



**BIENNIAL CONFERENCE  
WELLINGTON  
NEW ZEALAND**

**19-21 October 2008**

**CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME**

On behalf of the ICPRA Executive Committee, I welcome all delegates to Wellington for the Biennial Conference of the International Council of Police Representative Associations.

ICPRA delegates have travelled from 11 countries, spanning four continents, to take part in this important conference for our organisation. We thank you for travelling so far to add your input and insight to the proceedings.

We have chosen Wellington as the venue for this conference because it is a location that offers more diverse and multi-faceted New Zealand experience than might be found in some of the more overtly tourist-oriented 'picture postcard' destinations around New Zealand.

Wellington is an attractive and compact capital city, which offers a sophisticated café and entertainment scene, with a strong arts and culture focus. I am sure you will enjoy your stay here.

The theme of this year's conference is "Advancing ICPRA."

ICPRA has grown from the earlier International Law Enforcement Council (ILEC). That evolution was driven by a need, recognised by all of us, for an organisation like ICPRA to exist. Our own unions and associations are increasingly challenged by issues that have their origins in global change, driven by forces beyond our ability alone to influence.

Our shared vision for ICPRA is that through greater interaction, cooperation, and mutual assistance, we may all enhance our abilities to advance the interests of the hundreds of thousands of police officers we, collectively, represent.

The conference theme, "Advancing ICPRA", recognises that we have much work to do to develop this body into the established and effective organisation that we know it will become.

Conference speakers throughout our very full agenda will explore some of the issues driving the need for ICPRA to exist; and some of the risks and opportunities we face

as ICPRA continues to evolve. Through discussion and debate, by conference end we will all have developed a better understanding of where the organisation is coming from, where it is going, and how we will get there.

#### **OFFICIAL CONFERENCE WELCOME**

The traditional Maori powhiri welcoming ceremony will commence at 1830 on Sunday, 19 October 2008 at the Museum of New Zealand - *Te Papa Tongarewa*. The museum is located a short walk from the hotel (weather dependent). We will meet in the hotel foyer at 1800 to make our way together to the museum.

#### **OFFICIAL CONFERENCE OPENING**

This will commence at 0900 on Monday, 20 October 2008. Please be in the conference room and seated by 0850.

#### **PARTNERS' DAY - BOOMROCK**

The Partners' Day programme for Monday 20 October, at Boomrock, will run from 1100 to 1630. Desley O'Connor will be your host. Please meet in hotel foyer at 1100.

Thanks are extended to AIG Life and AIG International. AIG Life underwrites life insurance for New Zealand police officers at home and abroad and is generously supporting the New Zealand Police Association in hosting this conference. Our thanks also to all who have all contributed to make this conference the success we are confident it will be.

Should you require any assistance while you are here, please do not hesitate to call either:

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I invite you now to relax and enjoy what we hope will be an engaging and constructive conference.

Greg O'Connor  
**ICPRA CHAIRMAN**