

As I write this ISANA NZ President's note to members and friends, I am conscious that I began this back around New Year and now it's March. I began to write about the challenges and opportunities for ISANA NZ, but with the changes in ISANA NZ's circumstances of the past few weeks there is some very good news to report with this newsletter.

First of all, ISANA NZ is to receive funding support from the Ministry of Education. This support is designed to help build our capacity as an association, and to enhance the professionalization of the international education sector in New Zealand. What this means is we will be able to build on the momentum gained from the enhanced PD work we started in 2018.

In anticipation of a favourable funding assistance outcome, the executive decided to continue to further contract Chris Beard and Caroline Stevenson for a three month interim to ensure a good start to the year. We are now resolved to firm up a longer contracting arrangement with Chris and Caroline to ensure some continuity in moving forward in building ISANA NZ's capacity and involvement in enhancing the professionalization of the sector. I recently asked Chris and Caroline to write a paragraph about their roles:

Chris, ISANA NZ Executive Officer

Warm 2019 greetings to ISANA NZ members. Reflecting on 2018 we celebrated a step-change year in which we led the inaugural research-practice symposium on the international student experience and travelled to many regions delivering PD and Community Engagement workshops with ISWS funding support. We were delighted with the overall *excellent/very good* evaluations received for our workshops and have carefully considered feedback to inform our workshops and PD provisions moving forward. A motif for 2019 is *Drive to professionalise* and we're just received news the MOE is funding our work to investigate and help establish professional pathways and qualifications for international education practitioners. One of my roles as Executive Officer is to lead PD training development and identify good practice so please feel free to get in touch this year with ideas around PD needs and the development of a qualification tailored to the needs of IE practitioners.

Caroline, Communications and Events Director

2018 was a fast-paced and positive year for ISANA NZ with hosting more Professional Development days in more locations around the country than ever before. The addition of holding Community Engagement days was also a highlight and they proved very popular in bringing together community groups in the various regions. The year ended with the inaugural Symposium, held in Wellington, which brought together research and practice and was a real success, with many interesting presentations delivered. 2019 is also shaping up to be another busy year with Professional Development days soon to be announced and a conference to be held later in the year. ISANA NZ is growing a stronger presence and reputation in the international education industry and is an association that practitioners, students, regional groups and government bodies are recognising as being able to provide necessary and effective support and services. It is exciting to see how things will develop further this year.

The challenge for ISANA NZ now is to deliver within the opportunities afforded us.

Some of that has started with several **regional social and networking meetings** for members and friends. When one is organised in your area you will receive notification and be sure to attend if you are able.

The **professional development programme** of workshops is currently under construction and details of dates, places, and content will be communicated as arrangements are confirmed.

This year we will have a **national conference** in Wellington at The Harbour Events Centre on September 5th & 6th. The conference will focus on the professionalization of the international education sector. Further details will follow but for now plan to attend, learn, and contribute.

Special Issue call for Papers

A Note from Sherrie Lee, Convenor, [ISANA NZ 2018 Symposium](#)

Following a successful ISANA NZ 2018 Symposium, there is a call for papers for a special issue on the international student experience in New Zealand: <http://www.isananz.org.nz/news--updates/isana-nz-2018-symposium-call-for-papers-for-special-issue>

We welcome submissions from both researchers and practitioners whose work is connected to international education in New Zealand. The deadline for manuscript submissions is **29 April 2019**. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me at leesherrie.nz@gmail.com.

As I conclude this short ISANA news bulletin, I would like to mention and thank our hardworking executive, our secretariat, Victoria Sibley-Bentley, along with Chris and Caroline mentioned above. As the work of ISANA grows, we are encountering the need for changes to the way we do things and our governance. The executive will be meeting in Wellington on the 26th March to engage in forward thinking and reflection on where we are heading. I am looking forward to the outcomes from that time. I trust as this news bulletin reaches you, the enjoyment you derive from your work and the students you serve continue to motivate and satisfy you.

Regards for now.

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