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Melbourne to host 30th Australian International Education Conference in 2016

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The leading event in Australia's international education calendar will head to Victoria next year, with Melbourne announced as host of the 30th Australian International Education Conference (AIEC) in October 2016.

Building on the success of AIEC 2015 last week in Adelaide, the conference is expected to again welcome more than 1200 local and international practitioners, teachers, researchers and policy makers to Melbourne.

The theme of AIEC 2016 will be '*Connectivity – at the heart of international education*'.

The conference will feature a range of plenary sessions, workshops, roundtables, exhibition and social events; attracting national and international experts from all education sectors, including English language, schools, higher education and vocational education and training, as well as government representatives, NGO staff and private providers.

Chief Executive Officer of IDP Education, Andrew Barkla, praised the contribution of delegates at AIEC 2015, who examined the role of international education in fostering responsibility and sustainability in today's global community.

"Major initiatives such as the Australian International Education Conference allow the international education community to come together each year and debate and address key issues affecting the sector," Mr Barkla said.

"This year we asked delegates to challenge motivations and practices in international education, so that we can continue to shape study experiences in a dynamic, uncertain and globalised environment.

"We encourage this year's AIEC delegates – and those who were unable to attend – to write AIEC 2016 in Melbourne into their calendars and support the sustainable growth of international education in Australia."

AIEC 2016 will be held from 18 to 21 October 2016 at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre, and will be jointly presented by IDP Education and the International Education Association of Australia.

For more information about AIEC, visit <http://aiec.idp.com>.



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