

**John Warren: ISEA's First Overseas Placement**

As reported in the November 2008 Newsletter, the ISEA has established contacts with several educational organisations interested in hosting placements of NSW DET senior officers. As a result members were offered the opportunity to be supported as placements to one or more of the organisations for periods to be negotiated. John Warren, School Development Officer, South West Sydney Region, made application and arrangements are in hand for John to be the ISEA's first supported overseas placement.



John will travel to North America to spend time at two institutions. The first will be *The Evaluation Centre: University of Western Michigan* (UWM). Based in Kalamazoo, Michigan, this world renowned organisation conducts educational research and develops student testing programs across the USA and the world. As the academic base for several leading evaluators (Arlen Gullickson, Stephen Magura, Daniel Stufflebeam, Sally Veeder and Jian Ping Shen) the Centre works to define and report on professional teaching standards, program evaluation standards, classroom assessments and leadership development.

John's second placement will be with the *Education Quality and Accountability Office* (EQAO), in Toronto, Ontario Canada. This organisation was established in 1996, as a result of a Royal Commission, to provide information and resources derived from the testing of students in reading, writing and mathematics and at key points in their school education. The tests are based on *The Ontario Curriculum* and the resulting data are used to inform student and school improvement plans and strategies.

The ISEA will assist John in arranging the placements that will take place in April this year. A grant will be provided to assist in financing John's travel and accommodation.

**Cautious Optimism for a New Salaries and Conditions award for Chief Education Officers**

The ISEA is cautiously optimistic that a new Salaries and Conditions Award for CEOs will be finally negotiated with the DET in the very near future. After several months of detailed negotiations and IRC appearances, recent discussions with the DET have seen "in principle" agreement on virtually all contentious matters. It is expected that a formal offer, along the lines now agreed, will be put to the ISEA this week and a consent agreement presented to the IRC in early April. While the detailed terms of the agreement have to be finalised and endorsed by the ISEA, members can be assured that the award will have several beneficial features and favourable salary increases will be back-dated to 1 January 2009. Members wishing to discuss this matter are invited to phone the Executive Officer on 02 9181 5879 or 0418 669 501.

**ISEA's Award for Excellence Presented by the Director-General**

Michael Coutts-Trotter, Director-General of Education and Training and Managing Director of TAFE NSW presented the ISEA's 2008 *Award for Excellence in the Administration of Public Education* to Robert Cordaiy, at a well attended ceremony in Bridge Street on 5 March 2009.

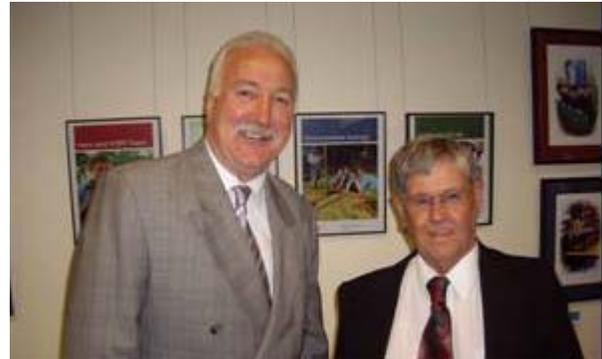
Robert, Manager, Analysis Assessment and Reporting Systems in the Educational Measurement and School Accountability Directorate follows 2007 joint winners, Pam Ryan and Laurie Murphy. Robert received the award for his and his team's outstanding work in developing and managing the School Measurement, Assessment and Reporting Toolkit (SMART).



Michael Coutts-Trotter presents the award to Robert Corday



Top: Robert Corday talks to Doug White and past winner Laurie Murphy  
Bottom: Trevor Fletcher, DDG OoS, and Ron Ikin Executive Officer, ISEA



In presenting the Award the Director-General acknowledged the world-wide significance of the SMART package and the interest the Mayor of New York had shown in it during a recent visit. He congratulated Robert and the entire EMSAD staff on their outstanding efforts in developing such a valuable resource for teachers, parents, students and school communities.

In response Robert acknowledged the various individuals and groups that were the genesis of the SMART toolkit. From these beginnings it was possible to develop and continually revise the package to its sophisticated form today. In particular he acknowledged the vision and encouragement provided by Dave Wasson, the Director of the Educational Measurement and School Accountability Directorate.



Robert and Sonya Corday with members of the SMART team and ISEA President, Juho Looveer (2<sup>nd</sup> from right)



Kate O'Donnell, Dave Wasson, Director EMSAD, Robert Corday and Max Smith

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