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Dear ISEI Members,

I am pleased to announce that the next ISEI conference is scheduled to take place in Sydney, Australia, June 26-29, 2019. The theme of the conference, "Research to Practice in Early Intervention: An International Perspective", is very timely as early intervention programs are increasingly being brought to scale all over the world. Conference topics will be diverse as usual, ranging from neuroscience, to model programs, to implementation science.

Our conference will be held at the new International Convention Center (ICC) located in Darling Harbor. Please click the following link to view the ICC facilities (the ICC opens in the next few months). http://depts.washington.edu/isei/ICC_Sydney_Virtual_Tour.mp4 I viewed the site and met with conference staff a couple of months ago and think you will agree that this is an extraordinary venue.

The ISEI conference will consist of 2 ½ days of a main conference with papers, posters, symposia, Master Lectures, and Keynote speakers as we have done in the past. In addition, many have suggested that ISEI provide post-conference Workshops. This was discussed at our ISEI Coordinating Committee meeting in Stockholm and agreed that a day and a half of Workshops will follow the main conference. An Abstract submission process for potential presenters will be available for both the main ISEI Conference and the Workshops.

I am also very pleased to announce that I will be Co-Chairing the conference with two distinguished ISEI members: Coral Kemp, PhD, a member of the ISEI Coordinating Committee, and an Honorary Fellow at Macquarie University, Sydney, Australia, and Denise Luscombe, a Consultant Pediatric Physiotherapist from Perth, Australia, who is completing her doctorate on "Fidelity of Practice in ECI". Coral will head the Scientific Program Committee that will be developing ideas for the program, reviewing Abstracts, and helping to organize a scientific program that will reflect advances and establish an international research-to-practice agenda.

Denise will chair the Local Organizing Committee that will work closely with Early Childhood Intervention Australia (ECIA), the major professional organization in Australia for professionals in the field of early intervention. Denise is on the National Council and is immediate Past President of ECIA. In fact, through Denise's efforts ECIA will partner with ISEI in the same manner as Stockholm University did for our last conference. Through the work of the Local Organizing Committee, I am confident that the Sydney conference will be an extraordinary experience for us all, providing an unusual opportunity for networking among researchers and practitioners.

Please consider this rather long email (my apologies) as an invitation to attend. A flyer can be downloaded: http://depts.washington.edu/chdd/Sydney_2019.pdf as a reminder to encourage you to begin thinking about submitting Abstracts. Feel free to distribute the flyer to colleagues.

Best regards,

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Chair, ISEI