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The five members of the IAIA08 Steering Committee who were at IAIA07 came away from Seoul full of enthusiasm and great ideas (many put forward by other conference participants) to make the next conference in Perth a huge success. Our vision for IAIA08 is an inclusive and integrated conference, both programmatically and socially, and we hope that many of you will be able to make the journey to be part of it.

Over the next few months we will be focused on preparing the preliminary programme, in collaboration with the IAIA Sections, and the call for submissions for theme forums, concurrent sessions, and special pre-conference meetings will be open until 10 September. The submissions Web site will be open for business shortly, and in the meantime we hope that you are all liaising with colleagues and coming up with ideas for session proposals for Perth, especially ones that cross the traditional divides within IAIA and bring together people and ideas in new and innovative ways.

Please feel free to contact us—for any matters relating to the programme, please contact Jenny Pope ([jennypope@bigpond.com](mailto:jennypope@bigpond.com)) and for any general IAIA08 matters, please contact Angus Morrison-Saunders ([a.morrison-saunders@murdoch.edu.au](mailto:a.morrison-saunders@murdoch.edu.au)).

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