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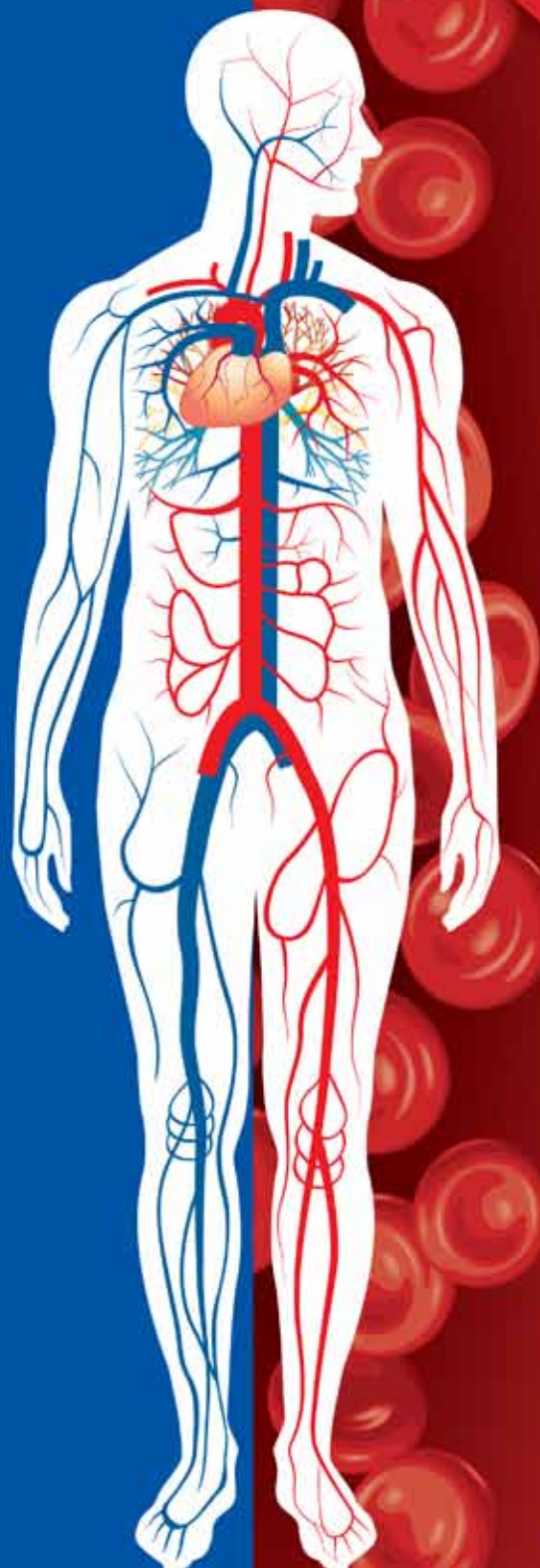


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INVITATION

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the Organising Committee, I take great pleasure in inviting you to attend the XVI International Symposium on Atherosclerosis (ISA2012) which will be held at the Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre, Darling Harbour, 25 – 29 March 2012.

In 2012, the ISA Committee plans to have an exciting scientific program including a comprehensive, state-of-the-art overview of the current understanding of the origins, progression and prevention of atherosclerosis.

The program consists of Plenary Sessions, Sponsored Clinical Symposia, Masters Lectures, Workshops, Late Breaking/Hot Topic Sessions and Poster Sessions focusing on updates of recent advances in key and emerging areas, and recent advances in key and emerging areas in clinical and basic science.

Highlights will include genetics of cardiovascular disease, identification of cardiovascular risk factors, therapeutic advances, epidemiology, imaging, biomarker identification, dyslipidaemias, abdominal obesity, diabetes, lipoprotein metabolism and vascular biology.

An impressive social program has been developed that will offer networking opportunities for you and your colleagues in stunning venues showcasing the best Sydney has to offer.

The Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre, Darling Harbour is a superb venue, ideally designed for combining the scientific sessions, trade exhibition and social events of our Symposium. Located in the heart of Australia's largest and most exciting city, Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre provides delegates with easy access to the city's many tourist attractions, making it the perfect location for ISA2012.

We look forward to welcoming you to Sydney in March 2012!

Professor Kerry-Anne Rye
ISA2012 Chair



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HOSTS

The Australian Atherosclerosis Society (AAS) and the International Atherosclerosis Society (IAS) are two long-standing associations established to promote at national and international levels the advancement of science, research and teaching in the field of atherosclerosis. They each endeavour to achieve these objectives by promoting the exchange of existing knowledge; encouraging new research ventures and interdisciplinary approaches; and fostering the dissemination of knowledge by organising national and international scientific meetings. The IAS also provides visiting fellowships for young investigators; organizes workshops, courses, and other meetings; and enhances these activities through the association with a scientific journal. There are currently 62 national or regional constituent societies who are members of IAS, representing over 20,000 researchers and clinicians in the field.



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Both the AAS and IAS are delighted to be working together to host the 2012 International Symposium on Atherosclerosis.

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KEY DATES

January 2011	Abstract submission open
April 2011	Registration opens
5 August 2011	Abstract submission deadline
10 October 2011	Author notification of abstract acceptance
12 December 2011	Early bird & author registration deadline
25 - 29 March 2012	ISA2012 in Sydney

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SYMPOSIUM VENUE

Sydney Convention & Exhibition Centre

Darling Drive
Darling Harbour, Sydney
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ISA2012 will be held at the Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre, nestled on the shores of Darling Harbour. This location allows guests to enjoy magnificent views of the city skyline and Darling Harbour and be in close proximity to a plethora of top class restaurants, shops, accommodation and entertainment facilities (including Star City Casino, IMAX Theatre, Sydney Aquarium, Wildlife World and the National Maritime Museum).

The Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre prides itself on its exceptional service and attention to detail. The Centre is the largest, premier and most technologically advanced venue in Australia and has played host to many internationally renowned companies and associations.

SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA

Sydney, the capital of New South Wales, is built around one of the largest, most beautiful harbours in the world with miles of golden beaches stretching north and south of the city on the shores of the Pacific Ocean.

Sydney is known for its harbour lifestyle and fantastic beaches, which contribute to a relaxed environment that pervades the city and its visitors. The city's facilities, design and atmosphere, along with the vitality and graciousness of its residents makes it renowned for its success in hosting high profile international events (such as the 2000 Olympic Games and the 2003 Rugby World Cup).

The beaches and harbour play a major role in the outdoor leisure and sporting lives of Sydneysiders, with yachting, surfing, swimming, boating, fishing and water skiing all being very popular.

The city's dining options are numerous, ranging from a relaxed picnic in the Botanical Gardens or on Bondi Beach to an exclusive seafood lunch at Circular Quay or on a sunset harbour cruise. Sydney's restaurant scene also encapsulates the cultural diversity as the cuisine takes inspiration from Asia, Europe and the Middle East, where it is combined with the freshest Australian ingredients to create a truly unique taste sensation suitable for all palettes.

After indulging in divine cuisine, visitors will continue to enjoy their experience with the abundant shopping opportunities, which include a mixture of shopping complexes, boutique stores and colourful sea and harbourside markets.

One of Sydney's most famous landmarks is the spectacular Opera House, where visitors can indulge in opera, ballet, dance and film. Another famous landmark is the Harbour Bridge from which visitors can climb and enjoy breath taking views.

With its uniquely stunning attractions, terrific climate and friendly people, no other city can offer Sydney's vibrancy!





PROGRAM OVERVIEW

SCOPE OF THE SYMPOSIUM

The symposium program has been developed with the assistance of members of local and international program committees. These members have extensive expertise in a wide range of atherosclerosis-related topics, ranging from epidemiology and clinical research through to vascular biology and lipoprotein metabolism. Keynote and plenary presentations on novel approaches for identifying and treating cardiovascular disease, recent advances in our understanding of cholesterol transport pathways, nutrition, biomarker identification, as well as population studies and systems biology will be delivered. Obesity and diabetes will be just two of the recurring themes that will be discussed in presentations throughout the meeting.

In addition to offering a wide-ranging program, the meeting will provide opportunities for young investigators to present their latest work during the poster sessions, the mini-oral poster sessions and the e-poster sessions. Young investigators will also be eligible for a number of awards based on scientific merit. Travel awards are available and a special young investigator social event is planned.

The symposium will feature something for everyone, from the practising clinician, to the clinical researcher through to basic scientists studying the biology of different aspects of cardiovascular diseases. Given the speed with which the entire field is evolving, and given the increased cardiovascular risk associated with a number of pathologies that are currently reaching epidemic proportions, the broad scope of this meeting will provide ample opportunities for everyone to expand their current knowledge base.

TARGET AUDIENCE

Practicing physicians and clinical researchers involved in the diagnosis and treatment of lipid, cardiovascular, and metabolic diseases and disorders, basic scientists, epidemiologists, nutritionists, genetics, public health specialists, general practitioners and other health care professionals.

Please visit the Symposium website at www.isa2012.com for updated information.

CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION INFORMATION

Accreditation

This activity is being planned and implemented in accordance with the Essential Areas and policies of the European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (EACCME). Further details will be provided in a timely manner.

Full notification of commercial support will be provided in the Final Program.

CME CREDIT SYSTEM ONLINE SYSTEM

Statements of credit will be awarded based on the participant's attendance and completion of an online evaluation form. In order to obtain credit, please go to www.isa2012.com. You will be able to print your CME statement of credit immediately.

Note: The CME system will give credit only for the total elapsed time spent in education sessions. Credit cannot be doubly awarded for sessions taking place concurrently.

ISA2012 PLENARY SPEAKERS

The Scientific Program Committee is excited to announce the following Plenary Speakers for ISA2012:

Professor Jane Armitage Oxford University, UK



Professor Jane Armitage is Professor of Clinical Trials and Epidemiology and Honorary Consultant in Public Health Medicine at the University of Oxford. She joined the Clinical Trial Service Unit (CTSU) in 1990 from a background in clinical medicine, with particular experience in respiratory medicine, geriatrics and diabetes. She co-ordinates a series of large-scale clinical trials including the MRC/BHF Heart Protection Study, SEARCH and HPS2-THRIVE, which are trials of lipid modification in people with or at risk of vascular disease, as well as the ASCEND trial of aspirin and fish oils in diabetes. Her main research interests are in lipids and cardiovascular epidemiology.

Professor Jean-Pierre Després Université Laval, Québec, Canada



Dr. Jean-Pierre Després is Professor at the Division of Kinesiology of the Department of Social and Preventive Medicine at Université Laval, Québec, Canada. Dr. Després received his PhD in exercise physiology from Université Laval in 1984. He then pursued a post-doctoral training at the Department of Medicine of the University of Toronto from 1984 to 1986. Dr. Després has published more than 526 papers in peer-reviewed journals and has written over 55 book chapters. Dr. Després' expertise covers the assessment and management of obesity and body fat distribution, lipid metabolism, diabetes, metabolic syndrome, exercise, nutrition and the prevention and the treatment of CHD risk factors. He has received numerous prestigious awards including the New Investigator Award from the American College of Sports Medicine and the Young Scientist Award from the Canadian Diabetes Association. In 1999, he received the Harold N. Segall Award of Merit from the Canadian Cardiovascular Society, the John Sutton Memorial Award from the Canadian Society for Exercise Physiology, the Simon Pierre Noël Speaker of the Canadian Lipoprotein Symposium and the Eli Lilly Career Award from the North American Association for the Study of Obesity. Dr. Després is currently a fellow of the American Heart Association.

Professor Göran K. Hansson
Karolinska Institute in Stockholm, Sweden



Professor Göran K. Hansson is Professor of Cardiovascular Research at Karolinska Institute in Stockholm, Sweden and works at its Center for Molecular Medicine. He is Secretary of the Nobel Committee for Physiology or Medicine, Director of the Medical Nobel Institute, and a member of the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences.

Prof Hansson's research deals with immune and inflammatory mechanisms in atherosclerosis. He has discovered that the atherosclerotic plaque is the site of an inflammatory/immune response involving activated T cells and their cytokines. His work has shown that low-density lipoprotein (LDL) elicits a cellular immune response, and that humoral immunity contains atheroprotective activity.

Professor John Kastelein
Amsterdam Medical Centre, The Netherlands



Professor John Kastelein is President of the Dutch Atherosclerosis Society (DAS) and chairs the National Scientific Committee on Familial Hypercholesterolemia (EHC). He also is a member of the Royal Dutch Society for Medicine and Physics, the Council for Basic Science of the American Heart Association and the European Atherosclerosis Society. He also is a board member of the International Task Force for CHD Prevention and was recently appointed to the Executive Board of the International Atherosclerosis Society (IAS). Professor Kastelein was also one of the founders of Amsterdam Molecular Therapeutics Inc. (AMT), a gene therapy company based on the concept of gene replacement in hereditary lipoprotein disorders. AMT has recently (summer 2007) enjoyed a successful Initial Public Offering (IPO) at EuroNext in Amsterdam. The results of the first successful human gene therapy trial were widely publicised in the media and are published in *ATVB* in 2008. He has directed 36 postdoctoral theses and currently, he heads a team of 6 internists, 6 postdoctoral fellows, 26 MD PhD students, and a large number of laboratory technicians and clinical trial / study coordinators.

Professor Sekar Kathiresan
Broad Institute, Boston, USA



Dr. Sekar Kathiresan is the current Director of Preventive Cardiology at the Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH) Heart Center and an Assistant Professor at Harvard Medical School. He received his B.A. in history summa cum laude from the University of Pennsylvania in 1992 and received his M.D. from Harvard Medical School in 1997. Dr. Kathiresan completed his clinical training in internal medicine and cardiology at MGH. He served as Chief Resident in Internal Medicine at MGH in 2002-2003. Dr. Kathiresan pursued research training in cardiovascular genetics through a combined experience at the Framingham Heart Study and the Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard. In 2008, he joined the research faculties of the MGH Cardiovascular Research Center and the MGH Center for Human Genetic Research. His research laboratory focuses on understanding the inherited basis for blood lipids and myocardial infarction and using these insights to improve preventive cardiac care. In the past three years, Dr. Kathiresan has discovered many new genes related to heart attack risk and blood lipid levels and published these findings in leading biomedical research journals including *Nature*, *Science*, *Nature Genetics*, and the *New England Journal of Medicine*. In tandem with his research, Dr. Kathiresan's clinical focus is the primary prevention of myocardial infarction in individuals with a family history of heart attack.

Professor Peter Libby
Brigham and Women's Hospital, Boston, USA



Dr. Peter Libby, MD, is the Chief of Cardiovascular Medicine at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, Massachusetts. He also serves as the Mallinckrodt Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School. His current major research focus is the role of inflammation in vascular diseases such as atherosclerosis. Dr. Libby has received numerous awards and recognitions for his research accomplishments, most recently the Lucian Award for Research in Cardiovascular Disease (2009) and the International Okamoto Award (2010). His areas of clinical expertise include general and preventive cardiology. An author and lecturer on cardiovascular medicine and atherosclerosis, Dr. Libby has published extensively in medical journals including *Circulation*,

Journal of Clinical Investigation, Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, New England Journal of Medicine and Nature. He is one of the Editors of Braunwald's Heart Disease, having served as the Editor-in-Chief of the 8th Edition. Dr. Libby has also contributed chapters on the pathogenesis, treatment, and prevention of atherosclerosis to Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine. He has held numerous visiting professorships and has been selected to deliver more than 70 named or keynote lectures throughout the world. Dr. Libby earned his medical degree at the University of California, San Diego, and completed his training in internal medicine and cardiology at the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital (now Brigham and Women's Hospital). He also holds an honorary MA degree from Harvard University, and an honorary doctorate from the University of Lille, France.

Professor Stephen MacMahon
University of Sydney, Australia



Professor Stephen MacMahon is Professor of Cardiovascular Medicine at the University of Sydney and Principal Director of The George Institute for Global Health. He is an international authority on the causes, prevention and treatment of common cardiovascular diseases. His special interest is the management of chronic and complex conditions in resource-poor settings, particularly in the Asia-Pacific region. As Principal Director of The George Institute, Professor MacMahon is responsible for more than 300 staff at Institute research facilities in Australia, China, India and the UK. From these sites, research programs in cardiology, nephrology, neurology, musculoskeletal medicine, injury prevention and intensive care are coordinated across more than 40 countries worldwide.

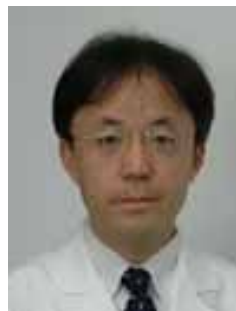
In addition to his University and Institute appointments, Professor MacMahon holds several external appointments, including those as Chairman of the Scientific Board of the UK BioBank and Chairman of the Academic Alliance for Clinical Trials. He has published several hundred scientific papers and delivered many invited lectures. For his work in the field of cardiovascular disease, he has received numerous awards, fellowships and honours. In 2008, he received the Australian Government's highest award for achievement in medical research.

Professor Ruth McPherson
University of Ottawa Heart Institute, Canada



Dr. Ruth McPherson received her PhD from the University of London (UK) and MD and subspecialty training at the University of Toronto. She directs the Lipid Clinic and Atherogenomics Laboratory at the University of Ottawa Heart Institute. Her laboratory research is directed towards achieving a comprehensive and integrated understanding of the genetic and molecular etiology of two complex phenotypes, obesity and coronary artery disease by simultaneous application of a number of methodologies including rigorous clinical and metabolic phenotyping, genome-wide association studies, resequencing, gene expression, and functional assays. Dr. McPherson has also been active in clinical guideline development for cardiovascular disease prevention.

Professor Ichihiro Shimomura
Osaka University, Osaka, Japan



Professor Ichihiro Shimomura is currently Professor and Chairman, Department of Metabolic Medicine, Internal Medicine, Graduate School of Medicine, Osaka University. Under the supervision of Dr. Yuji Matsuzawa, he discovered the adipose tissue as endocrine organ and conceptualized such adipose derived factors as adipocytokines. He has shown the significance of PAI-1 in visceral fat obesity and leptin in lipotrophic diabetes. He and colleagues discovered adiponectin from human fat cDNA in 1996 and have shown the importance of hypoadiponectinemia in metabolic syndrome and chronic organ diseases. Recently, his group newly analysed the pattern of visceral and subcutaneous fat accumulation in large scale general Japanese populations.

Professor Alan Tall
Columbia University, USA



Professor Alan Tall is the Tilden-Weger-Bieler Professor of Medicine, head of the Division of Molecular Medicine and Director of the Cardiovascular Research Initiative of Columbia University. His major work has been on the regulation and metabolism of plasma high density lipoproteins (HDL). He discovered mutations in the cholesteryl ester transfer protein (CETP) gene that are associated with reduced LDL and increased HDL levels, leading to the development of CETP inhibitors. Recently, Professor Tall has done research on the ATP binding cassette transporters ABCA1 and ABCG1 that promote cholesterol efflux from macrophage foam cells and hematopoietic stem cells to apoA-1 and HDL.

Professor Christian Weber
Aachen University, Germany



Professor Christian Weber is Director of the Institute for Cardiovascular Prevention and the Chair in Vascular Medicine at Ludwig-Maximilians-University (LMU) in Munich, Germany, since 2010. After graduating and completing his training in internal medicine at LMU and Harvard Medical School, Boston, he was board-certified in clinical cardiology and appointed as a Chair in Molecular Cardiology at RWTH Aachen University. As a VICI laureate, he is also Professor and head of the Centre for Atherosclerosis Research at Maastricht University. His group has a strong interest in molecular interactions and pathophysiological functions of chemokines and immune cell subsets in vascular disease, while his clinical interests are focused on novel biomarkers. He is an ERC Advanced Investigator with >280 publications, Editor-in-Chief of Thrombosis & Haemostasis and co-founder of Carolus Therapeutics.

Other confirmed speakers include:

Professor. John Danesh – University of Cambridge, London, UK

Professor Frank Hu – Harvard University, USA

Professor Marja-Riitta Taskinen – Helsinki University, Finland

Professor Ziad Mallat – University of Cambridge, United Kingdom

Professor Eicke Latz – Medical Faculty, University of Bonn, Germany





SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

An outstanding Scientific Program has been developed for ISA2012, focusing on recent clinical and scientific advances in key and emerging areas of atherosclerosis. The Scientific Program will include plenary sessions, clinical symposia, workshops, oral communications and poster sessions.

Please check the ISA2012 website for a comprehensive overview of the Scientific Program – www.isa2012.com

PROVISIONAL PROGRAM (Subject to Change)

SUNDAY 25 MARCH 2012

7.30pm – 9.30pm **Opening Ceremony and Welcome Reception**

MONDAY 26 MARCH 2012 – SYMPOSIUM DAY 1

Plenary Session 1 – New and Emerging Approaches for Identifying and Treating Cardiovascular Disease

8.30am – 9.00am	Professor Sekar Kathiresan (USA) – <i>Genetic Approaches for Understanding Cardiovascular Diseases</i>
9.00am – 9.30am	Professor Christian Weber (Germany) – <i>Chemokines and their Receptors as Therapeutic Targets</i>
9.30am – 10.00am	Professor John Kastelein (The Netherlands) – <i>HDL Raising Agents</i>
10.00am – 10.30am	Journal of Lipid Research Lectureship Professor Ruth McPherson (Canada) – <i>Coronary Artery Disease, Genetics and Genomics</i>
10.30am – 11.00am	Break and Poster Viewing

Workshops

11.00am – 1.00pm	Concurrent Workshop 1 Novel Lipid-lowering Strategies (I)	Concurrent Workshop 2 HDL Therapies in Cardiovascular Disease	Concurrent Workshop 3 Macrophages and Atherosclerosis
	Concurrent Workshop 4 Pathogenesis of Abdominal Aortic Aneurysms	Concurrent Workshop 5 Angiogenesis in Atherosclerosis	Concurrent Workshop 6 The Many Faces of Apolipoprotein E

1.00pm – 2.00pm Lunch and Poster Viewing

2.00pm – 3.00pm **Concurrent Special Sessions** - Sponsored Symposia, Master Classes & How to Sessions including A South American Showcase

3.00pm – 3.30pm Break and Poster Viewing

Workshops

3.30pm - 5.00pm	Concurrent Workshop 7 Novel Lipid-lowering Strategies (II)	Concurrent Workshop 8 Genetics of Coronary Atherosclerosis	Concurrent Workshop 9 ApoA-I Mimetic Peptides (3.30pm - 5.30pm)
	Concurrent Workshop 10 Atherosclerosis and Vascular Function (3.30pm - 5.30pm)	Concurrent Workshop 11 Imaging of Atherosclerotic Plaques	Concurrent Workshop 12 New Therapeutic Targets for Preventing Cardiovascular Disease (3.30pm - 5.30pm)

PROVISIONAL PROGRAM *(Subject to Change)*

TUESDAY 27 MARCH 2012 – SYMPOSIUM DAY 2

Plenary Session 2 – Population Studies and Clinical Trials in Atherosclerosis			
8.30am – 9.00am	Professor John Danesh (United Kingdom) – <i>Biochemical and Lifestyle Determinants of Cardiovascular Disease</i>		
9.00am – 9.30am	Professor Stephen MacMahon (Australia) – <i>Management of Cardiovascular Disease in Developing Countries</i>		
9.30am – 10.00am	Professor Jane Armitage (United Kingdom) – <i>Title TBC</i>		
10.00am – 10.30am	Professor Peter Libby (USA) – <i>Biomarkers and CVD Risk</i>		
10.30am – 11.00am	Break and Poster Viewing		
Workshops			
11.00am – 1.00pm	Concurrent Workshop 13 Triglyceride-rich Lipoproteins	Concurrent Workshop 14 Apolipoproteins and Atherosclerosis (I)	Concurrent Workshop 15 Genetic Aspects of Diabetes
	Concurrent Workshop 16 Oxidative Stress in Atherosclerosis	Concurrent Workshop 17 Biology of ABC Transporters	Concurrent Workshop 18 Adipokines and Cardiovascular Disease
1.00pm – 2.00pm	Lunch and Poster Viewing		
1.30pm – 3.00pm	Concurrent Special Sessions - Sponsored Symposia, Master Classes & How to Sessions including A Young Investigator Session		
3.00pm – 3.30pm	Break and Poster Viewing		
Workshops			
3.30pm - 5.30pm	Concurrent Workshop 19 Micro RNAs - A New Insight Into Atherosclerosis	Concurrent Workshop 20 Novel Lipid-lowering Strategies (III) (3.30pm - 5.00pm)	Concurrent Workshop 21 Apolipoproteins and Atherosclerosis (II) (3.30pm - 5.00pm)
	Concurrent Workshop 22 Recent Advances in Risk Assessment	Concurrent Workshop 23 Reverse Cholesterol Transport	Concurrent Workshop 24 Nuclear Receptors (3.30pm - 5.00pm)
6.30pm – 8.30pm	Young Investigators Networking Evening – Departing from King St Wharf (Sydney Glass Island)		


PROVISIONAL PROGRAM *(Subject to Change)*
WEDNESDAY 28 MARCH 2012 – SYMPOSIUM DAY 3

Plenary Session 3 – Infection, Immunity and Atherosclerosis			
8.30am – 9.00am	Professor Goran Hansson (Sweden) – <i>T-Cells and Atherosclerosis</i>		
9.00am – 9.30am	Professor Ziad Mallat (France) – <i>Crosstalk Between Immunity and Atherosclerosis</i>		
9.30am – 10.00am	Professor Alan Tall (USA) – <i>ABC Transporters and Toll-like Receptors in Atherosclerosis and Immunity</i>		
10.00am – 10.30am	Professor Eicke Latz (USA) – <i>Title TBC</i> <i>Speaker proudly sponsored by CSL Limited / CSL Behring</i>		
10.30am – 10.45am	Young Investigator Awards		
10.45am – 11.15am	Break and Poster Viewing		
Workshops			
11.15am - 1.00pm	Concurrent Workshop 25 Insights Into HDL Functionality	Concurrent Workshop 26 Origins of Atherosclerosis	Concurrent Workshop 27 Diabetes and Atherosclerosis
	Concurrent Workshop 28 Cholesterol Metabolism: An Update	Concurrent Workshop 29 A Systems Biology Approach to Atherosclerosis	Concurrent Workshop 30 Genetic and Metabolic Basis of Dyslipidemias
1.00pm - 2.00pm	Lunch and Poster Viewing		
2.00pm - 3.00pm	Concurrent Special Sessions - Sponsored Symposia, Master Classes & How to Sessions		
3.00pm - 3.30pm	Break and Poster Viewing		
Workshops			
3.30pm - 5.00pm	Concurrent Workshop 31 Atherosclerosis Lesion Development (3.30pm - 5.30pm)	Concurrent Workshop 32 Animal Models of Atherosclerosis	Concurrent Workshop 33 HDL Metabolism
	Concurrent Workshop 34 Genetics of Obesity	Concurrent Workshop 35 Pathophysiology of the Macrophage	Concurrent Workshop 36 Cell Biology
7.00pm – 11.00pm	Symposium Gala Party - Doltone House, Jones Bay Wharf		

PROVISIONAL PROGRAM *(Subject to Change)*

THURSDAY 29 MARCH 2012 – SYMPOSIUM DAY 4

Plenary Session 4 – Visceral/Ectopic Fat: The Next Target For CVD Prevention			
8.30am – 9.00am	Professor Jean-Pierre Després (Canada) – <i>Visceral Obesity / Ectopic Fat: INSPIRE-ME IAA Study</i>		
9.00am – 9.30am	Professor Ichihiro Shimomura (Japan) – <i>Visceral Obesity and Cardiometabolic Risk: The Japanese Perspective</i>		
9.30am – 10.00am	Professor Marja-Riitta Taskinen (Finland) – <i>Liver Fat as a Key Feature of Ectopic Fat and the Atherogenic Dyslipidemia</i>		
10.00am – 10.30am	Professor Frank Hu (USA) – <i>Healthy Drinking an Important Component of Healthy Eating</i>		
10.30am – 11.00am	Break and Poster Viewing		
Workshops			
11.00am – 1.00pm	Concurrent Workshop 37 Origins of Obesity	Concurrent Workshop 38 Cholesterol Transport and Atherosclerosis	Concurrent Workshop 39 Advances in Adipocyte Biology
	Concurrent Workshop 40 Dietary Interventions and Atherosclerosis: Where Do We Stand?	Concurrent Workshop 41 Implications of Childhood Obesity for Cardiovascular Disease	Concurrent Workshop 42 Predictors of CVD
1.00pm	Symposium Close		



SLIDE LIBRARY

A slide library of key selected presentations will be available after the Symposium on www.isa2012.com

WORKSHOP SESSIONS

There will be a total of 42 Concurrent Workshop Sessions with presentations from internationally recognised invited speakers. Short talks selected from submitted abstracts will also be included in every Workshop session.

Please check the ISA2012 website for a comprehensive overview of the Workshop sessions – www.isa2012.com

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

The ISA2012 Scientific Program Committee invites the submission of abstracts on original work. Free communications at ISA2012 will be as important to the program as the invited lectures, so please submit your abstract for poster, mini-oral or oral presentation.

All successful abstracts will be published on a USB to be given to Symposium delegates, and may be published on the ISA2012 website. Presenting authors must be registrants at the Symposium. All abstracts must be submitted online via the Symposium website using the online submission form.

Abstract Submission Deadline - Friday 5 August 2011

Please check the ISA2012 website for abstract submission details and guidelines - www.isa2012.com

ABSTRACT EMBARGO

The accepted abstracts are made available to the public on the ISA2012 website in advance of the Symposium. Thus, the first release of the abstracts is a public release. Coverage of additional research being presented at ISA2012 is under embargo until the date of presentation.

Academic institutions, private organisations and companies with products whose value may be influenced by information contained in an abstract may issue a press release to coincide with the availability of an abstract. However, ISA2012 continues to require that information that goes beyond that contained in the abstract (e.g. discussion of the abstract done as part of a scientific presentation) is to be embargoed until the start of the scientific sessions. Violation of this policy may result in the abstract being withdrawn from the meeting and other measures deemed appropriate. Journalists failing to abide by the embargo may have their press credentials revoked.

PRE AND POST SATELLITE SYMPOSIA

There will be a number of satellite symposia throughout Australia and the Asia Pacific region pre and post ISA2012. All satellites are organised independently from ISA2012. Further information regarding program and registration can be found by visiting the Satellites page of www.isa2012.com and contacting the organisers directly.

Basic and Clinical Aspects of Plaque Progression

22 – 23 March 2012

Melbourne, Australia

www.isa-satellite.platformtechnologies.org

The ISA Satellite Basic and Clinical Aspects of Plaque Progression will feature leading international scientists and clinicians in the fields of vascular biology, inflammation, plaque formation and rupture.

The program highlights new therapies, diagnostic markers and follows the progression of plaque formation and associated co-morbidities in animal models and man.



HDL

'High-Density Lipoproteins: Biology And Therapeutics.'

Cairns, Australia

30 March – 1 April 2012

www.HDLCairns2012.com.au

Convenors: Wendy Jessup, Len Kritharides, Dmitri Sviridov.

Themes will include: HDL genetics, HDL structure and function, reverse cholesterol transport and HDL, and recent advances in HDL therapies.

Confirmed speakers include: Sean Davidson (Ohio), John Kastelein (Amsterdam), Dan Rader (Philadelphia), Ernst Schaeffer (Boston), Alan Tall (New York), John Chapman (Paris), Alan Remaley (NIH, Bethesda).

Familial Hypercholesterolaemia and Genetic Dyslipidaemia

22 – 25 March 2012

Novotel Manly Beach, Sydney, Australia

Atherosclerosis and Metabolic Syndrome

30 – 31 March 2012

Bali, Indonesia

Healthy Ageing (CVD in the Elderly)

30 March 2012

Crowne Plaza, Coogee, Sydney

www.dubbostudy.org

Tokyo Satellite Symposium 2012

24 March 2012

Tokyo, Japan

International Task Force for Prevention of Coronary Heart Disease 25th Anniversary Meeting

22 - 24 March 2012

Hamilton Island, Australia

Cardiometabolic Disease in South Asians

Date: TBC

Delhi, India

Apolipoprotein B-lipoprotein Remnants as Emerging Risk Factors

Date: TBC

Sydney, Australia

REGISTRATION

Online registration is strongly encouraged.

Participation at ISA2012 is open to all persons interested in atherosclerosis and associated fields.

Please visit www.isa2012.com to register. All persons registering online will receive an immediate acknowledgement of registration followed by an email, including user ID number and password to be used for further correspondence or to revise your data (please save a copy for your records).

Registration Fees (per delegate)

All fees are in Australian dollars (AUD)

To view current foreign exchange rates, please visit www.x-rates.com

Category	Early Bird Registration on or before Tuesday 13 December 2011	Standard Registration Between Wednesday 14 December and Wednesday 14 March 2012	Late/Onsite Registration from Thursday 15 March 2012
Full Delegates	\$950.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,400.00
Allied Health Professionals	\$495.00	\$660.00	\$1,400.00
Students	\$495.00	\$660.00	\$1,400.00
Day Registrations	\$420.00	\$470.00	\$570.00

Exhibitors should refer to the Exhibition Manual for their registration details and entitlements.

To be entitled to the early registration fee, you must have registered and paid by Tuesday 13 December 2011.

Registration Entitlements

FULL DELEGATE REGISTRATION

This registration fee entitles delegates to the following:

- Attendance to all Symposium Sessions
- All official documentation, including program booklet, abstract proceedings and list of participants
- Ticket to Welcome Reception on Sunday 25 March 2012
- Morning and Afternoon Teas on all Symposium days
- Lunch on all Symposium days
- Official Symposium satchel
- Final program, the USB of published papers/symposium documentation and a list of delegates
- The opportunity to download the abstract book prior to the Symposium

ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONALS REGISTRATION

Allied Health Professionals only (e.g. nurse, nutritionist or dietitian) are entitled to register for this category. Registrants may be asked to provide evidence of their current employment as an Allied Health Professional. This registration fee entitles delegates to the following:

- Attendance to all Symposium Sessions
- All official documentation, including program booklet, abstract proceedings and list of participants
- Ticket to Welcome Reception on Sunday 25 March 2012
- Morning and Afternoon Teas on all Symposium days
- Lunch on all Symposium days
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If you would prefer, you may complete the Registration Form at the end of this brochure and return it to the Symposium Organisers. Each registrant must complete a separate form. Remember to send your completed registration form and the payment of your fees by email, fax or post.

Please note that all persons intending to attend the Symposium must register. Please read through this brochure carefully before you complete your delegate registration form, whether online or paper. Invited Speakers, Chairpersons, Exhibitors and Sponsors will be provided with specific forms and asked to register.

- Final program, the USB of published papers/symposium documentation and a list of delegates
- The opportunity to download the abstract book prior to the Symposium

STUDENT REGISTRATION

A student is defined as a holder of a student identification card from a recognised tertiary or secondary educational institution or international student card. Students must be studying full time to qualify for the discounted rate. Student registrants are entitled to the following:

- Attendance to all Symposium Sessions
- All official documentation, including program booklet, abstract proceedings and list of participants
- Ticket to Welcome Reception on Sunday 25 March 2012
- Morning and Afternoon Teas on all Symposium days
- Lunch on all Symposium days
- Official Symposium satchel
- Final program, the USB of published papers/symposium documentation and a list of delegates
- The opportunity to download the abstract book prior to the Symposium

Please Note: A copy of your student identification card is required when you submit your registration form. Without this copy, the full registration fee will be charged.



DAY DELEGATE REGISTRATION

Day Registration entitles delegates to the following:

- Attendance to all Symposium Sessions on your nominated day of attendance
- All official documentation, including program booklet, abstract proceedings and list of participants
- Morning and Afternoon Teas on your nominated day of attendance
- Lunch on your nominated day of attendance
- Official Symposium satchel
- Final program, the USB of published papers/symposium documentation and a list of delegates
- The opportunity to download the abstract book prior to the Symposium

Payment of Registration Fees

Please Note: Registrations will not be processed or confirmed until payment in full is received.

Payment may be made by cheque or credit card. MasterCard, Visa and American Express are the credit cards accepted at the Symposium. Please note all transactions by credit card will appear on your statement as payment to 'Conference by arinex'.

Cheques should be made payable to 'arinex pty limited on behalf of ISA2012'. Your name and full address should be typed or printed clearly on the back of the cheque. Cheque payments from overseas must be a bank cheque in Australian Dollars drawn on an Australian Bank. No other currency will be accepted. The Symposium is unable to accept payments by direct transfer.

GROUP REGISTRATIONS

The Group registration is offered when a single entity registers at least more than ten (10) individuals. The Group registration form is available on request, please email the Symposium Mangers if you wish to register a group: isa2012@arinex.com.au

The early registration fee will be applied when the payment is received by Wednesday 8 February, even without the list of participants.

The final list of participants must be submitted by **Wednesday 29 February 2012**. Should this deadline not be met, the difference between early and standard registration fees will have to be paid in order to process the group registrations.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Your registration and payment will be acknowledged via email or post with confirmation of your requirements according to your registration form. Your registration will not be processed or confirmed if payment does not accompany your form.

Updates to the Symposium program and general information will be posted on the website and you are encouraged to visit the website regularly.

CERTIFICATES OF ATTENDANCE

Certificates of Attendance will be available via the Symposium Website at the conclusion of the Symposium.

CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY

Cancellations and requests for refunds must be received in writing prior to the Symposium.

Registration Fees:

- Before **Wednesday 21 December 2011** will incur an AU\$100 cancellation fee.
- Before **Wednesday 8 February 2012** will receive a 50% refund of fees paid.
- After **Wednesday 8 February 2012** there will be no refunds.

Accommodation:

- A minimum one night's deposit must be paid or credit card details given at time of booking to guarantee a reservation
- Deposit is non-refundable at **Tuesday 21 February 2012**.

Social and Tours:

- Payments are non-refundable at **Monday 8 February 2012**.



SOCIAL PROGRAM

The following events are **included** in the registration fee for delegates. If you require additional tickets please complete relevant section of your Registration Form.

WELCOME RECEPTION

Date: Sunday 25 March 2012

Time: 7.30pm – 9.30pm

Venue: Hall 5 (within Trade Exhibition), Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre

Additional Tickets: A\$85 per person

An invitation is extended to all delegates to attend the ISA2012 Welcome Reception. This function will be a great opportunity to network with old friends and meet new acquaintances as we welcome you to Sydney and the Symposium.

YOUNG INVESTIGATORS NETWORKING EVENING

Date: Tuesday 27 March 2012

Time: 6.30pm – 8.30pm

Venue: Sydney Glass Island

Departure: King Street Wharf

Tickets: Included in registration fee for Young Investigators, but numbers are limited

Young Investigators are invited to spend an evening cruising the famous Sydney Harbour onboard the Sydney Glass Island. Celebrate and network with fellow Young Investigators, enjoying a selection of canapés and drinks while taking in the sites of Sydney.

Please note: Places are limited for the Young Investigators Evening and an upper age limit of 40 years applies. Young Investigators must be presenting at ISA2012. The Young Investigators Awards will be held as a separate function at ISA2012. Please refer to the Symposium program for further details.

The following event is **not included** in the registration fee for delegates. If you would like to purchase tickets, please complete the relevant section of your Registration Form.

SYMPOSIUM GALA PARTY

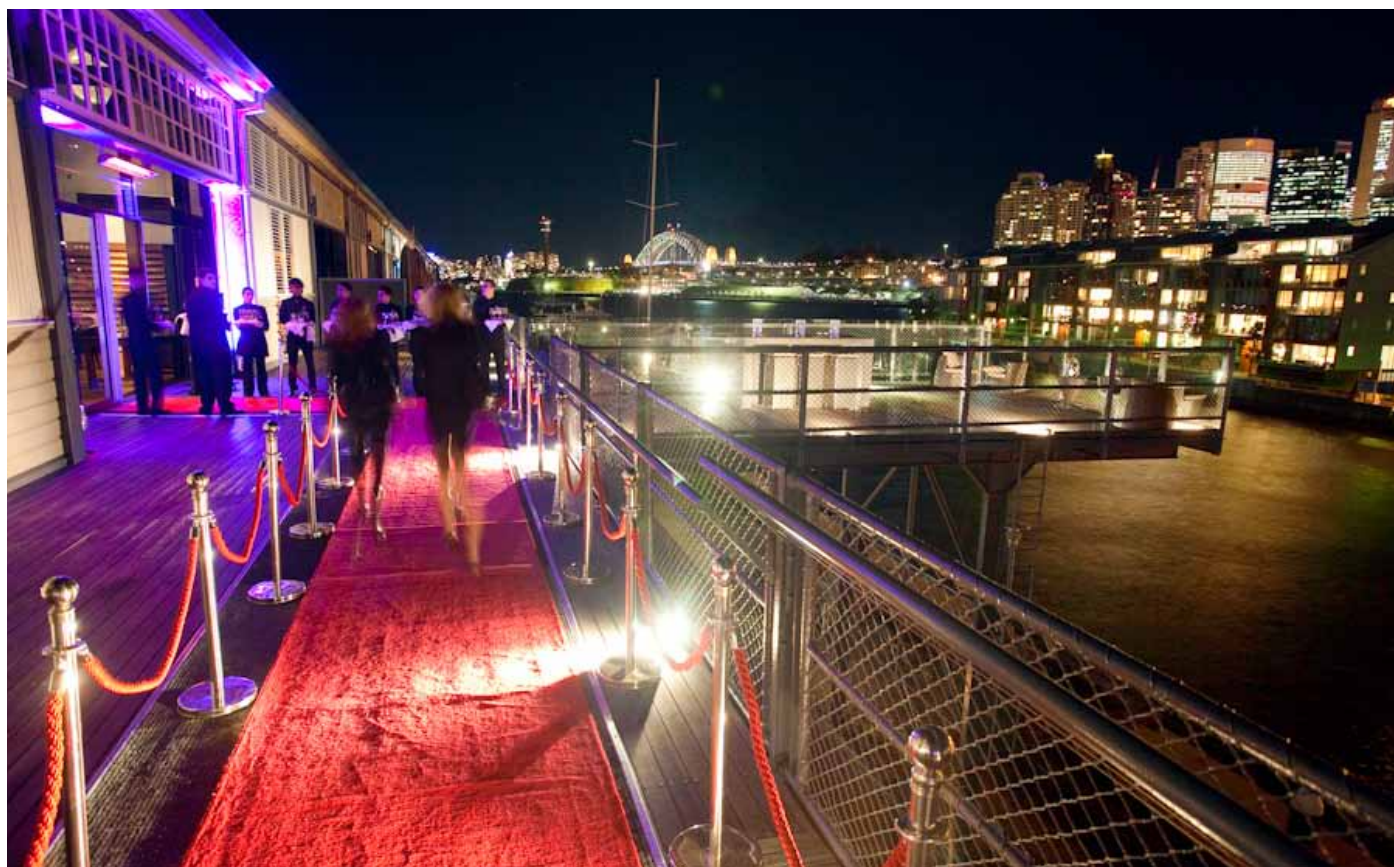
Date: Wednesday 28 March 2012

Time: 7.00pm – 11.00pm

Venue: Doltone House, Jones Bay Wharf

Tickets: A\$125 per person

The Symposium Gala Party will be the highlight of the ISA2012 social program. Enjoy a fun and memorable evening of entertainment, fantastic food and local wines as you enjoy the company of fellow delegates. Doltone House is a unique heritage venue situated on the historic finger wharf at the newly restored Jones Bay Wharf, Pyrmont Point. It is a spectacular waterfront venue on the foreshore of Sydney Harbour, with views of the Harbour Bridge, city skyline and Darling Harbour precinct. Guests will be treated to a truly unique experience – a cocktail style evening with live cooking stations, music and entertainment. Not to be missed!





ACCOMMODATION

The Symposium Manager has negotiated competitive room rates at a range of hotels. All of the hotels are within easy walking distance to the Symposium Venue. As rates may fluctuate please visit the online registration form or the website www.isa2012.com to view current room rates.

Why book with the Symposium Manager?

- Competitive Room Rates
- Flexibility – only 1 night's cancellation fee, no charges for changing your booking and no charges for reducing your stay
- Choose the official conference hotel and get internet access included in your room rate
- Sign up for a complimentary Global Hotel Alliance (GHA) membership to receive complimentary internet access.

It is recommended you visit the website www.isa2012.com to view hotel information and fact sheets, hotel maps and our flexible booking terms and conditions.

TERMINOLOGY

Hotel Rooms

Single (SGL):	A single occupancy room with one bed
Double (DBL):	A double occupancy room with one bed
Twin (TWN):	A double occupancy room with two beds
Suite:	A suite with separate lounge and bedroom area

OFFICIAL HOTEL

PARKROYAL DARLING HARBOUR SYDNEY

Located on the city-side of Darling Harbour, the ParkRoyal offers premium accommodation within minutes of the city's most popular sights and attractions. Its central location means that many of the hotel's 345 rooms enjoy views of Darling Harbour and the nearby landmarks such as Cockle Bay, King Street Wharf and the Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre. Whether you are looking for a relaxing base from which to explore the city or a venue for meetings and conferences, Park Royal Darling Harbour, Sydney will be able to cater to your every need.

ParkRoyal is a member of the Global Hotel Alliance (GHA). Upon check-in sign up to the GHA loyalty program for a complimentary membership which entitles you to a complimentary newspaper, internet access and bottled water.

Apartments

Studio Apartment:	An apartment with 1 double bed. Combined bedroom and living area.
1 Bedroom Apartment:	An apartment with 1 queen bed. Separate lounge area.
2 Bedroom Apartment:	An apartment with 2 queen beds or 1 queen bed and 2 single beds. Separate lounge area.

Please note bedding configurations are subject to hotel availability. All fees are in Australian dollars (AUD) To view current foreign exchange rates, please visit www.x-rates.com



Walking Time to Symposium Venue	Hotel	Star Rating	Room Type	Room Only Rate incl. GST	Bed and Breakfast Rate Incl. GST	Reward Program
4 STAR Official Hotel						
6 minutes	ParkRoyal Darling Harbour - Official Hotel <i>Complimentary internet access, newspaper and bottle of water for GHA Loyalty Program members - sign up for a complimentary membership.</i>	4	Standard Room SGL	\$225.00	\$250.00	Global Hotel Alliance
			Standard Room DBL\TWN	\$225.00	\$275.00	
			Harbour View Room SGL	\$260.00	\$285.00	
			Harbour View Room DBL\TWN	\$260.00	\$310.00	
			Executive Club Room SGL	\$295.00	N/A	
			Executive Club Room DBL\TWN	\$295.00	N/A	
			Suite SGL	\$370.00	\$395.00	
Suite DBL\TWN	\$370.00	\$420.00				
5 STAR						
10 - 15 minutes or 5 minute monorail ride.	Hilton Sydney Rate includes a Daily Monorail Pass	5	Guest Room SGL	\$345.00	\$375.00	Hilton HHonors
			Guest Room DBL\TWN	\$350.00	\$405.00	
4 STAR						
3 minutes	Novotel Darling Harbour	4	Pyrmont View Room SGL	\$309.00	\$329.00	A Club
			Pyrmont View Room DBL\TWN	\$309.00	\$349.00	
			Harbour View Room SGL	\$339.00	\$359.00	
			Harbour View Queen DBL\TWN	\$339.00	\$379.00	
3 STAR						
5 minutes	Hotel Ibis Darling Harbour	3.5	Pyrmont View Room SGL	\$209.00	\$224.00	A Club
			Pyrmont View Room DBL\TWN	\$209.00	\$239.00	
			Harbour View Room SGL	\$229.00	\$244.00	
			Harbour View Room DBL\TWN	\$229.00	\$259.00	
10 - 15 minutes walk or 5 minutes light rail	Metro Hotel Sydney Central <i>Rates include a Daily Light Rail Pass</i>	3.5	Superior Room SGL	\$155.00	\$174.00	Qantas Frequent Flyer
			Superior Room DBL\TWN	\$160.00	\$198.00	
APARTMENTS						
2 minutes	Oaks Goldsbrough Apartments Darling Harbour	4.5	Studio Apartment	\$183.00	N/A	N/A
			1 Bedroom Apartment	\$205.00	N/A	
			2 Bedroom Apartment	\$326.00	N/A	



Please Note:

- Visit www.isa2012.com to view hotel photos and fact sheets
- The above rates include the Australian Goods and Services Tax (GST)
- Rates may increase without notice due to changes in government charges, taxes or levies
- Room only rates do not include breakfast
- Bed and breakfast rates include full buffet breakfast
- A minimum one night's deposit must be paid or credit card details given at time of booking to guarantee reservation
- Accommodation provided at Oaks Apartments is not subject to application of the GST. A tax invoice will therefore not be issued by Oaks; however, a non tax invoice/receipt will be issued
- All room rates at Hilton Sydney include daily monorail pass
- All room rates at Metro Hotel Sydney Central include daily light rail pass

GROUP BOOKINGS / NON-LISTED HOTELS

If your organisation requires a Group Booking or place group accommodation at hotels not listed in this brochure, the Symposium Manager can secure rooms and negotiate group rates on your behalf with the hotel of your choice. With a large network of hotel contacts our experienced staff are able to ensure all your needs are met and your booking is managed efficiently.

Phone: +61 2 9265 0700

E-mail: isa2012@arinex.com.au

RATES AND REWARD PROGRAMS

Accommodation held by the Symposium Managers has been secured at highly competitive rates for Symposium delegates. In addition, delegates who are members of the listed reward programs can earn points by staying at the corresponding hotel. Members should provide their membership card to Reception when checking into the hotel.

DEPOSIT

Rooms are being held by the Symposium Manager until **21 February 2012**. All hotel accommodation bookings must be accompanied by a minimum of one night's room rate or credit card details in order to secure a reservation.

The Symposium Manager will accept accommodation deposits until **21 February 2012** and will settle the deposit with the hotel. Delegates must settle the balance of their account with the hotel concerned upon check out.

Late bookings can be made through the Symposium Manager after **21 February 2012** but are subject to availability and credit card details are required to secure the reservation.

For all bookings that have been paid in full, please note that if you do not arrive at the hotel on the specified date, the hotel will hold the room for each paid night and all monies will be retained by the hotel.



HOW TO BOOK ACCOMMODATION

To book, complete either the Online Registration Form or the Registration Form attached to this brochure. The Symposium Manager will forward your contact details, reservation and deposit or credit card details to the hotel of your choice.

CHANGE OF BOOKING

Any change to a reservation must be notified to the Symposium Manager and not directly to the hotel. Please note that any changes should be made to the Symposium Manager by **5 March 2012**. Cancellations must be made in writing.

LATE ARRIVALS

Please indicate on your registration form or notify the Symposium Manager in writing if you will arrive at your hotel after 6.00pm. Failure to do so may mean that your room will be released.

CHECK-IN AND CHECK-OUT TIMES

Many international flights arrive into Australia in the early morning. For most hotels, check-in time is 2.00pm and check-out time is 11.00am. Should you wish to guarantee check-in before 2.00pm you will need to book and pay for the previous night. If you wish to guarantee a late checkout you will need to book for the next night. These additional nights can be booked at the time of making your reservation. If required please indicate on your registration form.

HOTEL CHECK-IN PROCEDURES

As per standard hotel policies and procedures, delegates will be required to provide a credit card or full cash payment upon check in. This is to cover any incidental charges incurred during your stay and all remaining unpaid room nights, regardless if your booking was guaranteed by a deposit to secure your booking.

The hotel will hold on your credit card, until point of check out, all unpaid accommodation nights reserved plus a daily amount for incidental charges. If you will be settling your accommodation account by cash you will be asked to pre pay for your accommodation in full plus a cash deposit for incidentals. Should you not utilise any incidentals during your stay the cash deposit, for incidentals only, will be refunded to you by the hotel upon check out.

Please note the daily incidental charge may vary across the listed hotels. Should you wish to confirm the amount that will be held against your card prior to check in, please contact the hotel directly.

ACCOMMODATION CANCELLATION POLICY

The deposit is non-refundable at **21 February 2012** and will be forfeited if you do not arrive on the date for which you have booked. Cancellations must be made in writing.

TRADE EXHIBITION/ SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

ISA2012 would like to acknowledge the contribution made by sponsors and exhibitors to the success of this Symposium. ISA2012 will continue a proven track record of excellence in offering a positive experience for its sponsors and delegates alike.

The ISA2012 Trade Exhibition will run in conjunction with the Symposium Program. With refreshment breaks being served in the area, the exhibition will create an unparalleled opportunity for delegates and exhibitors to interact. All delegates are encouraged to explore the exhibition area.

Innovative representation opportunities are available for companies wishing to be associated with this premier international event. The Symposium Manager will work with sponsors to tailor or create packages to best meet their guidelines and strategy. Opportunities for sponsored symposia will also be available.

For more information on exhibition, sponsorship and other marketing packages, please contact the Symposium Sponsorship Account Manager, Drew Whit, on +61 2 9265 0764 or email dwhait@arinex.com.au or visit the website

www.isa2012.com/sponex





OPTIONAL TOURS PROGRAM

A number of optional tours have been developed for ISA2012 delegates and partners, to showcase the sites of Sydney and surrounding regions. The following tours are not included in the registration fee for delegates. If you would like to book tickets, please complete the relevant section of your Registration Form.

TOUR 1: INTRODUCING SYDNEY

Date: Monday 26 March 2012

Time: 1.00pm – 5.00pm

or

Date: Tuesday 27 March 2012

Time: 9.00am – 1.00pm

Tour cost: A\$71 per person

Explore the vibrancy and style of cosmopolitan Sydney, one of the world's most beautiful harbour cities. Discover colonial buildings and cobbled lanes in The Rocks, Sydney's oldest historical precinct. Enjoy views of the Harbour Bridge and Opera House from Mrs Macquarie's Chair, a waterfront seat carved into the rock for the wife of visionary colonial governor, Lachlan Macquarie. Travel through Sydney's fashionable eastern suburbs, renowned for their elegant homes and harbour vistas, on the way to world-famous Bondi Beach – a haven for surfers and sun lovers.

TOUR 2: COLONIAL QUARTER WALKING TOUR

Date: Monday 26 March 2012

Time: 12.30pm – 2.00pm

Tour cost: A\$55 per person

During this walking tour of Australia's oldest convict settlement – The Rocks, journey back to the 19th century when The Rocks was Sydney's colourful commercial and maritime quarter. This tour concludes in The Rocks where there is time at leisure to enjoy this historic precinct (Return transport not provided).



TOUR 3: BLUE MOUNTAINS

Date: Tuesday 27 March 2012

Time: 8.00am – 5.30pm

Tour cost: A\$190 per person

Escape the city and travel west to the Blue Mountains - where the spectacular scenery of this majestic World Heritage listed area includes sandstone cliffs, gorges and valleys of eucalyptus trees. Visit one of Sydney's premier wildlife parks and be photographed with a koala (at your own expense) and hand feed the free-roaming kangaroos. Meet other native animals including emus, wallabies, wombats and echidnas. Discover the Aboriginal legend of The Three Sisters - giant sandstone rock formations in the Jamison Valley. Descend the world's steepest railway on a thrilling ride via rock tunnels to the fern-filled forest on the valley floor. The tour includes lunch.

TOUR 4: BRIDGECLIMB

Date: Sunday 25 March 2012

Time: 1.00pm – 4.00pm

Tour cost: A\$208 per person

or

Date: Tuesday 27 March 2012

Time: 1.00pm – 4.00pm

Tour cost: A\$198 per person

or

Date: Thursday 29 March 2012

Time: 9.00am – 12.00pm

Tour cost: A\$198 per person

Climbing the Sydney Harbour Bridge is an exhilarating experience. Rendezvous at the BridgeClimb office for a safety briefing and prepare for your three-hour adventure! Accompanied by an experienced leader your small team will cross the catwalk to the pylon and walk up to the summit of the Bridge's upper arch - 130 metres above sea level. Harnessed to a static line for the duration of the climb, be treated to spectacular 360-degree views across one of the greatest harbours in the world.

Duration: Approx. 3 hours. Includes knowledgeable guided tour (non-exclusive). *Please note: transport not included - guests are required to make their own way to the BridgeClimb office in the Rocks.*

Climbs run every 15 minutes and are subject to availability at the time of booking.

TOUR 5: DISCOVER SYDNEY OPERA HOUSE

Date: Tuesday 27 March 2012

Time: 9.30am – 10.30am

Tour cost: A\$35 per person

No visit to Sydney is complete without a visit to the world renowned Sydney Opera House. Designed by controversial Danish architect, Jørn Utzon, the Opera House is an icon of Australia – not just for its unique design and spectacular setting, but for the world class program of opera, ballet, contemporary dance, theatre and classical music. Tour the auditoriums and halls and discover the myths and magic of the Opera House and the artists who have performed there.

Please note transport not included - guests are required to make their own way to and from the Sydney Opera House.

TOUR 6: ABORIGINAL HERITAGE TOUR

Date: Wednesday 28 March 2012

Time: 9.00am – 1.00pm

Tour cost: A\$120 per person

Experience the world's oldest living culture on a guided walking tour of the Royal Botanic Gardens and discover the richly diverse history and culture of the Aboriginal people of the Sydney region. The Royal Botanic Gardens Sydney was an important Ceremonial site for many of the Sydney Aboriginal clans, and home to the Cadigal clan. Wogganmagule, the gardens area and its surrounds, offered an impressive and carefree existence. With a diverse array of bush foods, ample fresh water and a plentiful supply of seafood from the harbour, it was paradise for the local Aboriginal people for thousands of years. On this Aboriginal Heritage Tour experience the culture and food sources of Aboriginal people with an Aboriginal guide in the heart of the city.

Continue to the Art Gallery of New South Wales for a private guided tour, including a visit to the Yiribana Aboriginal Gallery. Learn about the Dreamtime in this excellent permanent collection celebrating the diversity of indigenous arts in Australia. Enjoy morning tea at the Art Gallery.

TOUR 7: NORTHERN BUSH & BEACHES TOUR

Date: Wednesday 28 March 2012

Time: 9.30am – 3.30pm

Tour cost: A\$140 per person

Discover where Sydneysiders escape to when they need to recharge their batteries. North of the harbour you'll find kilometres of golden beaches, untamed bushland and the beauty of the Hawkesbury River. After cruising the river aboard a local ferry, we disembark for lunch at a picturesque location. Travel through Ku-ring-gai National Park and along the coastal road with sweeping vistas of Sydney's best surf beaches. Stop at the vibrant beach resort of Manly and enjoy dramatic views from North Head of the harbour entrance and city skyline.

TOUR 8: COFFEE CRUISE ON SYDNEY HARBOUR

Date: Cruise available twice daily

Time: 10.00am or 2.15pm

Tour cost: A\$49 per adult or A\$28 per child (5 – 14 years)

The Captain Cook Main and Middle Harbour Coffee Cruise departs daily from Sydney's centrally located Circular Quay at both 10.00am and 2.15pm. On board, take in all the splendid Harbour attractions including the Opera House, Harbour Bridge and Fort Denison. This award-winning cruise also explores the upper reaches of Middle Harbour with its natural parklands, inner harbour beaches, marinas and waterfront homes. Enjoy this cruise on any day or your preference.

Cruise duration: 2 hours. Please note: you will need to make your own way to Circular Quay (Circular Quay is walking distance or a short taxi ride from Sydney CBD hotels).

TOUR 9: ZOO EXPRESS

Date: Tour available daily

Time: Tour departures every 45 minutes

Tour cost: A\$52 per adult or A\$26 per child (5 – 14 years)

Zoo Express is the easy way to visit Sydney's renowned Taronga Zoo, with regular departures throughout the day. The Zoo Express pass includes a cruise to Taronga Zoo from Darling Harbour or Circular Quay, entry to Taronga Zoo and Sky Safari cable car. When your visit to the Zoo is complete enjoy a return cruise from Taronga Zoo to Darling Harbour or Circular Quay. Taronga Zoo is open from 9am to 5pm daily. Enjoy this tour on any day or your preference.





POST SYMPOSIUM TOURS

Why not extend your stay in Australia by participating in one of the following Post-Symposium tours? Encourage your colleagues and friends to join you and experience some of Australia's most beautiful regions.

To book your place on one of the following tours, please email the Symposium Manager via isa2012@arinex.com.au

POST TOUR 1: THE DRAMATIC RED CENTRE - 4 DAYS/3 NIGHTS



Dates: Friday 30 March 2012 – Monday 2 April 2012
Cost per person based on Twin occupancy A\$1480 per person
Cost per person based on Single occupancy A\$2150 per person

Called the Heart of the Nation, the 'Red Centre' is arid, dramatic, vast, a land of extremes and home of Uluru (Ayers Rock) Australia's spectacular monolith. Participants will also discover other geological wonders such as Kata Tjuta (the Olgas), Kings Canyon and more. Explore some of the base of this huge monolith, view a magnificent sunrise and discover its significance to the Aboriginal people.

Includes airport transfers, half day tour of Alice Springs, three days of touring from Alice Springs to Ayers Rock, three nights deluxe accommodation, breakfast daily. Flights to Alice Springs and departing from Ayers Rock are not included in the tour price and should be booked by the delegate.

POST TOUR 2: REEF & RAINFOREST - 5 DAYS/4 NIGHTS

Dates: Friday 30 March 2012 – Tuesday 3 April 2012
Cost per person based on Twin occupancy - A\$1195 per person
Cost per person based on Single occupancy - A\$2010 per person

North of Cairns, discover one of the most beautiful regions of Australia. Here, at the meeting point of an ancient rainforest and the Earth's largest living coral structure, slow to a unique rhythm found only in Tropical North Queensland. Based in the exclusive village of Palm Cove, highlights include swimming and snorkeling on the Great Barrier Reef and discovering the beauty of the World Heritage listed Daintree rainforest.

Includes airport transfers, full day Great Barrier Reef cruise including lunch, full day Cape Tribulation tour including lunch, four nights deluxe accommodation and breakfast daily. Flights to/from Cairns are not included in the tour price and should be booked by the delegate.



GENERAL TOUR INFORMATION

These tours are designed by arinex Destination Management (license No. 2TA001144), for participating delegates and accompanying persons of ISA2012. Only the best aspects of Sydney and its environs have been incorporated to provide value for money for persons whose time is at a premium.

All sightseeing tours include informative English speaking commentary, all entry & booking fees and meals where specified.

All tours are based on a minimum number of participants. If minimum numbers are not reached, alternative arrangements or a complete refund will be made. Places on all tours are limited and will be allocated strictly in order of receipt of payment. Where participants cancel their tour bookings prior to Wednesday 8 February 2012, payment will be refunded in full. Thereafter, no refunds will be made.

PRIVATE TOURING/HOSPITALITY ARRANGEMENTS

Should you have any specialised group requirements for private touring, transportation or hospitality services other than those organised for the official program, please contact the Symposium Manager who would be pleased to assist with arrangements.

PRIVATE FUNCTIONS

It is requested that you advise the Symposium Manager of any private /corporate functions that might be planned outside of the official program. The Symposium Manager would be pleased to assist with arrangements for any of these events.



GENERAL INFORMATION

AUSTRALIAN VISA APPLICATION

All travellers to Australia, other than Australian and New Zealand citizens, are legally required to hold a valid visa to travel to Australia. Visas are either issued electronically (ETA) or through application where a sticker is required in the passport (Non-ETA).

It is advised to apply for your visa as soon as possible to ensure enough processing time. The minimum time frame stated for an Australian visa application is six (6) weeks.

For further application details please visit the Symposium website www.isa2012.com

AUSTRALIAN VISA APPLICATION SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Delegates applying for a non-ETA visa may present their paid confirmation letter to an Australian visa office to support their application. No other letters will be issued for this purpose. As a Symposium delegate, you are not guaranteed to be granted a visa. Unfortunately we are unable to grant refunds of registration fees based on not obtaining a visa.

BANKING/CURRENCY

Decimal currency is used in Australia with the dollar as the basic unit (100 cents = \$1). Notes come in \$100, \$50, \$20, \$10, and \$5. Coins come in 5c, 10c, 20c, 50c, \$1 and \$2 denominations.

Currency exchange facilities are available in most banks, hotels and airports and operate normal business hours. Credit cards are accepted at most restaurants and shops, the most widely used being Mastercard, Visa, American Express and Diners Club.

BUSINESS HOURS

Banks generally open from 9.30am – 4.00pm, Monday - Friday. General office hours are 9.00am – 5.00pm, Monday - Friday. Post Offices operate these hours, however stamps are often available from hotels.

CAR PARKING

Driving to the Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre is easy. Underground on-site car-parking is available for over 900 vehicles and includes a number of disabled bays. The Darling Harbour precinct has 5,000 more car parking spaces at competitive rates.

The Exhibition Centre car park is conveniently located off Darling Drive, underneath the Centre's five exhibition halls. The car park has direct access to the venue and the many attractions and facilities available in Darling Harbour.

Day Rates for all vehicles are:

- 1 hour = \$8.00
- 1-2 hours = \$16.00
- 2-3 hours = \$24.00
- 3-4 hours = \$28.00
- 4+ hours = \$30.00

Evening Rates for all vehicles are:

- 1 hour = \$7.00
- 1-2 hours = \$13.00
- 2+ hours = \$18.00

Car park opening hours: Monday to Sunday - open 24 hours

Evening Rates apply for entry after 5.00pm and exit before 9.00am the following day. Automatic pay stations are located throughout the car park, with a central pay station in the area under Hall Payment is made at these stations prior to exiting the car park. Prepayment is also available. Please note that the ceiling height of the Exhibition Centre car park is 1.8 metres. Please note that these prices may be subject to change without notice.

COMMERCIAL SUPPORT

Full notification of commercial support will be provided in the Final Program.

EATING OUT

Bistros, restaurants, cafes and coffee shops offer varied menus, prices and decor. Local specialties such as seafood and Australian wines are worth trying. At some restaurants you can keep the liquor bill down by taking your own wine or beer. These are called "BYO" restaurants, an abbreviation for "bring your own".

ELECTRICITY

Electrical current is 240/250V, AC 50Hz. The Australian three-pin power outlet is different from that in many countries, so you will need an adaptor. If your appliances are 110V, check if there is a 110/240V switch. If not, you will need a voltage converter. Universal outlets for 240V or 110V shavers are usually found in leading hotels.

ENTRANCE TO SYMPOSIUM

Each attendee at the Symposium will receive a name badge upon registration. The badge will be your official pass and must be worn to obtain entry to all sessions and to social functions. The Symposium Organisers expect appropriate behaviour from attendees and reserves the right to revoke the badge and privileges of anyone behaving in an inappropriate manner.

GOODS & SERVICES TAX (GST)/TOURIST REFUND SCHEME (TRS)

Since 1 July 2000, Australia has adopted a taxation system incorporating the Goods & Services Tax (GST). All prices quoted in this brochure are inclusive of GST, unless otherwise specified.

As part of this taxation system, the Australian Government introduced the Tourist Refund Scheme (TRS). The scheme is administered by the Australian Customs Department and took effect on 1 July 2000. The TRS enables travellers departing Australia to claim a refund of the Goods and Services Tax (GST) and Wine Equalisation Tax (WET) paid on goods bought in Australia. The refund applies to goods over the value of A\$300 when items are purchased in the same shop within 30 days of your departure from Australia. Should an item be too large to take onto the aircraft as hand luggage you will need to visit the TRS clearing office at the international airport with the item and receipt. The receipt will be stamped TRS sighted and at that point you can check the large item in with your luggage. Once you have cleared customs you can collect your refund from the TRS desk by showing your receipt or items purchased. It does not apply to services or goods consumed or partly consumed in Australia, however the goods can be used before departing Australia.



INSURANCE

Registration fees do not include insurance of any kind. It is strongly recommended that at the time you register for the Symposium and book your travel you take out an insurance policy of your choice. The policy should include loss of fees/deposit through cancellation of your participation in the Symposium, or through cancellation of the Symposium, loss of international/domestic air fares through cancellation for any reason, loss of tour monies through cancellation for any reason including airline or related services strikes within Australia, failure to utilise tours or pre-booked arrangements due to airline delay, Force Majeure or any other reason, medical expenses (including sickness and accident cover), loss or damage to personal property, additional expenses and repatriation should travel arrangements have to be altered. The Symposium Organisers cannot take any responsibility for any participant failing to arrange their own insurance. This insurance is to be purchased in your country of origin.

LANGUAGE

The official language for the Symposium is English.

PLANNING YOUR TRAVEL

Because of time change and jet lag, the Organising Committee suggests you consider arriving in Australia a day early. This will enable you to relax and familiarise yourself with your hotel and its surrounds before the start of the Symposium. Sleep on the way over and have great time when you get here. If you are travelling from the East from or via America, don't forget the dateline. It means you lose a day on you way over (because we are ahead of America!) but gain it on the way back so you will arrive home the same day you leave.

Flying to Sydney from overseas

Here are a few tips to make your journey more comfortable.

- Get up and stretch regularly if possible, or at least circle your ankles once an hour.
- Wear loose fitting, slip on shoes. Feet swell, and if you take shoes off at any point in a flight, a shoe that just fits can be painful to put back on.
- In-flight dining and drinking may leave you feeling bloated so wear loose fitting clothes. Also, try to layer your clothes so that you are prepared for different levels of air-conditioning.
- Remember to drink plenty of water and juice to keep you hydrated. Avoid caffeinated soft drinks, tea and coffee.
- If you are concerned about deep vein thrombosis, consider taking an aspirin before flying as it has blood thinning properties.
- To help adjust your body clock, set your watch to Sydney time as soon as you are on board.

Getting to the city from Sydney Airport

Sydney Airport is located just 8 km (5 miles) from central Sydney.

- **Take a taxi.** Each terminal has its own sheltered taxi rank with supervisors on hand in peak hours to ensure a smooth flow of taxis for travellers. It costs about A\$25-\$30 and takes about 20 minutes for a taxi from the airport to the heart of the city. Remember passengers pay for any bridge or road tolls on top of the fare. An airport toll of A\$3.00 also applies. Catch a taxi directly outside the airport doors at any terminal. As throughout Australia, tipping is appreciated but is not required.

- **Take the train.** There is a railway link from the airport to Central station. The single adult fare from Sydney International Airport to Sydney Central station is A\$13.80. The trip to Central takes 10-15 minutes.
- **Take the airport shuttle bus.** Sydney Airport charges A\$12 from Sydney International Airport to central Sydney and will drop off at hotels in the city, Darling Harbour and Kings Cross.

PRIVACY

Australia introduced the Privacy Amendment (Private Sector) Act 2000 in 2001. The Symposium Organisers comply with such legislation which is designed to protect the right of the individual to privacy of their information. Information collected in respect of proposed participation in any aspect of the Symposium will be only used for the purposes of planning and conduct of the Symposium and may also be provided to the organising body or to organisers of future events. It is also usual to produce a 'Delegate List' of attendees at the Symposium and to include the individual's details in such a list. Consent for publication of the individual's information may be withheld when completing the registration form for the Symposium. Individuals are also entitled to access the information held by written application to the Symposium Organisers.

QUARANTINE

Australia is free from many plant and animal diseases prevalent in other countries. Very strict quarantine rules apply to the import of animals and plants, which cannot be brought into the country without prior application. Animal and plant products are also restricted. Please be aware that all food and items made from animal or plant material are subject to disclosure and possible confiscation. Items declared from rare and endangered species will be removed. Leave the decaf tea bags behind - we have it all here. For more information see the 'Information for International Traveller's on the Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service (AQIS) website, which you can access by visiting www.daff.gov.au/aqis

REGISTRATION AND HOSPITALITY/TOURS DESK

The Registration Desk will be located in the Parkside Foyer of Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre and will be operating as follows:

Sunday 25 March 2012	12.00pm – 8.00pm
Monday 26 March 2012	7.00am – 6.00pm
Tuesday 27 March 2012	7.00am – 6.00pm
Wednesday 28 March 2012	7.00am – 6.00pm
Thursday 29 March 2012	7.00am – 1.00pm

The Symposium Organisers will be onsite for enquiries at other times.

SHOPPING

Shops open from 9.00am – 5.30pm during the week with late night shopping on Thursday. On Saturday, most shops open from 9.00am – 4.00pm. On Sunday Darling Harbour shops are open from 10.00am to 6.00pm and major department stores in the centre of the city are open from 10.00am – 4.00pm.

TELEPHONE DIALLING CODES IN AUSTRALIA

Following are the International Dialling Codes for each state and territory in Australia

Australian Capital Territory +61 2
New South Wales: + 61 2
Victoria: + 61 3
Queensland: + 61 7
South Australia: + 61 8
Western Australia +61 8
Northern Territory: + 61 8
Tasmania: + 61 3

TIME

Sydney is 11 hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time in March. Eastern Daylight Savings time will come to an end on 7 April 2012. Sydney will then be ahead 10 hours Greenwich Mean Time.

TIPPING

Tipping is not as widespread or regulated in Australia as it is in other parts of the world. Tipping is your choice as a reward for good service. It is customary to tip hotel porters and a gratuity of about 10 per cent is usual in restaurants if good service is received. Tips for taxis are regarded as optional.

TRANSPORT IN SYDNEY

Buses

Buses are a great way to travel around Sydney for visitors.

Go to www.sydneybuses.info for information on bus routes and timetables.

Rail

Sydney's Metro Monorail of the few above-ground rail systems in the world. The circular route winds its way through the city centre and around Darling Harbour.

Light Rail is the environmentally friendly way to travel from Sydney Central with stops at Haymarket, Darling Harbour, Star City, Sydney Fish Markets, Glebe, Leichhardt and Lilyfield.

Go to www.metromonorail.com.au for more information on Sydney's Monorail and Light Rail.

Ferries

Ferries are the most sublime form of public transport on Sydney Harbour. There are regular Sydney Ferry services to Manly, Parramatta, Balmain, Watsons Bay, Taronga Zoo and other locations. Sydney Ferries run a public service from the Sydney Aquarium at Darling Harbour to Circular Quay, stopping at Balmain, Milsons Point and McMahon's Point. The Sydney Aquarium is only a 5 minute walk from the Convention Centre. For timetable enquiries, please refer to their website at www.sydneyferries.nsw.gov.au.

Matilda Cruises runs an "Express Ferry" between Circular Quay and Darling Harbour, via the Sydney Aquarium and Star City Casino. Services arrive and depart from the wharf outside the Harbourside Shopping Centre, adjacent to the Convention Centre. For timetable enquiries, please refer to their website at www.matilda.com.au

VACCINATIONS

A current valid international certificate of inoculation against yellow fever is required if passengers come from, or travel through, infected areas. Please check this carefully with your airline or travel agent.

VISAS

All visitors to Australia must have a valid visa to travel to and enter Australia (other than New Zealand passport holders, who will normally be issued a Special Category visa on arrival, provided they meet health and character requirements; and permanent residents of Norfolk Island who may be granted a Permanent Resident of Norfolk Island visa on arrival). For information about Visa applications to enter Australia, please visit www.immi.gov.au/visitors.

The IECN recommends that visitors lodging a paper based application apply for their visa at least 6-8 weeks prior to their intended travel date to Australia however processing timeframes differ from country to country.

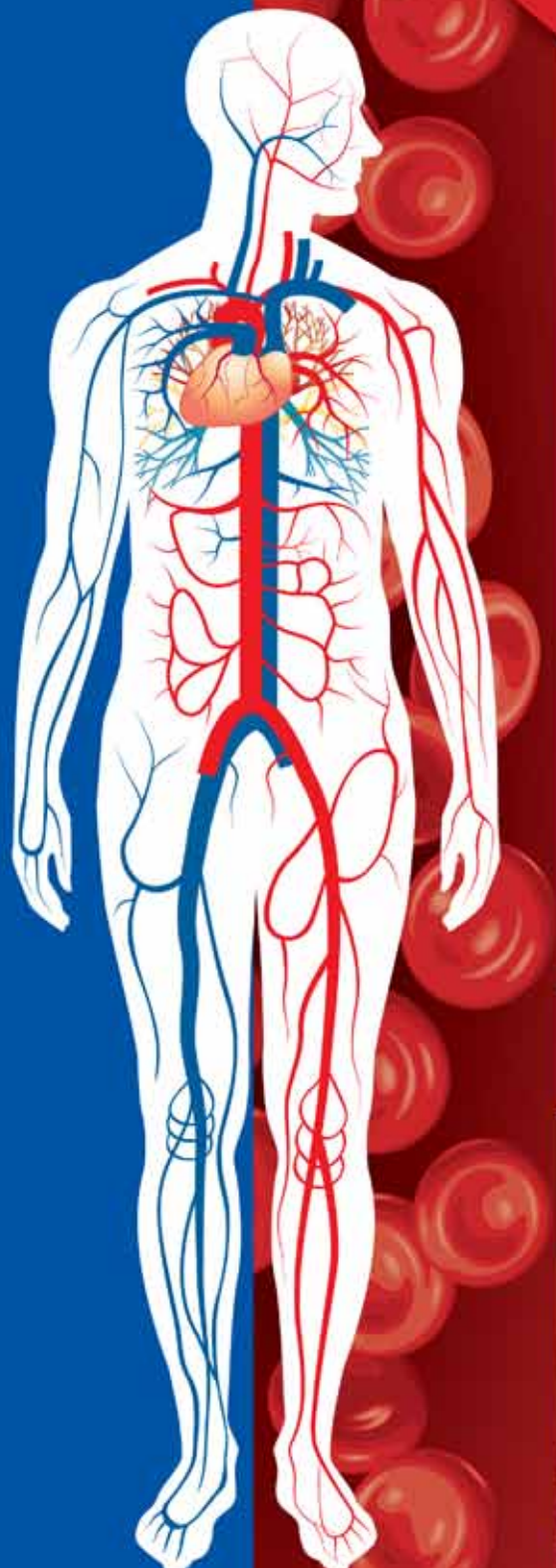
Sometimes it can take around 2 months for an application to be processed (e.g. if an invalid application is lodged or an external check is required etc.). We would also advise Chinese delegates to lodge well in advance.

Closer to the event, we can check with our offices in China to find out how we can facilitate the applications from your Chinese delegation and possibly include additional information to assist, for example, a checklist of documents required when applying for a Business visa etc.

WEATHER

Sydney enjoys a temperate climate more than 340 sunny days a year. Autumn (Fall) is absolutely gorgeous in Sydney. The average temperature ranges from 15°C (59°F) at night to 22°C (72°F) in the day. The weather is cool but usually quite pleasant and sunny. Autumn runs from 1 March through to 31 May in Australia.





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