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## NOTE OF APPRECIATION World Congress of Endometriosis 2008, March 11-14 Melbourne

It gives great pleasure to write to thank you, your principals of Pot-Pourri and the Music Theatre Australia Group for your professionalism and wonderful entertainment at the World Congress of Endometriosis, Melbourne, March 11-14, 2008.

WCE 2008 attracted 1100 attendees from 49 nations. In addition to around 500 delegates from Australia and New Zealand we had, in rank order, participants from Indonesia, China, Brazil, Germany, UK and Japan in large numbers.

Our Opening Ceremony was at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre. For anyone organising a World Congress, there is always anxiety about whether anybody will actually turn up to the Opening Ceremony!

Your advice regarding the Wurundjeri welcome with the Didgeridoo and the Leaf Ceremony was a inspired choice. That it was followed, in due course, by a parade of Nations as this was the 10<sup>th</sup> World Congress in our Society, and a performance by the Australian Girls Choir, produced many favourable comments from the international as well as our own Australian delegates.

Evidence of the success of the Opening Ceremony and your fabulous entertainment, was that our closing dinner at the Great Hall of the National Gallery of Victoria, St Kilda Rd rapidly became a sell out. This has not previously happened in our Society and is further evidence of the high quality of your performance.

Pot-Pourri were in excellent form at the Great Hall! Your choice of songs for your performance had universal appeal and was especially appropriate for our varied international delegate audience.

I would have thought it completely impossible to find any word which rhymed with endometriosis but your customised song-*supercalifragilisticendometriosis*- has become already an <u>icon</u> (<u>symbolic</u>) sensation for all of us who are members of the World Congress of Endometriosis and its affiliates!

Thank you again for a job very well done.

Kindest regards, Yours sincerely,

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