

The Australian Near Infrared Spectroscopy Group (ANISG) was formed in 1988 during the inaugural conference at Hamilton, Victoria. Since then, a further fourteen successful conferences have been held around the country, usually at intervals of 1-2 years.

In April 2010 (18-21 April), the 14th Australian Near Infrared Spectroscopy Group (ANSIG) Conference was held in Adelaide, the wine capital of Australia.

Given the recent global financial crisis, a special session of the conference will focus on economic aspects of NIR were the Theme of the Conference was **NIR makes economic sense**.

The Conference brought together NIR researchers, students and users of the technology from a wide variety of backgrounds, applications and industries, as well as the major suppliers of NIR equipment and software, to discuss and view current developments. Prior to the Conference a Short Course on aspects of Spectroscopy for Real Applications was presented by Woody Barton and Jim de Haseth from Light Solutions.

Six International and well known speakers presented broad applications of NIR spectroscopy like *Woody Barton* (A new series of NIR spectrometers), *Veronique Bellon-Maurel* (Shooting for grape maturity, and current status of soil), *Andrew McGlone* (Successes and failures in developing NIR applications for New Zealand horticulture), *John Black* (The value of NIR to the Australian feed grain industry), *Marena Manley* (NIR hyperspectral imaging: thousands of spectra for exploring heterogeneous products), *MaryLou Swift* (The role of NIR in Alberta's Livestock Feed Initiative: the Feed Evaluation and Quality Project).

More than 70 participants shared their experiences at the modern venue of the National Wine Centre in a programme that had something for everyone (see programme <http://www.anisg.com.au>) as well as knowing about the latest innovations in hardware and software by different companies and sponsors such as Bruker Optics, CAMO, Foss, In Vitro Technologies (Büchi), Jeffress Engineering, Portable Analytical Systems (ASD), Perten, NIR Technology Systems, TACS Australia (DICKEY-John), Thermo-Fisher Scientific, Unity Scientific

The Conference was closed with *A preview of NIR-2011, Cape Town, South Africa*, by Marena Manley and the presentation of the next Conference *The Aussie-Kiwi Axis and ANISG-2012*, by Steve Holroyd and Peter Flinn.