

# Collaboration

International collaboration is an integral and essential component of CO<sub>2</sub>CRC research. Indeed from its inception, a basic tenet of the Centre has been that it will seek to ensure engagement in key international programs. International activity is a normal part of the way that the Centre operates and much of that activity is discussed within the program or project reports. It is nonetheless worth highlighting here the high level of interaction with a range of overseas research organisations and programs these include activities in Canada (Alberta Research Council, University of Regina), China, Japan (Meiji University, IHI), the European Union (British Geological Survey, Statoil) and the United States (Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratories, Frio Brine Project).

In addition to these country-specific programs we are also involved with multilateral and intergovernmental activities. These include major participation in the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), the Carbon Sequestration Leadership Forum (CSLF), the Asia Pacific Economic Council (APEC) and the IEA Greenhouse Gas Program.

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Research collaboration within Australia and New Zealand is of course central to the ethos of the Centre. Whilst this collaboration is focused on the members of CO<sub>2</sub>CRC it extends much more widely than that. For example, we have close links with the CRC for Coal in Sustainable Development (CCSD), the CRC for Clean Power from Lignite (CPLCRC) and the Centre for Low Emissions Technology (CLET). We work very closely and collaboratively with the Australian Greenhouse Office

and with the Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources on a number of topics, relating particularly to monitoring, verification and regulation.

The Centre convened a number of workshops during the year and the workshop into CO<sub>2</sub> Storage in Coals was particularly notable for the new areas it investigated and for the wide range of participants. A summary report of this workshop was included in *Final Report: Assessment of some potential CO<sub>2</sub> storage areas, Eastern Australian Sedimentary Basins*. This is the study mentioned earlier that was completed for the Australian Coal Association under the auspices of the Innovation Access Fora (IAF).

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