

AIJA Asia Pacific Courts Conference

Mr Warwick Soden, Registrar of the Federal Court of Australia, announces the *AIJA Asia Pacific Courts Conference* to be held in Sydney at the Darling Harbour Convention from 22 to 24 August 1997.

The Conference program has been designed to cater to a wide range of interests and it is expected that over 500 delegates from within Australia and overseas will attend. The delegates will include members of the judiciary, representatives from prosecution offices, government offices, the private legal profession, courts administrators, legal academics and private business groups.

The theme for the conference is Managing Change in the new environment. The planning committee advise that there will be five plenary sessions, provisionally entitled

- Courts and the Community
- regional Scenarios affecting courts and the legal system

- Managing the work of the courts
- Information technology and the courts
- Core values in a desirable judicial system.

Workshops, structured to develop more detailed aspects of these topics will also focus on some specialist type jurisdictions.

It is envisaged that there will be eight workshops, covering the following topics

- Positioning the courts and the legal profession for the 21st century
- The role of the courts and the legal profession in economic and social development
- Family law systems
- Court structures, processes and education needs leading to a speedy, efficient and economic justice system
- Exporting ADR and other legal services
- The application of business process-

ing techniques within courts and the legal profession and kinds of material relevant to developing court systems

- Juvenile justice systems
- Pre-trial processes in criminal jurisdiction.

Presenters will be drawn from a variety of countries in the region, so as to ensure a balanced perspective of the matters discussed and sessions will be developed which will be of interest to both developing and developed systems.

Expression of interest to attend should be sent to the Conference Secretariat as follows:

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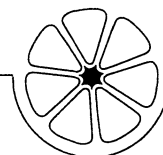
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