FOREWORD


The object of the symposium was to study the evolution of ACC through a turbulent period of social, economic, political and international change. The impetus for the symposium came not only from a desire to provide a forum where presenters could look back at key policy choices as a subject of study in and of their own right but also as a basis for discussion of options for the future of the Accident Compensation system.

The symposium was organised around decades under the following headings: the 1960s – the Origins of ACC, the 1970s – Bringing ACC to life, the 1980s – Consolidation and Challenges and 1990s – Decade of Change. This format not only produced the papers that follow, but also a lively interchange amongst participants.

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