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The purpose of this paper is to inform the Conference of the establishment of the Asia-Pacific Institute for Toponymy at Macquarie University, Sydney. The Institute will provide support and training for toponymic work throughout Australasia and South-East Asia and, more specifically, will further the work of the Australian National Placenames Survey.

The paper describes the mission and goals of the Institute, details its internal structure, lists the staff and associates, and provides information about the programme of activities and funding arrangements for the period 2002-2006. The final part of the paper covers strategies and prospects for the continuation of the work of the Institute beyond the period of initial internal funding by Macquarie University.

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