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**Naropa University President Stuart Lord and Leadership Expert Susan Skjei to speak on international management panel in Montréal**

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[Stuart Lord](#), president of Naropa University, will participate on a panel of management leaders at the 2010 [annual meeting of the Academy of Management](#) Aug. 6–10 in Montréal. More than 8,000 attendees from more than 80 countries are expected to attend.

Other panelists will include Peter Senge, an internationally known author and consultant, and leadership expert, Susan Skjei, director of [Naropa University's Authentic Leadership program](#).

The conference theme, Dare to Care: Passion and Compassion in Management Practice and Research, dares managers to care more deeply about their roles in family, workplace and society. The conference aims to inspire passion about the work managers do as well as compassion for the people for whom they do their work.

Lord and Skjei will join a panel of international colleagues for a thought provoking all-academy forum on the question, Can Compassion be Taught? The session on compassion brings together executives, educators and consultants from several spiritual traditions (Christianity, Advaita Vedanta and Buddhism) who aim to cultivate compassion and apply it in business, academia and advocacy groups. Other presenters include a corporate executive, a director of a university center for leadership development and several management consultants.

“Compassion is at the core of courageous leadership,” says Lord. “To examine the cultivation of compassion is paramount to creating the leaders the world needs now. I’m honored to be a part of that conversation.”

“Compassion is an inherent quality that we all possess,” says Skjei. “Yet, as leaders, we can strengthen it through practices such as meditation, dialogue and embodied learning. I am glad that the Academy of Management recognizes the importance of this topic and am delighted to participate with Stuart Lord and Peter Senge on this panel.

**About the Academy**

The Academy of Management is a professional association for scholars dedicated to creating and disseminating knowledge about management and organizations. Founded in

1936 by two professors, the academy is the oldest and largest scholarly management association in the world boasting 19,776 members from 105 nations. Academy members are scholars at colleges, universities and research institutions, as well as practitioners with scholarly interests from business, government and nonprofit organizations.

### **About the Speakers**

Stuart Lord is president of Naropa University, a Buddhist inspired liberal arts college located in Boulder, Colo. Lord holds a doctorate of ministry, has been involved with service learning for decades, and has worked with programs that aid under-resourced communities throughout the U.S. and in developing nations around the world.

Peter Senge is internationally known and respected for his writing and consulting on organizational learning and systems change. The *Harvard Business Review* identified his book, *The Fifth Discipline: The Art and Practice of the Learning Organization* (Doubleday, 1990), as one of the seminal management books of the last 75 years. His current work focuses on the contribution of presence in creating what is needed in the world and on business and social change toward sustainability.

Susan Skjei was vice president of learning for a Fortune 1000 company, is a founding member of the Authentic Leadership In Action Institute and directs Naropa University's Authentic Leadership program.

### **About Naropa University**

Accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and a member of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, Naropa University is a private, nonprofit, nonsectarian liberal arts institution dedicated to advancing contemplative education. This approach to learning integrates the best of Eastern and Western educational traditions, helping students know themselves more deeply and engage constructively with others. The university comprises a four-year undergraduate college and graduate programs in arts, education, environmental leadership, psychology and religious studies.