



## **MEDIA ALERT**

### **FIRST CONFERENCE IN NEW CONVENTION CENTRE**

The first conference to be held in the stunning new Melbourne Convention Centre will be the 7<sup>th</sup> International Conference of Geomorphology, "Geomorphology 2009", which will be launched on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July in the magnificent new Plenary Hall.

Guests will enter the Plenary Hall to the haunting sounds of the didgeridoo and then a special Smoking Ceremony will commence, followed by a moving performance on the stage by members of the Yarra Yarra Dance Troupe. A traditional welcome to country will then be presented by Ian Warrend-Badj Hunter.

The welcome ceremony will be followed by brief speeches to mark the occasion by the President of the International Association of Geomorphologists and Leigh Harry, Chief Executive of the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre.

Geomorphology 2009 will run from 6-11<sup>th</sup> July 2009, attracting over 650 eminent Geomorphologists from around the world who will discuss a wide variety of hot topics ranging from the extreme geomorphologic hazards associated with floods and droughts in Australia, to the evolution over geological timescales of the ancient landscapes that characterise our continent.

This will be the first time the International Conference on Geomorphology has been held in the southern hemisphere since the series began nearly 30 years ago.

<b>Who:</b>	Professor Andrew Goudie, President, International Association of Geomorphologists (IAG) from Oxford University Centre for the Environment; Leigh Harry, Chief Executive, Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre; and Professor Brian Finlayson, Chair of the Organising Committee for the Australian and New Zealand Geomorphology Group Inc.
<b>What:</b>	The launch of Geomorphology 2009 including spectacular Opening Ceremony as the first conference in the new Melbourne Convention Centre
<b>When:</b>	Tuesday 7 July, 2009, 8.30 – 9.00am Followed by the IAG Presidential Address from 9.00 – 10.00am
<b>Where:</b>	Plenary Hall 1, Melbourne Convention Centre 1 Convention Centre Place, South Wharf, Melbourne
<b>Why:</b>	To celebrate the first conference in the new Melbourne Convention Centre and the launch of Geomorphology 2009

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