



SAAA CONFERENCE 2017: Australian and Slovenian current and future research opportunities

22 May 2017, EU Centre at RMIT (Storey Hall), Melbourne

Program

9.30	10.00	Registration and Networking (morning tea)		
10.00	10.05	Dr Kaja Antlejš	President, Slovenian Australian Academic Association (SAAA)	<i>Opening Address</i>
10.05	10.10	Professor Bruce Wilson	Director, EU Centre at RMIT	<i>Opening Address</i>
10.10	10.15	H. E. Mrs Helena Drnovšek-Zorko	Ambassador of the Republic of Slovenia in Australia	<i>Opening Address</i>
10.15	10.40	Professor Zlatko Skrbiš	President, University of Ljubljana Global Alumni and Associates Network (SMUL) & Vice-Provost (Graduate Education, Monash University)	<i>The Future of International Collaboration in Education and Research</i>
10.40	11.05	Professor Glenda Sluga	ARC Laureate Fellow, Professor of International History, FAHA, The University of Sydney	<i>Why and when Slovenia matters</i>
11.05	11.15	Dr Friderik Pribac	Climate Change Officer, Clarence City Council, Board Member of the Multicultural Council of Tasmania	<i>Small community, big impacts; The challenges and benefits of participating in multicultural activities to maintain presence</i>
11.15	11.25	Eddy Kontelj	Managing Director, William Adams Pty Ltd	<i>The experience of the Slovenian in Antarctica</i>
11.25	11.40	Discussion		
11.40	12.00	Tea break		
12.00	12.10	Dr Rado Faletič	Director, Projects & Communications, MONTROIX Pty Ltd	<i>Funding opportunities to support Slovenia-Australia research collaboration</i>
12.10	12.20	Matthew Coote	Special Projects Officer, EU Centre at RMIT	<i>EU Centre at RMIT research activities</i>
12.20	12.30	Dr Masha Mikola	Research and Policy Coordinator, Centre for Culture, Ethnicity and Health	<i>Academic migration in Australia: reflection on educational and professional pathways and multicultural working environments (Endeavour Scholarships and Fellowships)</i>
12.30	12.40	Lara Cernetič	Committee Member, Slovenian Australian Chamber of Commerce	<i>Business opportunities & Research</i>
12.40	13.00	Discussion		
13.00	14.00	Light lunch		
14.00	14.10	Dr Oliver Vodeb	Researcher, Lecturer, Centre for Design Innovation, Swinburne University of Technology; Memefest	<i>Food Democracy, Critical Lessons in Communication, Design and Art</i>
14.10	14.20	Aleksandra (Sasha) L. Ceferin	President, The Institute for Slovenian Studies of Victoria Inc.	<i>Slovenian Language in the secondary school system of Victoria (1976-2005), activities of the Institute for Slovenian Studies of Victoria, and its core project, educational resources portal Thezaurus.com. (1998-) and significance of online learning for minority languages</i>
14.20	14.30	Draga Gelt OAM	Slovenians in Australia	<i>Slovenians in Australia Web portal</i>
14.30	14.40	Neza Muzic de Vries	Master of Fashion (Entrepreneurship)	<i>Universities on Both Ends, Further Collaboration and Socialising</i>
14.40	14.45	Gregor Cerinšek (VIDEO)	Project manager and researcher, Institute for Innovation and Development of University of Ljubljana	<i>Real-life Learning Lab Model engaging interdisciplinary groups of students working on real-life industry and societal assignments</i>
14.45	14.50	Assistant Professor Dr Ivan Jerman (VIDEO)	Head of Coating development group, Department for Materials Chemistry, National Institute of Chemistry in Slovenia	<i>Materials for renewable energy harvesting</i>
14.50	15.10	Discussion		
15.10	16.00	Round table and conclusion: How to improve knowledge exchange between Slovenia and Australia?		
16.00	17.00	SAAA Annual meeting		
18.00	-	Dinner (not paid)		

Program may be subject to change.