

Professor Skye McDonald PSYCHOLOGY

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To whom it may concern

## Re: Margaret Eagers of MER Solutions.

I am writing to recommend Margaret Eagers as a conference organiser. We have just completed a highly successful international meeting in Auckland, 7-10<sup>th</sup> July 2011 with Margaret and her team as the conference organisers. This conference was the 4<sup>th</sup> Pacific Rim Meeting of the International Neuropsychological Society (INS) and the Australian Society for the Study of Brain Impairment (ASSBI). Both societies are not-for-profit organisations with the goal of promoting research and education into brain disorders. The meeting was attended by over 400 delegates from 23 countries. It was universally applauded as well-organised from beginning to end, in an excellent venue, with excellent catering, audio-visuals and a highly streamlined and organised scheduling of the meeting content. Margaret was responsible for all key aspects of the conference organisation including the budget, negotiating the venue, advertising, management of registrations, flights and accommodation for keynote speakers program and abstract publication, negotiating with sponsors and orchestration of room allocation and set-up, audiovisuals, sponsorship booths and poster presentations.

Margaret has organised our annual ASSBI meetings since 2002. She also organises our continuing education workshops of which there are 4-5 each year all over Australia. Prior to Margaret's involvement I used other conference organisers so I am in a good position to say that Margaret Eagers is highly knowledgeable and effective in her organisation of events for scientific, not-for-profit meetings. I would not go to anyone else again while Margaret Eagers was available. I thoroughly recommend her to you,

Yours sincerely

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Convener, 4<sup>th</sup> Pacific Rim joint meeting of INS and ASSBI, Auckland, 2011