

Kenvale College collaborates in an international conference in the UK, 8-9 May 2006.

“Re-establishing the lost status of home-making skills has potentially far-reaching consequences for social stability.” – EiH2006 London



Kenvale College of Tourism and Hospitality Management, Sydney, Australia collaborated in EiH's launch conference **“Balanced Diet, Balanced Life”** held at the **Royal Garden Hotel, London, on 8-9 May 2006**. EiH 2006 attracted delegates from all corners of the world and represented a diverse spectrum of industries and disciplines.

'Excellence in the Home' (EiH) is a series of international conferences run by educators from a wide range of disciplines, including hospitality, seeking to highlight the importance for society of knowledge-based home skills, performed to a standard of excellence. Its primary aim is to increase awareness in the media, politics, business and other areas, of the benefits of **Excellence in the Home**, in terms of a healthier and more balanced society and, consequently, of greater efficiency in all other fields.

Isabella Conde, Principal of Kenvale College, contributed to the conference as coordinator and chair of the “Communications, Culture & Hospitality” panel discussion.

It focused on food as a common need of all human beings. Throughout history, each culture has expressed its individuality through food. Food brings



people together as they share with others what is valuable and intimate to them: family and friends. Through food by getting together around the family table, people learn social behaviour, respect for others and ways of communicating and understanding others. These qualities learnt in the family can be transferred to the industry, when caring for people. Hotels, hospitals and other hospitality enterprises should be an extension of the family home, taking into account individual differences based on cultural norms.



The members of the panel included **Emma-Kate Simons**, Paris correspondent for *The Australian* newspaper, Australia, **Peter Tudehope**, General Manager *Radisson Plaza Hotel*, Australia and **Dr. Asad Mohsin**, Qualifications

Convenor, Department of Tourism & Hospitality Management, *University of Waikato Management School*, New Zealand.

Mercedes Jaureguibeitia, on behalf of the conference organiser's Executive Committee, commended Ms Conde saying, “Really, you deserve not only thanks but also congratulations on such a well-planned item on the conference agenda. It rounded the afternoons off very nicely with its lively and instructive interventions.”

Other participants from Kenvale College included Mia Nahm, Industry Placement Manager, Teresa Assen, Head of Studies and Admissions, and Juliet Hudson, Kenvale Event Management lecturer and Marketing Consultant.

