

IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Australian Institute of Business Welcomes Professor Iain Hay as New Academic Dean

Adelaide, South Australia - The Australian Institute of Business (AIB) is pleased to announce that Professor Iain Hay will be succeeding the current Academic Dean, Ingrid Day, who after nearly 5 years, is moving on to pursue a portfolio and consulting career. The institution is excited to welcome Professor Hay as the new Academic Dean and looks forward to his leadership and contributions to the organisation.

With an extensive background in higher education and holding senior university positions, Professor Hay brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to the role. Most recently, as the Matthew Flinders Distinguished Emeritus Professor of Geography at Flinders University, Professor Hay has made significant contributions to the field of education. He also currently holds positions on both the HCl (Health Care Insurance) and the SACE Boards.

"I am very excited to be joining AIB. I look forward very much to taking up the wonderful legacy of Professor Ingrid Day and to working with everyone at AIB in shared efforts to ensure excellent online postgraduate business education, with a practical focus."

Professor Hay completed a PhD at the University of Washington as a Fulbright Scholar and was awarded a higher doctorate (LittD) from the University of Canterbury, NZ. He has received numerous awards and fellowships, including the 2006 Prime Minister's award for Australian University Teacher of the Year, a Principal Fellowship of the Higher Education Academy, and National University of Singapore's Educator-in-Residence.

CEO Jo Thomas expressed her excitement regarding the recent appointment, saying *"We are delighted to have a leader of such calibre join our team to lead AIB's academic programs. Iain's academic leadership credentials are impeccable, and I look forward to working with him to accomplish AIB's goal of providing a first-rate online MBA education on a global scale."*

AIB's outgoing Academic Dean, Professor Day, expressed mixed emotions about departing the institution while also expressing excitement about the future of the academic portfolio under the leadership of Professor Hay according to a recent statement. *"While I am sad to leave AIB, I am thrilled that the academic portfolio will be in such capable and experienced hands,"* said Professor Day. *"I have every confidence that under his expert leadership, AIB's academic accomplishments will continue to thrive and grow."*

The Australian Institute of Business extends its gratitude to Professor Ingrid Day for her service and dedication as Academic Dean and wishes her all the best in her retirement.

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