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eVALBEC March 2011

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<http://www.valbec.org.au>

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VALBEC News

1. VALBEC committee

Have you ever thought about joining the VALBEC committee? We are keen to have new members who are currently working in ACE organisations, TAFE programs or private providers who can bring LLN knowledge and expertise from the 'coalface' or should that be 'clean energies face' to the committee? We meet once a month and this year have scheduled two teleconferences to minimise travel. We would be happy to talk to you about how you can become more involved. Contact the committee

info@valbec.org.au

\Next Committee Meeting: Teleconference Wednesday 16 March

Annual General Meeting: Friday 20 May.

2. VALBEC Fees for 2011

Invoices have been posted and those who paid prior to February 28, 2011 and were successful in the draw will receive a copy of 'Fancy Footwork' or 'Reading the Fine Print' soon.

Professional Development

3. Sharing Good Practice

Friday May 20, 2011 at the William Angliss Conference Centre, Melbourne.

Program information:

Keynote speaker: Susan Ollerhead, UniNSW

Program streams will run concurrently with morning and afternoon sessions of 90 minutes duration.

- Innovative approaches in pre-accredited / accredited education and training
- Numeracy teaching and learning strategies / establishing a numeracy network of

practice

- ASCF / CGEA mapping, models and moderation

This professional development day will provide opportunities for practitioners to share good practice and engage in conversations that will provide insights and knowledge to apply innovative strategies to enhance learning.

More program and registration details will be available soon.

4. ACAL Conference Literacy on the Map: Common Visions, Different Paths Keynote speakers announced

Keynote speakers have been announced for the 34th ACAL Conference hosted by VALBEC (Conference Tue 27 to Wed 28 Sept 2011, Pre-conference forum Mon 26 Sept 2011)at Victoria University City Flinders Campus

Call for papers continues

Sponsorship details have been released

More details at <http://www.valbec.org.au/2011conf/>

Fine Print

5. Training programs

Times are changing and we want to hear from YOU! The first Fine Print issue for 2011 will feature education and training programs that attract and support ALBE students. We want to start a discussion around the issues of attracting students to courses and programs. How are you attracting ALBE students? How are you keeping them engaged? How do you support them? Do you have any innovative ideas that are working for you? Send comments of any length to fineprint@valbec.org.au

The Editorial Committee meets twice per edition in Carlton, usually on a Thursday afternoon. If you are interested in joining this committee please send your name and contact details to fineprint@valbec.org.au

Other information

6. ACSF projects

DEEWR has contracted the original ACSF writing team to undertake two projects – (i) a minor revision of the ACSF (ii) development of an ACSF pre level 1 supplementary document. If you have any comments or suggestions that you would like considered by the team, please forward them by 18 March 2011 to Philippa McLean:

philippa47@bigpond.com

Professional Development Events and Conferences

7. Calendar

We have added a new feature to the VALBEC website which lists VALBEC, local, state and international events and conferences.

See it at <http://www.valbec.org.au/>

8. 2011 VALA conference - Youth Voices • 1 April 2011 • Rydges Bell City, Bell Street, Preston Keynote speakers: Victorian State Director of Mission Australia, Paul Bird will discuss their National Survey of Young Australians, 2010 which identifies key and emerging issues in the lives of young people. Huong Tran from The Pavilion School is an inspirational educator who has won awards for her work and programs and is developing an innovative literacy focus within the VCAL program. Plus over thirty sessions to choose from and pre-conference event – Bus tour and dinner 31st March 2011

More at <http://www.vala.asn.au/2011conf/>

9. VicTESOL Call for Presentations for the 2011 ESL Conference

Friday 26 and Saturday 27 August 2011

Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre, South Wharf CBD.

Call for Papers now open. VicTESOL is looking forward to presentation proposals from all sectors for this conference. See flyer for themes. For more information and a form to complete visit the website <http://www.victesol.vic.edu.au>>

10. RaPAL Annual Conference 2011

Literacies in place and time: Looking in, looking out, looking back, looking forward
University of East Anglia, Norwich, 14-16 July 2011

Key speakers

Professor Mary Hamilton Lancaster University, UK

Professor Alan Rogers University of East Anglia, UK

Professor Peter Trudgill University of East Anglia, UK

Further details and to download the call for papers <http://www.rapal.org.uk>

11. Employment opportunities

ACFE, ACE, RTO and TAFE managers can post adult literacy, language and numeracy practitioner job ads in evalbec. Send your request (50 words limit) to info@valbec.org.au by the 26th of the month.

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