

ASPAC CAPACITY BUILDING WORKSHOP

Prior to the ASPAC 2014 conference, Capacity Building Workshop was held from the 3rd to 4th May at the Oil & Gas Discovery Centre facilitate by Dr Stuart Kohlhagen PSM, Manager Science & Technology – Questacon. The topic of the workshop is “An Exhibit Development and Clinic” with the aim to provide science centre professional simple methods and also to identify and develop powerful, interactive exhibits for exhibition topics: including topics which traditionally have been challenging for the development of powerful hands on elements.

Dr Kohlhagen has worked with Questacon for the past 33 years and has led the design and development of interactive exhibits on a wide range of topics. He has also helped shape and deliver many of the programs, shows and demonstrations that form a key part of our centre’s activities and outreach programs. He served a lead role in the master planning for the centres expansion, and has lead the delivery a numerous international workshops on exhibit development. Dr Kohlhagen has been actively supporting professional development of Science centre staff from diverse countries, including the South Pacific, South Africa, Indonesia, and Korea. In 2000 he was awarded the Public Service medal for his contribution to informal science education, and in 2013 won the “Iron Science Teacher” competition at the renowned Exploratorium’s Teachers Institute. He has contributed papers to several ASTC and ASPAC conferences. And Is currently President of ASTEN, The Australian Science and Technology Exhibitors Network.

26 participants consist of 10 local participants and the other are from Thailand, Singapore, Malaysia and Macao attend the workshop. Through this workshop, the participants have an opportunity to develop their competency by learning from the expert, gain new knowledge and skill. This workshop is jointly organized by OGDC and Questacon in conjunction of ASPAC 2014 conference.