Day One – 5 November 2009, Thursday

08.00 – 09.00  Registration
Venue:  Pacific Ballroom Foyer

09.00 – 09.30  Opening Session

Welcoming Remarks
Dr Gary Willmott
Executive Director, Institute for Adult Learning, Singapore

Opening Address and Launch of Adult Educators’ Network, Singapore
Madam Halimah Yacob
Deputy Secretary-General, National Trades Union Congress

Venue:  Pacific Ballroom

09.30 – 10.30  Globalisation: New Challenges and Opportunities for Adult Learning
Professor Emeritus Sharan B. Merriam
Professor Emeritus of Adult Education, The University of Georgia, United States of America
Senior Research Fellow, Institute for Social Science Studies, Universiti Putra Malaysia

Venue:  Pacific Ballroom

10.30 – 10.50  Coffee
Venue:  Pacific Ballroom Foyer

10.50 – 11.50  The Challenges of Performance Orientated HRD in Large Corporate Organisations in Korea
Professor Chan Lee
Seoul National University, Korea

Venue:  Pacific Ballroom

11.50 – 13.00  Professionalising Vocational and Continuing Education – Four Perspectives

Mr John Hedger
Former Chair, Lifelong Learning, UK

Ms Patricia Neden
Chief Executive Officer, Innovation and Business Skills Australia

Ms Fiona O’Shaughnessy
Communications Chair, American Society for Training and Development
Global Network Singapore

Dr Gary Willmott
Executive Director, Institute for Adult Learning, Singapore
Chair: Dr Lynda Wee  
Chief Executive Officer, Bootstrap Private Limited, Singapore

Venue: Pacific Ballroom

13.00 – 14.00  
**Lunch**  
Zambuca (Level 3)  
Global Kitchen (Level 3)  
Brunch (Level 4)

14.00 – 15.30  
**Parallel Workshop Sessions 1**

**Session 1A**  
*Opportunities for Qualitative Research in Adult Learning and Continuing Education in Singapore*  
Professor Andrew Brown  
Institute of Education, University of London

*Systematic Reviews of Quantitative and Qualitative Research to Inform Policy and Practice and Individual Decision Making in Adult Learning*  
Professor David Gough  
EPPI Centre, Institute of Education, University of London

Venue: Pacific 1

**Session 1B**  
*Adult Educators’ Network Singapore Launch Briefing*  
Institute for Adult Learning

*National Training and Adult Education Professional Development Framework*  
Institute for Adult Learning

*Overview of the Master of Arts in Lifelong Learning*  
Dr Christine Han  
Institute of Education, University of London

Venue: Pacific 2

**Session 1C**  
*Learning in and for the 21st Century Workplace*  
Professor Erica McWilliam, Professor Peter Taylor  
National Institute of Education, Singapore

Venue: Pacific 3

**Session 1D**  
*Sustaining Older Workers’ Workplace Competence: An Australian Perspective*  
Professor Stephen Billett  
Griffith University, Australia

*What the Research is Saying About the Older Workforce: Reviewing Current Research on Older Workers*  
IAL Older Worker Project Team

Venue: Ocean 1 & 2

15.30 – 16.00  
**Coffee**  
Venue: Pacific Ballroom and Ocean 1 & 2 Foyer
16.00 – 17.30  Parallel Workshop Sessions 2

**Session 2A**
*Related But Different? Understanding the Role of the Trainer in Workplace Environments*
Professor Roger Harris, Professor Michele Simons
University of South Australia

*Mentoring in the Learning Organisation Environment*
Mr Alan Whitehead
British Council, Singapore

Venue: Pacific 1

**Session 2B**
*Curriculum Design Case Study: Specialist Diploma in Healthcare Education*
Ms Lean Jie Xin, Mr Lim Fun Siong, Mr Alvin Tay
Republic Polytechnic

*The Potential of Problem-based Learning for Developing Self-Directed Learning Skills*
Ms Keng Wan Ling
Temasek Polytechnic

Venue: Pacific 2

**Session 2C**
*Promoting Transfer of Learning in the Adult Learning Context*
Dr Maznah Muhammed
Universiti Putra Malaysia

*The UK Ambition for Skills: The Importance of Adult Learning*
Ms Lesley Giles
UK Commission for Employment and Skills (UKCES)

Venue: Pacific 3

**Session 2D**
*Adult Learning – The Art of Creative Facilitation*
Mr Ullaganathan K.V.A
Institute for Adult Learning

*Turn off the Projector and Turn on Your Learners*
Ms Louise Gilbert
Institute for Adult Learning

Venue: Ocean 1 & 2

17.30 – 19.30  Networking Cocktail
Venue: Pacific Ballroom Foyer
Day Two – 6 November 2009, Friday

08.30 – 09.00 Coffee
Venue: Pacific Ballroom Foyer

09.00 – 09.10 Scene Setting for Day Two
Ms Renee Tan
Deputy Director, Training Services, Institute for Adult Learning
Venue: Pacific Ballroom

09.10 – 10.10 Training – A Cost or an Investment?
Mr Martyn Sloman
Visiting Professor, Kingston University, United Kingdom
Venue: Pacific Ballroom

10.10 – 10.40 Coffee
Venue: Pacific Ballroom Foyer

10.40 – 12.10 Parallel Workshop Sessions 3

**Session 3A**
An Action Research Study on Competency-based Workplace Learning
Mr Patrick Goh, Mr Ronnie Eng
Tourism Management Institute of Singapore

Ms Jenny Chua
Community and Professional Services Division, Singapore Workforce Development Agency

Venue: Pacific 1

**Session 3B**
Beyond Courses: Considering Alternative CET Models
Professor Stephen Billett
Griffith University

Ms Gog Soon Joo
Quality Assurance Division, Singapore Workforce Development Agency

Dr Gary Willmott
Institute for Adult Learning

Learning and Technology Progress and Prospects
Mr Martyn Sloman
Kingston University

Venue: Pacific 2

**Session 3C**
Enabling Successful Education-to-Work Transitions for Emerging Creatives in the Digital Content Industries: An Innovative Case of A Web 2.0 Creative Ecology
Dr Jennifer Tan, Professor Greg Hearn
Queensland University of Technology

Venue: Pacific 3
Session 3D
Meeting the Information Needs of Singapore’s CET sector
Mr Brian Knight
National Centre for Vocational Education Research, Australia

Meeting the Challenge of Constant Change in the Creative Industry
Mr Keith Tan
Creative Nexus Group

Venue: Ocean 1 & 2

12.10-13.10 Lunch
Zambuca (Level 3)
Global Kitchen (Level 3)
Brunch (Level 4)

13.10 – 14.40 Parallel Workshop Sessions 4

Session 4A
Value of Learning
Mr Martyn Sloman
Kingston University

What’s the Matter With Our Adult Learners? Difference Between Perception, Processing and Production: A Cognitive Perspective
Mr Michael Choy
Institute for Adult Learning

Venue: Pacific 1

Session 4B
Implications for Continuing Vocational Training and Adult Development of Changing Patterns of Career Development in Europe
Dr Alan Brown
Warwick University

Transitions Into and Through the Labour Market
Dr Jenny Bimrose
Warwick University

Venue: Pacific 2

Session 4C
A Case Study of Combining Research, Professional Learning and Change
Dr Helen Bound
Institute for Adult Learning

The Role of the Labour Movement in Skills Development – Challenges and Response
Dr Chan Mun Kitt
NTUC LearningHub

Venue: Pacific 3
Session 4D

Learning for Life
Mr Henry Quake
Council for Third Age

Citi-Tsao Foundation Financial Education Programme for Mature Women
Ms Mary Ann Geronimo
Tsao Foundation

Venue: Ocean 1 & 2

14.40 – 15.10
Coffee
Venue: Pacific Ballroom and Ocean 1 & 2 Foyer

15.10 – 16.10
Keynote Address
Emerging Approaches to Competence: Handlungskompetenz – Development, Contextualisation and Application
Mr Wilfrid Lammers
Director and Co-Founder, Siemens Technik Akademie, Germany
Mr Sam Ho
Senior Course Manager, Institute of Technical Education, Singapore

Venue: Pacific Ballroom

16.10 – 17.10
Panel Discussion
The Emerging Challenges and Opportunities for Adult Educators – A Review and Dialogue

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Professor Chan Lee
Professor, Seoul National University, Korea
Professor Roger Harris
Professor in Adult and Vocational Education, School of Education, University of South Australia
Dr Alan Brown
Professorial Fellow at the Institute for Employment Research, University of Warwick, United Kingdom

Chair: Professor Erica McWilliam
Professor of Education, National Institute of Education, Singapore

Venue: Pacific Ballroom
17.10 – 17.30  Concluding Remarks and Closure
Dr Gary Willmott
Executive Director, Institute for Adult Learning, Singapore

Venue: Pacific Ballroom