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Dear AMSSA members

The AMSSA executive and Conference Planning Group have met, and after exhaustive searches for a date in 2010, have come to the decision that we need to reschedule our conference to a date in 2011. We realize that this is a great disappointment to the staff and students who were anticipating coming to Perth for the conference. We are also aware that schools will lose money on their airfare bookings, which need to be used within a year. There have been many suggestions about how to use the airfares – one of these is to give consideration to sending staff to the ISMA Mercy Justice conference, “Embrace the other and welcome difference” in Queanbeyan (next door to Canberra) on November 6, 7 and 8 this year. Speakers include Mick Dodson, Tim Flannery, Margot O’Neill, Jan Gray rsm, Maryanne Loughry rsm, Madge McGuire and Denise Coghlan rsm. Details about the conference are on the ISMA website: <http://www.mercy.org.au>.

New Date and Venue for the Rescheduled AMSSA Conference

The conference will be from Wednesday July 6 to Saturday July 9, 2011, in Perth, at Santa Maria College. The organisers hope to communicate with schools about the likely fees for all attendees as soon as possible.

Ways forward

The 2009 Perth Conference organizers have refunded all but \$25 of each conference registration. This \$25 per registration will cover costs the postponed conference has already incurred. (AMSSA will be covering the losses on the airfares of the international speakers from Association funds). When setting the Association’s 2010 annual contribution, the AMSSA executive will bear in mind the losses on registrations and air travel this year.

Road to Mercy CD

Ray Paxton, Principal of Mercy College Chatswood, was to have used the songs from his CD ‘Road to Mercy’ at the conference. The CD has been produced with funds from AMSSA, and your copy of the CD and songbook has been mailed to you.

Thank you for your interest and support.

Sr Frances Fitzpatrick

On behalf of the AMSSA Executive and Conference Organisers