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To Whom It May Concern

I write in favor of Artful Conference and Event Specialists (ACES) who were the conference organizers for the International Schools of Social Work (IASSW) Congress 2008, held at the International Convention Centre (ICC), Durban from the 19 – 24 July 2008

As a member of the Local Organising Committee (LOC) for the past two years, I represented social work practitioners and Non Governmental Organisations (NGO's) in the Welfare Sector. During my period of office on the LOC, I found ACES' input to be of an exceptionally high standard. From the onset of planning to the conclusion of the Congress, they were extremely professional and worked well within a multidisciplinary team which comprised representatives from various Universities Schools of Social Work, the private welfare sector, the Government Departments of Education and Social Development and the SA Council for Social and Associated Workers. Working with such a diversified team, their ability to maintain objectivity throughout the LOC's involvement with ACES is to be commended.

I would with absolute certainty highly recommend ACES as the organizers for any future conferences/congresses they bid for.

Thanking you
Yours Sincerely

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