

## NZARE National Refereeing Panel (NRP): 2007-2008

The NZARE National Council established a sub-committee which is the designated NRP in 2006. This includes an independent chair, Professor Clive McGee, the co-convenors – the immediate past president Dr Lynne Whitney and vice-president Dr Richard Smith, and membership including Dr Shirley Gillet (a secondment), Dr Colleen McMurchy-Pilkington, Dr Jo Higgins and Dr Airini plus: one/two Māori members from council or from the Māori Caucus (or nominees) the one other Pasifika Caucus members (or nominee), and Anne Elliot as the (former) Student Representative, the CEO of the NZCER (or nominee), plus one other member of Council.

The information about the NRP and the background to the establishment and purpose of this panel can be found on the NZARE website [www.nzare.org.nz](http://www.nzare.org.nz) The 2005 and 2006 *Background Papers* are included along with the 2006 referees and 2006 NRP Report. The *Application Forms* to become a reviewer are at the bottom of this page.

The response to the NRP in 2006 was heartening and wonderful and we currently have **84** referees for NZARE conference papers for 2006-2007. These range from emergent to very experienced reviewers. We have five overseas reviewers three from Australia, one from the UAE, and another from the USA. Many reviewers belong to a host of other professional associations and many have experience in reviewing for a variety of organisations or publications.

We are very grateful to those offering their services for building the research capability and professionalism of NZARE, and from 2008 we hope to have a group/pool of more experienced reviewers which could provide early formative feedback on drafts papers prepared in advance for emergent or more novice researchers.

Whilst the overall pool of 84 is excellent we urgently require *more* reviewers and in particular M\_ori and Pasifika academics to act as peer reviewers for 2007-2008. Thus please fill in the application on-line as soon as possible and advise Colleen McMurchy-Pilkington [c.mcmurchy@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:c.mcmurchy@auckland.ac.nz) or Airini [airini@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:airini@auckland.ac.nz) as your Māori and Pasifika caucus colleagues along with Tanu Kapoor (NZARE Secretariat) [tanu.kapoor@nzcer.org.nz](mailto:tanu.kapoor@nzcer.org.nz) .

Please urgently complete your applications to be considered as a reviewer for the 2007 NZARE conference held in sunny Christchurch and an Aotearoa/NZ reviewer for the combined AARE-NZARE conference in Brisbane in 2008.

Cheers

Richard Smith, NZARE VP and Co-convenor of the NRP.