



# Scholarship of Teaching and Learning

Lord Charles Hotel, Somerset West  
**24 & 25 October 2017**  
(23 Oct Pre-Conference Workshops)

*The conference was different from previous years in that there were so many attendees and papers, about 250 attendees versus 180 before. It was however similar as previous years in displaying the same clockwork precision, combined with flair, elan and creativity.*

*There was a good range of papers spanning lecturers' professional development, IT and teaching and learning, a range of disciplines, and inclusion. There was a lot of reflection and soul searching, which is unsurprising, given the times we are living in. There was a noticeable amount of participation from the STEM fields. There were very few papers on postgraduate study, which could be a gap, since this area is receiving more attention internationally. The number of collaborative presentations, consisting of two and often more, presenters, was pleasing.*

*One area of concern were papers that had a theoretical framing, that felt more or less 'plonked' in the front but was not worked through into a systematic analysis of the data. Many papers, however, did display a careful working of the data.*

*The Predac posters were absolutely fabulous: the titles, the graphics and display, the detail. This is an aspect of Predac that has changed considerably from the 'old' Predac, and is a very positive outcome. The posters display the point of view that SOTL is about professional learning, and really demonstrated lecturers learning about their teaching.*