



# Coping Resilience & Hope Building Asia Pacific Regional Conference Brisbane 9-11 July 2010



the Brisbane Institute of Strengths Based Practice, the Brisbane Conference will attract participants from the Asia Pacific region. Keenly aimed to advance collaboration and networking among

different regions and professional fields. Papers, presentations, narratives that focus on Strengths based practices around the world will be tabled at this conference.

The conference will be held in the beautiful City of Brisbane at the Griffith University, Nathan Campus. Brisbane flanked by the Sunshine Coast, about 2 hours to the north, and the Gold Coast, 1 hour to the south is a green and leafy city. At Brisbane there is plenty to do and see before and after the conference.

## Conference themes

Given a variety of approaches to study coping and resilience and hope building and reviewing practicing skills to enhance in each of these areas, this conference is an opportunity for addressing them from a number of perspectives. Viewed from a Strengths based practices (SbPs) presentations at the conference need to

concentrate on the inherent strengths of individuals, families groups and organizations. Deploying peoples' personal strengths to aid their recovery and empowerment- this is the crux of this conference. We are looking for empowering alternatives to traditional methods with individuals, group or organizational work. We wish to see strategies that facilitate change by assisting to look at / what has worked? What does not work? and what might work presently making it important for those who facilitate and those desiring change to be integral to this process of change.

Some of the illustrative topics are listed below:

- Cross-cultural patterns of coping with hardships;
- Coping patterns and resilience factors in migration and acculturation;
- Personal and developmental factors in coping and resilience

- Interventions for children and youth to enhance resilience in adverse circumstances

- Strengths based Interventions in the field of education, from early schooling to tertiary initiatives; child protection and safety

- Resilience after loss and grief; Poverty, structural inequalities and human resilience: implications for policy making

- Challenges of coping with disability and mental health issues; Gender issues in coping and resilience.

The Coping Resilience & Hope Building International Conference Brisbane 2010 The Coping, Resilience and Hope Building Asia Pacific Regional Conference Brisbane 2010 will bring together practitioners, researchers, community activists and academics working in the trans-disciplinary area of human coping with diverse challenging life circumstances. The Conference is interested in the fascinating capacity of human resilience to most adverse life events, as they unfold. The conference aims to advance evidence-based practices in resilience promotion and hope building. It will look at interplay of individual, family, community and social responsibility factors in resilience and provide directions for future practice and research. It wishes to present a most stimulating forum for people interested in the central themes of coping and resilience. Organised as a sequel to the C&R Conference Dubrovnik 2009, presented by

Strengths based refugee acceptance policy development; Humanitarian Policing; Resilience mechanisms in recovery from individual and collective trauma;

Posttraumatic growth after extreme suffering; Challenges of reconciliation in multi-ethnic and post-conflict societies

Best practices in helping individuals in crisis; in empowering communities facing crisis and disasters; Asset-based community development

Spirituality as a coping resource; Spirituality, healing systems, alternative therapies and meditation in enhancing resilience

Remote rural communities, indigenous people and coping with life challenges; Strengthening resilience through e-communities and use of information technology

Resilience development and hope building in urban communities

### Who will be at the conference?

The range of applied, clinical, scientific, legal, social and policy issues that will be addressed in the conference program make it directly relevant to psychologists, psychiatrists, social workers, rehabilitation consultants, counselors and psychotherapists, GP's and medical specialists; cultural anthropologists, youth workers, NGO activists, community and humanitarian workers; spiritual leaders; emergency service and disaster workers, defense, police; justice and legal professionals, human rights advocates and policy makers; researchers, academics, Senior Managers in Business and Industry and educators.

### Dates to Remember:

**All Proposals by 25th December, 2009**

Presenters Notified 20th February 2010

Last date for Presenter Registration Fees: 5 March 2010

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Abstracts (Font Verdana 11 point) for Papers, Workshops, Post Conference Workshops, Posters

Limit for Abstracts 200 words and 50 words for biodata

Blind Referring process ends 2nd week in February 2010

The Brisbane Institute for Strengths-based Practice propagates, supports and encourages strengths based human resource development and management consulting, counseling, group and community training activities and projects in the Asia pacific region and elsewhere, through studies, visits, conferences and workshops and major training events. Its purpose is to promote individual and community resilience through the practice and promotion of various skills including: Asset-based community development, Appreciative Enquiry and Strengths-based strategies, Strengths-focused therapies

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Conference Costs	All others	Developing Countries and bonafide students*
CONFERENCE PACKAGE (all sessions 9- 10 - 11 July + Welcome Conference Dinner) ( Early Bird 15 March 2010)	300.00	250.00
DAY REGISTRATION (all sessions 10 OR 11 July ) ( Early Bird Day registration 15 March 2010)	150.00	100.00
WELCOME DINNER ONLY	60.00	60.00
CONFERENCE PACKAGE (all sessions 9- 10 - 11 July + Welcome Conference Dinner) ( 16 March 2010-9- July 2010)	450.00	400.00
DAY REGISTRATION from 16- March -9 July 2010	200.00	150.00
Confirmed Presenters Pay by 05 March 2010	300.00	250.00