, Electrical and Electronic Engineering, University of Adelaide;

Lesley Osborne, Manager, Strategic Research Section, ACMA;

Professor Franco Papandrea, Director, Communication and Media Policy Institute, University of Canberra;

Debra Richards, CEO, ASTRA;

Dr Christina Spurgeon, Senior Lecturer, Creative Industries Faculty, Queensland University of Technology.

## The Academic Review Panel

Chair: Professor Franco Papandrea, University of Canberra;

Professor Trevor Barr, Media and Communications Unit, Swinburne University;

Associate Professor Terry Flew, Creative Industries Faculty, Queensland University of Technology;

Professor Andrew Kenyon, CMCL, University of Melbourne;

Professor Don Lamberton, Queensland University of Technology;

Professor Julian Thomas, Director, Institute for Social Research, Swinburne University.

## Centres and Institutes Supporting the Forum

ARC Centre of Excellence for Creative Industries and Innovation; Centre for Media and Communications Law, University of Melbourne; Communication and Media Policy Institute, University of Canberra; Institute for Social Research, Swinburne University; Network Insight Institute; Smart Internet Technology Co-operative Research Centre.