

Ninth Australasian Conference on Mathematics and Computers in Sport

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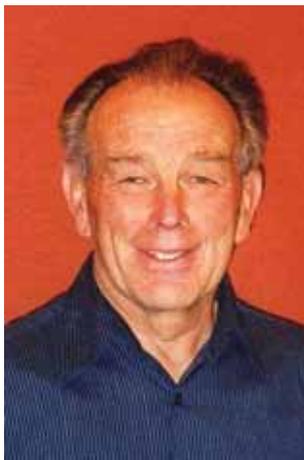
The ninth Australasian Conference on Mathematics and Computers in Sport was held at Twin Towns Resort, Tweed Heads from Monday 1 September to Wednesday 3 September. There were 34 participants from Australia, New Zealand and Europe. The principal speakers were Arnold Baca from the University of Vienna who spoke on 'Tracking Motion in Sport', and Ian Renshaw from Queensland University of Technology who spoke on 'Performance and Learning of Motor Skills'.

The conference was opened by Geoff Pollard, president of Tennis Australia, who also delivered three papers on tennis and golf. Geoff is currently undertaking a PhD at Swinburne University. There were 34 papers presented on topics that included cricket, tennis, badminton, Australian Rules football, rugby union, table tennis, volleyball, baseball, kayaking, sailing, bodysurfing and athletics.

The extra-curricula activity for this conference was held at the Tweed Heads Indoor Bowling Centre on Tuesday evening attended by 15 of the delegates.

The conference was directed by Neville de Mestre, while John Hammond from Lincoln University (UK) edited the refereed *Proceedings*. Copies of these are available from the MathSport group at \$40 plus postage (email margnev@omcs.com.au).

The tenth conference will be held in Melbourne in 2010 with Anthony Bedford from RMIT as director.



Neville de Mestre retired from Bond University in 2004 as Emeritus Professor of Mathematics. Neville lectured at RMC Duntroon and ADFA from 1962 to 1989. He moved to Bond University as soon as it opened in 1989. In 1992 he inaugurated the Biennial Australasian Mathematics and Computers in Sport conferences, which eventually became the Mathsport Special Interest Group of ANZIAM. Neville has directed or co-directed seven of the first nine conferences. Neville has also been Chair of ANZIAM (during ICIAM 2003 in Sydney) and Deputy Chair on a number of occasions. He was director of ANZIAM conferences at Smiggin Holes (1971), Merimbula (1984) and Coolangatta (1998). His research interests include fluid mechanics, bushfires, sport and mathematical education at all levels. He founded the ACT Mathematics Centre which now travels Australia through Qwestacon. He recently gave the tenth G.S. Watson Memorial Lecture at La Trobe University (Bendigo).

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