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A Letter from the President



Dear IDUG Membership,

I recently returned from the IDUG DB2 Tech Conference in Melbourne, Australia. This was the first time I had been to Australia, so it was a great opportunity to meet the community. The volunteer team, led by Anna Brodie, did a fantastic job putting together a great week of DB2 technical training and education. I would try to highlight certain parts of the conference as standing out, but it was such a great week all round that this would be too difficult. It was great to meet old and new friends and I recommend the conference to everyone in the region. [Click here to read more.](#)

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