

BID TO HOST ICS 2021 MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA

Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre

DATES: 11 - 15 OCTOBER, 2021

The Local Organising Committee and Australian ICS members can't wait to welcome you to Melbourne for ICS 2021, a dynamic green metropolis of 4.5 million people by day and vibrant wonderland by night. Our bid has the support of the City of Melbourne, Melbourne Convention Bureau and the State Government of Victoria.

We guarantee you a truly Australasian event capitalising on the vast talent in this multi-professional field of health and endeavour that is the heart of ICS.

- The 'World's Most Liveable City' - on the bay, downtown, at the races, in the hills, striding through the Botanical Gardens, on your bike
- An international city, surprising and eclectic: laneways, cafes, outdoor entertainment, art museums, theatre and shopping all within 10 mins walk of the meeting venue
- Our dramatic architecture related equally to the wealthy gold-rush era and to investment in modern construction
- An intellectual hub known for medical research and scientific innovation
- A clean and green city - with the Yarra River winding through parkland and gardens in the city centre
- An elegant food scene of all styles and cuisines; excellent wine sourced from local regions
- A multicultural city
- Free public transport and high speed WiFi network throughout the city
- A 'Safe City' as classified by the World Health Organisation
- A meeting venue close to all hotels and facilities

The City of Melbourne respectfully acknowledges the Traditional Owners of our land.

For the Woiwurrung (Wurundjeri), Boonwurrung, Taungurong, Dja Dja Wurrung and the Wathaurung groups who form the Kulin Nation, Melbourne has long been an important meeting place for events of social, educational, sporting and cultural significance.



ANNUAL MEETING CHAIR

Professor Helen O'Connell

Renowned international authority on female Urogenital anatomy, Professor O'Connell is a Urologist and Professor at the University of Melbourne with extensive experience in governance and clinical trials, having attracted over \$3.5 million in grants and completed more than 30 clinical trials as principal investigator. Helen is Past secretary of the World Congress of Endourology and frequent reviewer for the Journal of Urology.



ANNUAL MEETING CO-CHAIR

Associate Professor Chris Maher

Dr Maher is a Urogynaecologist interested in restoring function to the female pelvis. He has a long interest in research and has been rewarded for his efforts 'with publications in leading international journals, college scholarships and invitations to speak at national and international meetings.



LOCAL SCIENTIFIC CO-CHAIR

Associate Professor Anna Rosamilia

Dr Rosamilia is head of the Pelvic Floor Unit at Monash Medical Centre and has an extensive commitment to clinical and basic science research. She has been involved in the organisation of scientific meetings for IUGA, the Continence Foundation of Australia and the Australian Gynaecology and Endoscopy Surgical Society and is a reviewer for IUJ, J Urol and ANZJOG. She has been Treasurer for IUGA for the past 2 terms.



LOCAL SCIENTIFIC CO-CHAIR

Associate Professor Vincent Tse

Dr Tse is an academic urologist at the Concord Hospital, University of Sydney. His special interests include incontinence, all aspects of functional urology as well as lower urinary tract and pelvic floor reconstructive surgery. He is a current member of the ICS Terminology Committee.

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LOCAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE

Our Committee members are members of the ICS and represent the multidisciplinary nature of ICS, ensuring that an inclusive and engaging program will be delivered. They have considerable experience convening international scientific meetings.

	REPRESENTATIVE	ICS MEETINGS
Urologist	Professor Helen O'Connell	6
	Associate Professor Vincent Tse	7
Urogynaecologist	Associate Professor Chris Maher	11
	Associate Professor Anna Rosamilia	6
	Associate Professor Joseph Lee	6
Nurse Continence Specialist	Dr Joan Ostaszkiwicz	10
Physiotherapist	Associate Professor Helena Frawley	12
Scientist	Professor Russ Chess-Williams	10
Geriatrician	Dr Michael Wishaw	5
CEO, Continence Foundation of Australia	Ms Rowan Cockerell	4

HONORARY ADVISORY GROUP

Past ICS Convenors and longstanding ICS supporters are keen to provide advice to optimise a truly Australasian meeting. Collectively they have attended 127 ICS meetings:

- Professor Bernie Haylen
- Associate Professor Ted Arnold
- Associate Professor Richard Millard
- Dr Jenny King
- Dr J Oliver Daly
- Dr Jamie Keck
- Ms Janie Thompson
- Dr Wendy Bower
- Dr Betty Exintaris



VENUE

The Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre (MCEC) is superbly located on the banks of the iconic Yarra River and within walking distance to the city centre, surrounded by restaurants, hotels, shopping and entertainment. It is Australia's most versatile event facility, the venue's multi-functional, 5,500 seat Plenary, 52 meeting rooms and 30,000 square metres of pillar-less exhibition space are just the beginning.

Home to one of the largest kitchens in the southern hemisphere, MCEC's skilled team of chefs use the freshest seasonal produce from local producers, suppliers and winemakers across Victoria to create award-winning dishes in-house.

State-of-the-art audio visual technology is installed in every meeting room, with free wi-fi access for all visitors. With a 6-Star Green Star environmental rating, the venue's sustainable design, operational features and green event options ensure the comfort of delegates and protection of the environment.



PROPOSED SOCIAL PROGRAM VENUES

The Chairman's Reception will be held in the heart of the city at The Melbourne Town Hall which for over 135 years has hosted events that have shaped the city's future and celebrated monumental milestones.

The Welcome Reception will be held within the exhibition at the MCEC. This will be the first opportunity for delegates to enjoy the award-winning food and wine offered by the MCEC.

The Annual Dinner will be held a short walk from the MCEC at Crown Palladium Ballroom, Australia's premier ballroom and the venue of choice for some of our most prestigious events.

LOCAL SUPPORT

The support of local organisations is essential to assist with the attraction of sponsors and to ensure delegate numbers are maximised. We have the endorsement of the following organisations:



ACCESS

Melbourne's safe and user-friendly Tullamarine Airport operates 24 hours a day, and is only 20 minutes via freeway from the city centre. The international and domestic terminals adjoin, making it easy for delegates to navigate and access transport services.

Qantas Airways will offer discounts to ICS delegates.

ACCOMMODATION

Melbourne has a superb and abundant range of accommodation to suit all budgets, tastes and needs. With all major international hotel chains represented, there are currently 10,891 hotel rooms in the city centre alone.



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PRE AND POST MEETING TOURS

For many delegates, this could be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to visit the 'Land Down Under' and have access to uniquely Australian experiences. An exciting and engaging social program will bring to life Australia's diverse culture, extensive array of natural attractions, delicious food from all the world's cuisines, and a medley of theatres, nightlife and events.

Around Melbourne itself are inspiring day trips to the [Yarra Valley](#) and [Mornington Peninsula](#) wine regions, the [Great Ocean Road](#), the Penguin Parade at [Phillip Island](#), historic [Sovereign Hill](#) and [Healesville Sanctuary](#).

Further afield, Melbourne's airport offers easy access to attractions, including [Sydney](#), [Uluru](#) (Ayer's Rock) in the outback, the [Great Barrier Reef](#) and the wonderful beach resorts of the [Whitsunday Islands](#).

