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During 2010 – 2011, the Oceania region has gained some traction in Australia. Training opportunities are emerging where the membership is able to undertake professional programs delivered through a variety of programs.

Highlights of 2010 saw three members gain their CEM credentialing with two currently on the Oceania – Asia CEM Commission. This is certainly a milestone for the region.

Participation in national workshops and conferences is time consuming with several conferences and workshops being attended at no cost to the Council. Over the past 12 months iAEM Oceania has been represented at four of the five Monash University Emergency Management Forums in Melbourne, the Australian –American Fulbright 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Symposium in Cairns hosted by James Cook University, the National Emergency Management Training Officers Conference in Brisbane and the Innovative Emergency Management Conference in Sydney in March. At each event we have been able to spread the word of the iAEM being a representative professional body in the region, promoting professional development as a pathway to individuals working towards their CEM credentialing.

In the 2011 – 2012 year it is planned to attend a number of different conferences and workshops including the Victorian Emergency Services Forum, AFAC Conference in Sydney, Emergency Response Management Conference in Brisbane and the Monash University Emergency Management Forums, promoting the value of the CEM program and iAEM membership.

Conferences are the most effective way in which to network with membership. During each of my visits to various states there is value in continuing to organise small social get togethers as a means of further networking with a body of professionals and it has been great to share a few drinks with members interstate.

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