Australia at the World Conference on Computers in Education 2001

A focus for the activity of many of Australia’s educational computing practitioners this year was the Seventh World Conference on Computers in Education, held in Copenhagen at the beginning of August by Technical Committee 3 (TC3 - Education) of the International Federation for Information Processing (IFIP).

Australians made a major contribution to the conference; 89 Australians attended, with some 70 of these presenting a total of 97 papers, demonstrations, posters and work-shops. To celebrate the success of so many Australian submissions for this rigorously refereed conference, the Australian Computer Society provided a small travel grant for each presenter, and this assistance was widely acknowledged by the participants.

Almost 200 papers were accepted for the conference, from approximately 500 submitted. These were classified into Theme papers and Topic papers. The Theme papers will be available next year in a post-conference book to be published by Kluwer Academic Press. The Australian Topic papers will be published later this year in book form as part of the Australian Computer Society’s series, Conferences in Research and Practice in Information Technology.

Some of the 89 Australians who attended the World Conference for Computers in Education, assembled outside the conference centre during a morning coffee break.