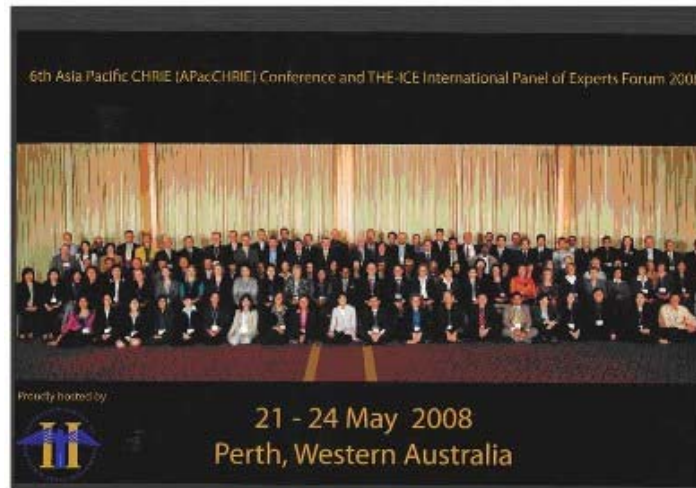


Kenvale's presence at APacCHRIE Conference

Perth, Western Australia hosted this year's 6th APacCHRIE Conference and 3rd THE-ICE International Panel of Experts Forum 2008. It was held at Sheraton Perth on 21st to 24th May 2008. The conference theme was *"Developing and delivering industry relevant education and research"*.

Organised by THE-ICE, and hosted by the Australian School of Tourism and Hotel Management (ASTHM) in Perth, in collaboration with Southern Cross University (SCU), the conference attracted approximately 200 participants from about 20 countries.



Keynote speakers included Dr George Brown (Billy Blue College, Think: Education Group) on "Faking them: Qualifications, institutions and accrediting bodies", Frank Prestipino (International College of Management Sydney) on "Getting to big the small way", Dr Perry Hobson (THE-ICE/SCU) on "Ten Trends and their Implications for International Education", and Fritz Gubler (Blue Mountains Hotel School, Orion Group) on "Great, grand and famous hotels".

Isabella Conde, Principal, and Chai Nuestro, Deputy Principal of Kenvale College of Tourism and Hospitality Management, participated in the Conference. It was an opportunity to listen to and learn from the experts in various areas of collaboration between industry and education sector of hospitality and tourism, and to interact and exchange ideas with colleagues from all over the world.

The Association of Australian Hotel Schools (AAHS), of which Isabella is currently the Chairperson, also had their meeting on Thursday 22nd May. The AAHS brings together 10 of the country's leading private, hospitality institutions. Isabella says, *"The primary aim of the Association is to promote the industry as a career of choice and to develop and maintain national standards of excellence in the tourism, hospitality and event management education."*

The Conference was a success and was a great occasion to showcase Australia (in particular Perth, Western Australia) to international delegates.