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FOBISIA TEACHERS' CONFERENCE

16th - 18th October 2015

March 29th, 2015

Dear Colleagues

Following a recommendation to the FOBISIA Heads, it has been decided to change the venue, though not the location, of the Teachers' Conference scheduled for October 16-18. The relatively high cost of the original conference venue and accommodation was thought to be a factor in the modest number of registrations that have been received to date.

The British International School, Phuket has offered to host the conference and also to provide accommodation (limited to 80 teachers) at a much lower price than the luxury hotels on the Island. The Conference Organising Committee has also sourced significantly lower hotel costs at accommodation (Boat Lagoon Resort Hotel) near to the school. By relocating the conference to the British International School Phuket, we are now able to significantly reduce venue overheads without impacting on the quality of the conference. It is our intention that more teachers will now be encouraged to attend.

The cost of the 'new look' conference hosted by BISP is 6,000THB. This includes refreshments, lunches, BBQ and a Gala function at a leading hotel (this will include entertainment and live music). Local transport costs are also included in the conference fee (excluding airport run) for guests of BISP and Boat Lagoon Resort Hotel.

There are several options now available as a result of this restructuring:

- If you have not already applied you can now do so by [clicking here for new registrations](#). Please register before May 29th and make payment by June 12th
- If you have previously applied and paid the initial conference fee, we would hope that you wish to continue with the new look conference at BISP. Unless we hear to the contrary by April 27th, FOBISIA will automatically refund your school the difference between the two conference fees.
- If you no longer wish to take part in the new look conference, please email Lynne Daniel by April 27th (events@bisphuket.ac.th) and we will fully refund the conference fee already paid.
- Please note that given the relatively low price of the conference fee it is not now possible to offer early bird discounts

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Key Note Speaker

Our key note address will be delivered by 'Crossroads' founded by David & Sally Begbie (crossroads.org.hk). It is an organisation of outstanding repute in the field of Corporate Social Responsibility. Acclaimed around the world by those who have attended workshops and simulation projects: 'Everyone should do this', *Jimmy Wales, Wikipedia*. 'Beautifully done', *Sir Richard Branson, Virgin*. 'A profound experience that reminds us of the plight of millions', *Ban Ki-moon, United Nations*.

Workshops

We will continue to explore the themes of *Technology, Career Advancement, Global Sustainability Issues* and *Job Alike Workshops*. We have already received a significant number of excellent workshop applications and look forward to receiving more. Our aim is to create a unique programme offering you a wide variety of professionally stimulating workshop options. For those of you who have already registered, thank you, and we will be in touch. For those of you who still wish to register to lead workshops, please see [click on this link to register](#). Please complete and submit the form by 29th May. Please also note:

- Workshop applications will be consolidated in early June and information regarding workshop leaders and options will be sent out shortly after;
- Workshop leaders will be added to a register of presenters that will be kept by FOBISIA;
- Workshop leaders will receive feedback and it is hoped that a register of 'Distinguished Presenters' will be compiled with acknowledgement in a professionally tangible form.

Outline of Conference Schedule: (A full schedule is available [here](#))

(all events are at BISP unless otherwise stated and the schedule may be subject to slight changes).

Friday 16th October:	17:00-18:00	Welcome Team Activities & Games & use of facilities (optional)
	18:30-20:30	Welcome BBQ for all delegates
Saturday 17th October:	08:30-16:00	Conference workshops including Key Note speaker
	16:15-17:15	Team Activities & Games & use of facilities (optional)
	19:30-22:00	Dinner Function & Entertainment at Hotel
Sunday 18th October:	08:30-16:00	Conference workshops including Key Note speaker
	16:15-17:15	Team Activities & Games & use of facilities (optional)

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Accommodation

There are several options for accommodation:

Option 1. BISP Boarding Accommodation. 800thb per night including breakfast. 80 single rooms, with one bathroom shared between two (same sex).

Option 2. Boat Lagoon Resort Hotel. 1650thb per night including all taxes and breakfast for two persons.

Option 3. Alternative hotel choices through our accommodation partner 'Inspired Events'.

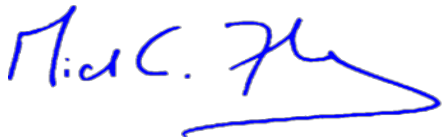
[Please click here for more information and to book accommodation and transport for the conference](#)

JW Marriott & Renaissance Hotel Bookings:

If you have already booked to stay in these hotels then we will offer complimentary transport between your hotel and the conference/functions so as not to inconvenience you.

The Conference will now be better resourced, and much lower in cost, and will offer opportunities and make use of facilities that would not normally be available at similar conferences elsewhere. The provision of a FOBISIA Teachers Conference is a major development for our organization, and it is hoped that schools and teachers will embrace this opportunity to connect, network and to grow professionally.

Yours sincerely,



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