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General Assembly Conference hosted by CoL 2009

The General Assembly and associated educational program of the International Association of Law Schools (IALS) is coming to Canberra in 2009, and will be hosted by the ANU College of Law.

The College will be host to delegates from up to 173 law schools in nearly 50 countries (for a snapshot of the steadily growing membership, see: <http://www.ialsnet.org/members/index.html>)

The conference will run from Monday 25 May 2009 to Wednesday 27 May 2009. The gathering incorporates the annual General Assembly (one delegate per law school) and the educational program (to which law schools may send multiple delegates).

The theme of the educational program is 'The Role of Law Schools and Law School Leadership in a Changing World' and will focus on, 'What are we educating our students for, and how do we achieve that?'

HISTORY AND BACKGROUND TO THE IALS

The IALS (<http://www.ialsnet.org/>) was incorporated in 2005, following meetings of legal educators in Florence (2000), Hawaii (2004) and Istanbul (2005).

Subsequently the inaugural IALS conference was held in Suzhou, China, in 2007; The Hamburg conference on international business transactions in April 2008; and the first General Assembly and associated educational program in Montreal during May 2008. The annual program is settling down into two conferences per year, one of a generalist nature and the other more specialised, with the second conference for 2009, in Washington in September 2009, aimed at constitutional lawyers.