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Under normal conditions, preparations for an international workshop can be a consuming and arduous task. Unfortunately, conditions were not normal and it would be mere understatement to characterize them as challenging. Within weeks of the planned date of the workshop, major rainstorms pummeled Queensland, Australia with resultant floods that created a catastrophe of epic proportions. The conference hotel set on the banks of the picturesque Brisbane River was severely damaged and closed. At this point, our plans for the workshop were in jeopardy and completely uncertain.

Under great personal duress, with limited access to her home or university office and laboratory, Penny Sanderson and the team she assembled to support the WS labored to secure an alternate WS site on the Gold Coast. As a result of these efforts, the workshop went forward successfully on time and as planned with minimal overhead for its participants. The organizers and sponsors are forever grateful to Penny and her team for their heroic performance above and beyond all expectations.

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