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From: Jessica Milner Davis [mailto:jessmd@bigpond.net.au]
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Dear Member of the Australasian Humour Scholars Network (AHSN),

Herewith an end-of-year message, principally about the 2007 Humour Studies Colloquium, 11-12 April, hosted by the Flinders University Humanities Research Centre, courtesy of AHSN members Robert Phiddian and Haydon Manning.

I hope some of you were able to catch the recent Australian tour, "Allah Made me Funny", by 2 gifted American Islamic Comedians, Preacher Moss and Azhar Usman. The visitors were introduced by Australia's own Nazeem Hussein (family from Sri Lanka -- no relation to you know who), who studies Science/Law at Melbourne University when he's not doing stand-up comedy. I did see it, and I now know many jokes about "Muslim time"...which requires most of the audience to arrive just as the show is concluding, as you will learn at <http://www.allahmademefunny.com/>

Season's Greetings to You All,

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NEXT INVITATIONAL COLLOQUIUM ON HUMOUR STUDIES - 11-12 April 2007
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The 2007 Invitational Colloquium will be held on Wednesday 11-Thursday 12 April during the Easter break, at Flinders University, Adelaide, hosted by the Flinders Humanities Research Centre, and Associate Professors Robert Phiddian (English) and Haydon Manning (Political Science), who form the Flinders Satire Cartel.

The title-topic is, "Humour and Laughter in an 'Age of Terror'". Proposals for papers and workshops addressing this or humour more generally are now invited. Check the AHSN web-site (see above and click through to Events -- Current) for information on location, as well as proposal and registration forms.

NOTE: Deadline for proposals: 28th January 2007.

The Colloquium will also feature a post-graduate research section, so please draw it to the attention of any students you know who would like the opportunity to present on their work-in-progress.

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BOOK ANNOUNCEMENT by AHSN MEMBER Rodney Marks

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"The Management Contradictionary"

Benjamin Marks, Rodney Marks and Robert Spillane
South Yarra, Vic.: Michelle Anderson Publishing, 2006.

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Or visit "The Management Contradictionary" at: www.contradicta.com

How often do you listen to 'business-speak' and struggle to make sense of what is being said? How often does the absolute nonsense of it all render you speechless?

Are you sometimes astounded by what you hear, whilst not understanding a single word? And even worse, because it is all around you, do you sometimes catch yourself indulging too?

If you can relate to this, then this book will be music to your ears. It's a very funny dictionary of well over 1,000 management definitions, which debunks the world of work and business clichés. As an hilarious business tool kit, it provides antidotes to obfuscation and ammunition with which to fight obscurantism, so that readers can defend themselves against the jargon of business and government.

Benjamin Marks writes comedy for comedians and political analysis for society. He is considering the commercial value of writing comedy for society and political analysis for comedians.

Rodney Marks is Australia's (mis)leading corporate comedian. He is a corporate impostor who infiltrates business events with his hoaxes and jokes. Most managers do the same, but he waits his turn to speak - and his fraudulent keynote addresses are exposed.

Robert Spillane is Professor of Management and former Dean of the Macquarie Graduate School of Management in Sydney. He teaches philosophy in the hope that it will be applied to management, and psychology in the hope that it will not! He is the 2006 winner of the prestigious international prize: the Thomas Szasz Award for Outstanding Contributions to the Cause of Civil Liberties.

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Announcement by Dr BARBARA JOSEPH -- SCHOLAR AND STAND-UP COMIC

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AHSN member and presenter at the 2006 Swinburne Colloquium, Barb Joseph, will appear in the next Melbourne International Comedy Festival with a new show. She completed her PhD in 2004 at Monash on "Stand-up Comedy: Performance Practice and Cultural Contexts in Melbourne, 1995-2000". Since the early 1990s she has written, performed and directed for theatre,

been in sketch comedy groups, and produced many varied performance projects.

She introduced herself to audiences at the 2006 Melbourne Comedy Festival audiences in "So I Married an Arab". In 2007, she's here to let you know that there's nothing like a military career to prepare the modern housewife for the 21st century. Five years in the Air Force groomed her well, now she's ready to take on the PFTA, sloppy house-husbands and sassy, over-indulged kids in her latest show, "21st Century Housewife".

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Bookings: www.ticketmaster.com.au: 1300 660 013

Venue: Northcote Town Hall

Dates: Tuesday-Saturday (Festival runs 4-29 April, 2007)

Tickets: Shows: All show tix \$20.00; Laugh pack \$18.00

Preview: All preview tix \$15.00

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19th ISHS CONFERENCE, NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND, USA, 2007
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Check out plans for the 19th Annual ISHS Conference, at Salve Regina University, Newport, Rhode Island, USA, June 28 - 1 July 2007, at the ISHS web-site <http://www.hnu.edu/ishs/> or contact the Conference Convenor:

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NOTE: Submission Deadline: 1 March 2007