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Preface

These are the Proceedings of the First International LAMS Conference 2006. We were very pleased at the response to the call for papers. In the Proceedings there are abstracts from four keynotes addresses; ten refereed, full papers; one contributed paper; nine presentations (abstracts only); three posters, three workshops; and a technical stream of presentations which ran over the two days of the conference. The variety of academic papers and presentations in the conference program illustrates an increasing interest in LAMS, the Learning Activity Management System, and the concept of Learning Design from an international perspective.

We were especially pleased to welcome our keynote speakers: Professor Ron Oliver from Edith Cowan in Western Australia, the Associate Dean (Teaching and Learning) in the Faculty of Communications and Creative Industries; Professor Diana Laurillard from the London Knowledge Lab (University of London) in the United Kingdom via weblink; Penny Carnaby, Chief Executive and National Librarian at the National Library of New Zealand; and Professor James Dalziel from the Macquarie University E-Learning Centre Of Excellence and the LAMS Foundation.

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