

Medicine and Pregnancy 2003

21 – 25 October 2003
Preliminary Information

Esplanade Hotel
Fremantle, Western Australia

Registration Programme



Inaugural meeting of the

- International Society of Obstetric Medicine (ISOM) (21-23 October)
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Combined with Annual Scientific Meetings of the

- Australasian Society for the Study of Hypertension in Pregnancy (ASSHP) (21-22 October)
 - Obstetric Medicine Group of Australasia (OMGA) (21-23 October)
 - Australasian Diabetes in Pregnancy Society (ADIPS) (24 - 25 October)
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and Foundation Meeting of the

- Australasian Maternal Fetal Medicine Colloquium (MFM) (24 October)

Invitation to Attend

“Medicine and Pregnancy 2003” is the first international meeting to cover all the medical problems of pregnancy. It will combine the inaugural meeting of the International Society of Obstetric Medicine with the annual scientific meetings of the three Australasian societies which cover medical disorders in pregnancy (see below). There will be state of the art lectures, symposia, and presentations of original research over a period of five days.

The ASSHP meeting includes a tribute to Professor Lawrie Beilin, President of the International Society of Hypertension, and a founding member of ASSHP, who has made seminal contributions to the understanding of pre-eclampsia and hypertension in pregnancy over three decades in England and Australia.

Australian and New Zealand specialists in Maternal and Fetal Medicine will meet in a colloquium to present their current and planned research in this vibrant area of Obstetrics.

The meeting will be held at the Esplanade Hotel in Fremantle. Fremantle is a port city 20 minutes drive from Perth, the capital city of Western Australia. Fremantle is a beautiful and historic city with many attractions. It is a deep water port at the mouth of the beautiful Swan River, and there are many activities and sites to occupy visitors.

The Organising Committee is delighted to extend an invitation to all interested practitioners to attend “MAP2003”.

International Society of Obstetric Medicine (ISOM)

Medical complications of pregnancy comprise a major contributor to maternal mortality and morbidity around the world. Recognition that these disorders demand specialist training and research has led, over the last 20 years to the evolution of the specialty of Obstetric Medicine.

The ‘International Society of Obstetric Medicine’ was formed in July 2002. There are four national groups that hold Obstetric Medicine meetings for their members, in ANZ, UK, USA and South Africa. We believe that their members, as well as other doctors from around the world who practice in

this area will find interest in the forthcoming program. The Obstetric Medicine Group of Australasia (OMGA) is hosting this, the inaugural scientific meeting of ISOM. It will give an opportunity for clinicians and researchers to meet and review research and advances in the care of medical problems in pregnant women. This field of study also includes pre-conceptual aspects of medical care, and care of medical problems in the puerperium, as well as prognosis and implications for the offspring after medical disorders complicating pregnancy.



Australasian Society for the Study of Hypertension in Pregnancy (ASSHP)

The annual scientific meeting of ASSHP brings together clinicians and researchers who face the challenges of pre-eclampsia and all aspects of hypertension in pregnancy. Recent important research will be presented and there will be workshop sessions considering controversial areas in management that are of great relevance to contemporary clinicians.



Australasian Diabetes in Pregnancy Society (ADIPS)

The Australasian Diabetes in Pregnancy Society (ADIPS) meeting will be held over Friday 24 October and Saturday morning 25 October. It will include a wide range of clinical and scientific presentations related to diabetes in pregnancy.

Maternal and Fetal Medicine Colloquium

Also held on Friday 24 October will be the first gathering of Maternal and Fetal Medicine specialists in Australia and New Zealand. This will include presentations of Australasian research and clinical experience. The colloquium will also provide ideal opportunities for discussion of evolving management approaches in this demanding area of obstetric practice.



Programme at a Glance

Tuesday, 21 October 2003

7.30am - 9.00am	Opening Breakfast New Maritime Museum, Fremantle
AM	ISOM
PM	ASSHP
Evening	Dinner – Matilda Bay Restaurant

Wednesday, 22 October 2003

AM	ASSHP – LJ Beilin Tribute
PM	ISOM
Evening	Dinner – Esplanade Hotel, Fremantle

Thursday, 23 October 2003

AM	ISOM
PM	Social Function Lunch – The Red Herring Followed by a river cruise to Perth, a trip to Kings Park including a Western Australian Wildflower tour and afternoon tea at the Kings Park Function Centre
Evening	Free evening

Friday, 24 October 2003

AM	ADIPS /MFM parallel sessions
PM	ADIPS /MFM parallel sessions
Evening	Dinner – Bluewater Restaurant

Saturday, 25 October 2003

AM	ADIPS final session
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Key:

ADIPS:	Australasian Diabetes in Pregnancy Society
ASSHP:	Australasian Society for the Study of Hypertension in Pregnancy
ISOM:	International Society of Obstetric Medicine
MFM:	Maternal Fetal Medicine
OMGA:	Obstetric Medicine Group of Australasia

MAP2003 Organising Committee

Anne Barden	Suzie Neylon
Dorothy Graham	Brian Roberman
Janet Lagstrom	Karen Barfield
Sue McLennan	Barry Walters (Chairperson)

Scientific Programme Committee

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CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION CERTIFICATION

Application has been made to the RANZCOG and RACP for CME points for attendance at this meeting.

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

Final date for abstract submission will be 31 July 2003.
Abstracts may be submitted BY EMAIL ONLY (see page 2 and web site for all details).

IMPORTANT DATES

Last day to register MAP2003 and receive 'early bird' discount
31 July 2003

Last day for abstracts and submissions
31 July 2003

Last day to register MAP2003
14 October 2003

Last day to request accommodation
30 September 2003

Last day to cancel registration without incurring penalty
30 September 2003

Last day to cancel accommodation without incurring penalty
30 September 2003

Last day to book for extra activities
30 September 2003



Instructions for Preparation and Submission of Abstracts

Medicine and Pregnancy 2003 Fremantle, Western Australia Submission Deadline: 31 July 2003

1. Typing Instructions

The quality of the finished program will depend on the quality of the submitted abstract. The following instructions have been designed to assist you in preparing your abstract to ensure that the reproduction in the conference proceedings is of high quality.

All abstracts must be submitted electronically.

- Type within the rectangle provided in the Abstract Submission Form (16.1cm high x 12.2cm wide)
- The font used should be 12 point.
- Use single line spacing.
- Do not use subtitles.
- Justify text on both sides.
- The title should be in capitals at the top of the abstract.
- The name of the presenting author should be underlined. The authors' names should be followed by their institution. The abbreviations ACT, NSW, QLD, SA, TAS, VIC, NZ, UK, USA etc. are acceptable.
- A single blank line should separate the header block and main text.
- Standard abbreviations may be used. Special or unusual abbreviations must be placed in parentheses after the first use of the full word.
- If references are cited they should be listed at the foot of the abstract. They should be separated from the main body by a single blank line. Do not indent.

2. Content

The abstract should contain: The study's objective; a statement of the methods used; a summary of results; Conclusions. Tables are permitted, but only within the allocated space.

3. Abstract Submission by Email

Email your abstract as an attachment to sneylon@racp.edu.au. All abstracts are to be submitted by email and should use Windows 95 or later and ideally in Microsoft Word. Rich Text Format (RTF) also acceptable. Other formats may not be recognised.

It is the responsibility of the submitting author to ensure that:

- Abstracts are constructed as described above. When the abstract is completed, name the abstract file MAP followed by the first five(5) letters of the Surname of the first author followed by the first initial. For example, MAPCITIZJ.doc for an abstract with the first author being Jane Citizen. For multiple abstract submissions, change the first initial to a numeral eg. MAPCITIZ1.doc, MAPCITIZ2.doc
- Abstracts follow sizing instructions as listed above. Abstracts that do not comply with the criteria will be returned for re-submission.
- Abstracts reach the Meeting Secretariat by the closing date.

- The completed Abstract Submission Form containing the following information is attached to each abstract
 - a) Name of Presenter
 - b) Full contact address for Presenter
 - c) Email address for Presenter
 - d) Contact telephone and fax numbers for Presenter
 - e) Abstract title and abstract file name (eg MAPCITIZJ.doc)
 - f) Which meeting the presentation is intended for (eg. ASSHP, ISOM, OMGA, ADIPS)
 - g) Whether you will be using Power Point presentation
 - h) Whether you wish to apply for any of the awards and that you are eligible to apply for these awards.

Abstract Submission Form

Download the Abstract Submission Form and send it with your email as an attachment. Please note that this email form MUST be attached to EACH electronic abstract submission. Failure to attach the email form will result in your electronic abstract being returned to you.

Please do not assume your abstract has been received until you receive email confirmation. If you have not received electronic confirmation within 72 hours, please contact the MAP2003 Meeting Secretariat.

Direct all enquiries regarding abstract submission procedures to Ms Suzie Neylon at the MAP2003 Meeting Secretariat on telephone (61) 02-9256 5462, Fax: (61) 02- 9251 8174, Email: sneylon@racp.edu.au

Ms Suzie Neylon, MAP2003 Meeting Secretariat,
145 Macquarie Street, Sydney, NSW, 2000. Australia.

Grants and Awards for MAP2003

The following grants and awards will be available for members of participating societies. Please indicate on your Abstract Submission Form (electronic only this year) if you wish to be considered.

ASSHP Andrew Phippard Memorial Award

The ASSHP Andrew Phippard Memorial Award will be given to the best oral presentation during the ASSHP component of the meeting. This award is for A\$500.00.

ASSHP Travel Grants

Applications are invited from junior members of ASSHP for travel grants to MAP2003 in Fremantle. The applicant must be a financial member of ASSHP at the time of application and have an abstract submitted for presentation at this meeting.

ADIPS Graz Clock Scientific Awards

There will be two(2) awards available at \$500 each for the ADIPS component of MAP2003.
Best Scientific Presentation
Best Education Presentation

ADIPS Graz Clock Travel Grants

There are four(4) travel grants plus registration (to ADIPS meeting only) available to applicants who are members of ADIPS and who are presenting abstracts at the meeting.

ADIPS Awards and Travel Applications should be directed to:
Janet Lagstrom,
King Edward Memorial Hospital,
374 Bagot Road, Subiaco WA 6008 Australia.

Provisional Scientific Programme

Tuesday, 21 October 2003		Welcome			
ISOM		Obstetric medicine in the 21st century Lupus in pregnancy Intensive care in obstetric medicine: Acute lung injury Cardiomyopathy in pregnancy Free communications			
ASSHP		The great thrombophilia debate Clinical indicators What are we doing about MAGPIE? Free communications			
Wednesday, 22 October 2003					
ASSHP - LJ Beilin Tribute		Clinical measurement in hypertensive pregnancy – what has changed; what makes a difference Pre-eclampsia and the metabolic syndrome Inflammatory cytokines and insulin resistance in PET Evolution of concepts of PET since the early 1970s Pre-eclampsia – a disorder for life and not just pregnancy			
ISOM		Thrombosis issues in pregnancy Liver disease in pregnancy Free communications			
Thursday, 23 October 2003					
ISOM		The future of ISOM Pre-pregnancy counselling – workshop and policy Anticoagulation for artificial heart valves in pregnancy Free communications			
FREE AFTERNOON					
Friday, 24 October 2003					
ADIPS and MFM		Clinical aspects of insulin resistance in pregnancy Fetal origins of adult disease – experimental evidence Free communications TNF alpha and diabetic pregnancy Is adipose tissue involved in insulin resistance of pregnancy? Transcription factor in regulating, cytokines, glucose/lipid metabolism and insulin sensitivity Proteomic analysis and multiple analyte profiling of plasma from GDM women Free communications			
	MFM	Presentations by Australian MFM units on their Current Research			
	Speakers include:	Prof J Newnham, Prof J Dickinson, Dr R Cinchotta, Prof D Ellwood, Dr C Crowther, Prof J Morris, Prof M Peek, Prof W Giles			
Saturday, 25 October 2003					
ADIPS		Studies in progress – HAPO, MiG, ACHOIS Fetal growth in diabetic pregnancy Glucose targets in gestational diabetes Insulin pumps in pregnancy Mode of delivery in diabetic pregnancy Conference summary			
Speakers include:					
Dr John Anthony	South Africa	Dr Bill Hague	Australia	Dr Robyn North	New Zealand
Prof Lawrie Beilin	Australia	Dr Anne Marie Hennessy	Australia	Assoc. Prof Ray Powrie	USA
Prof Mark Brown	Australia	Dr Risto Kaaja	Finland	Prof Chris Redman	UK
Prof Pat Catalano	USA	Dr Martha Lappas	Australia	Dr Glynis Ross	Australia
Dr Harry Georgiou	Australia	Dr David McIntyre	Australia	Dr Tony Russell	Australia
Prof Ian Greer	UK	Dr Catherine Nelson-Piercy	UK	Dr Deb Sloboda	Australia
				Prof Michael de Swiet	UK

* at time of publication, speakers and sessions are correct but are subject to change.

Partners Program

The following outings have been arranged for accompanying persons.

Tuesday, 21 October 2003

½ Day Perth Tour

Sit back, relax and enjoy the ride and enlightening commentary on an afternoon in Perth.

Perth City is the modern, clean capital of Western Australia. A vibrant city blending the old with the new on the banks of the Swan River. From the new Bell Tower to Parliament House, Kings Park to Burswood, St Mary's Cathedral to the WACA, Perth Mint to Northbridge. The shopping, art galleries, restaurants, nightlife and theatres are all on show on this tour.

Departs: 1.30pm Returns: 4.30pm

Cost: \$35.00 Adults \$10.00 Children

Evening

Dinner will be at the Matilda Bay Restaurant, overlooking the river at Crawley for all delegates and partners. Dress smart casual.

Wednesday, 22 October 2003

Visit Perth Zoo Australian Walkabout

Go on 'walkabout' through some of Australia's stunning habitats. Perth Zoo has re-created Australia's flora and fauna diversity in its Australian enclosures.

The Australian Walkabout comprises several separate exhibits- the Reptile Encounter with lizards, snakes and other fascinating reptiles; the Rainforest Retreat showcasing the plant life and tranquillity of Australian forests; the Water Corporation Wetlands displaying amazing birds and crocodiles that inhabit our country; and the Penguin Plunge with natural habitat from coastal Western Australia with our own Fairy Penguin Colony.

There is also an Australian Homestead- a working example of how to 'live lightly' on our planet and a Nocturnal House exhibiting the wonders of Australia's night animals.

A real feature of the Australian Walkabout is the Bushwalk, a walk-through exhibit where you can experience wallabies, koalas, kangaroos and Australia's amazing bird life up close. The Bushwalk also features Western Australia's Numbat and extremely rare Australian Cockatoos. Morning tea will be served.

Departs: 9.00am Returns: 1.00pm

Cost: \$70.00 Adults \$35.00 Children

Evening

Dinner will be a poolside barbecue at the Esplanade Hotel, Fremantle, for delegates and partners. Dress smart casual.

Thursday, 23 October 2003

A social afternoon for delegates and partners has been organised commencing with lunch at The Red Herring Restaurant. Following lunch a pleasant river cruise along the Swan River to Perth, a trip to Kings Park to enjoy a Western Australian Wildflower tour and afternoon tea at the Kings Park Function Centre.

Departs: 12.30pm Returns: 5.30pm

Cost: \$120.00 per person

Friday, 24 October 2003

Dolphin and Forest Discovery Tour

Discover the wonders of nature just a short journey from Perth. Visit MacNuts WA and sample the irresistibly delicious macadamia nut, Australia's indigenous, commercially grown food crop. Take the one-hour Canals and Eco Cruise in Mandurah and view the luxury homes, wildlife and if we are lucky, see dolphins at play. Have lunch on the Boardwalk in Mandurah at one of the restaurants or cafés (at your own expense) before we travel to Ravenswood Sanctuary. See Western Australia's largest collection of unique Australian parrots at Bellwood Parrot Park. Venture into the historic jarrah forest of Dwellingup at the Forest Heritage Centre, a unique leaf-shaped building made of rammed earth. Climb the viewing platform reaching 11 metres into the jarrah forest canopy. Walk through the forest on one of the extensive forest trails, including an Aboriginal trail and timber getter's hut walk. See 400-year-old jarrah trees and during the wildflower season witness nature's display of unique Australian flora. Browse in the Fine Wood Gallery, which showcases some of the finest woodwork in Western Australia.

Departs: 8.30am Returns: 5.30pm

Cost: \$95.00 Adults \$45.00 Children

Evening

Dinner at the Bluewater Restaurant, overlooking the river with views of the City of Perth, for all delegates and partners. Dress smart casual.

Saturday, 25 October 2003

No set activities have been arranged for this day, so a leisurely walk around the city of Fremantle enjoying the local markets, arts and crafts, galleries etc may take your fancy. Or maybe a walk to Esplanade Park to enjoy some of Ciccerello's famous fish and chips on the grass whilst watching the boats sailing into the harbour.

**All tours depart and return to the
Esplanade Hotel Fremantle**

Section 1: Personal Details

Surname _____ Title _____ Given Name _____

Organisation _____

Address for Correspondence _____

City/State _____ Post Code _____ Country _____

Telephone (_____) _____ Facsimile (_____) _____

Mobile telephone contact _____

Email _____

Name as you wish it to appear on your name badge _____

Dietary/Special requirements _____

Section 2: Registration Fee (Final day for Registration - 14 October 2003)

Full Meeting Registration (5 Days 21- 25 October) :

(Full Meeting Registration or Registration for Tuesday-Thursday includes 2004 ISOM membership and newsletter.)

	Before 31 July	After 31 July	Payment
<input type="checkbox"/> Medical Specialist	A\$750.00	A\$900.00	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Allied Health Professional	A\$600.00	A\$750.00	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Specialists in Training	A\$600.00	A\$750.00	_____

Or selected days as follows

<input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday 21 October – ISOM / ASSHP	A\$200.00	A\$250.00	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday 22 October – ASSHP / ISOM	A\$200.00	A\$250.00	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday 23 October – ISOM / OMGA (Half Day)	A\$100.00	A\$125.00	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday 23 October – Restaurant Lunch followed by Swan River Cruise, Afternoon tea /Kings Park	A\$120.00	A\$120.00	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Friday & Saturday 24-25 October – ADIPS Medical Specialist	A\$250.00	A\$300.00	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Friday & Saturday 24-25 October – ADIPS Allied Health OR Specialist in Training	A\$200.00	A\$250.00	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Friday 24 October – Maternal Fetal Medicine	A\$200.00	A\$250.00	_____

Subtotal of Section 2 - Registration Payment A\$ _____

Note: Each **Full Day** Registration includes Morning Tea, Lunch, & Afternoon Tea but does NOT include the cost of any Dinners – see Section 3 for details. Registration for Tuesday 21 October includes opening breakfast at the Maritime Museum at 7.30am. **Registration to the ASSHP Only** components on Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday morning are available at \$200 before 31 July and \$250 after 31 July. Last day for Registration is 14 October 2003.



Section 3: Social Functions**Payment**

- Dinner at Matilda Bay Restaurant – **Tuesday 21 October** – A\$110.00 per person _____
Name of any guest attending with you (Cost A\$110.00) _____
- BBQ Dinner poolside at the Esplanade Hotel – **Wednesday 22 October** – A\$65.00 per person _____
Name of any guest attending with you (Cost A\$65.00) _____
- Dinner at the Bluewater Restaurant – **Friday 24 October** – A\$110.00 per person _____
Name of any guest attending with you (Cost A\$110.00) _____

Subtotal of Section 3 - Social Function Payment A\$ _____**Section 4: Partners Program – Please provide name/s** _____

- Half Day Perth Tour – **Tuesday 21 October** – A\$35.00 Adult, A\$10.00 Child _____
- Visit Perth Zoo – **Wednesday 22 October** - A\$70.00 Adult, A\$35.00 Child _____
- Lunch/Swan River Cruise/Kings Park – **Thursday 23 October** - A\$120.00 _____
- Dolphin & Forest Discovery Tour – **Friday 24 October** - A\$95.00 Adult, A\$45.00 Child _____

Subtotal of Section 4 - Partners Program Payment A\$ _____**Section 5: Summary of Payment**

Subtotal of Section 2 - Registration Payment A\$ _____

Subtotal of Section 3 - Social Function Payment A\$ _____

Subtotal of Section 4 - Partners Program Payment A\$ _____

Total payment Enclosed A\$ _____

Cheques should be made payable to ADIPS and in Australian Dollars Only**Credit card payment:** (Please Circle Card Type) **Bankcard** **Mastercard** **Visa Card**

Credit Card Number _____

Card Holder's Name _____ Expiry Date on Card ____/____

Signature of Cardholder _____

Send form and payments to: MAP2003 Meeting Secretariat, c/- Ms Suzie Neylon, 145 Macquarie Street, Sydney NSW 2000 Australia Tel: (61) 02-9256 5462 Fax: (61) 02-9251 8174 Email: sneylon@racp.edu.au

Note that this registration form and the details of this meeting are on the web at:
<http://www.racp.edu.au/asshp/map2003>

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Cheque \$ _____ Credit Card \$ _____ Processed _____

Invoice required _____ Invoice Sent _____ Receipt Sent _____



Medicine and Pregnancy 2003

Fremantle, Western Australia October 21-25

ACCOMMODATION BOOKING FORM ESPLANADE HOTEL FREMANTLE

A special negotiated accommodation rate of \$140.00 per night (inclusive of GST) has been negotiated with the Esplanade Hotel Fremantle for the Medicine and Pregnancy 2003 Conference, to be held from Tuesday, 21 to Saturday, 25 October 2003. This rate is applicable for a standard single, double or twin share room. Suites are also available, ranging from \$210.00 - \$370.00 per night. (For further information regarding suites, please contact the hotel direct.) Please complete the form below and return to the Esplanade Hotel Fremantle to secure your reservation.

NAME: TITLE FIRST NAME SURNAME
(Prof/Dr/Mr/Mrs/Ms)

NAME(S) OF ACCOMPANYING PERSON(S): _____

ORGANISATION: _____

ADDRESS: _____

Postcode: _____

Telephone: _____ Facsimile: _____

Email: _____

ARRIVAL DATE: / /2003 ARRIVAL TIME: _____
(Please note: rooms are available from 2.00pm onwards)

DEPARTURE: / /2003 (Please note: checkout time is 11.00am)

TYPE OF ROOM: SINGLE DOUBLE TWIN or SUITE

NO. OF GUESTS IN ROOM: _____

SMOKING NON-SMOKING (Subject to availability)

SETTLEMENT OF ACCOUNT: CASH CREDIT CARD: _____

Number: / / / / Expiry Date: / /

CONTACT PERSON: _____ SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: / /

ACCOMMODATION RESERVATIONS CAN BE BOOKED BY THE FOLLOWING OPTIONS:

Email: reservation@ehf.com.au

Telephone: +618 9432 4000

Fax: +618 9432 4836

Toll Free No.: 1800 998 201

Post to: Reservations, Esplanade Hotel Fremantle, PO Box 1102, Fremantle, Western Australia, 6160
Visit the Esplanade Hotel Fremantle at www.esplanadehotelfremantle.com.au

Alternative Accommodation

Harbour Village Quest Apartments

Challenger Harbour
Mews Road
Fremantle
Ph: +618 9430 3888
Fax: +618 9430 9800
Email: harbourvillage@questwa.com.au

Fully equipped luxury one, two and three bedroom apartments are available. They sleep from 2 to 6 people and overlook either Fishing Boat Harbour or Challenger Harbour. The apartments are situated across Esplanade Park, a 5 minute walk from the Esplanade Hotel. Apartments range in price from \$158 to \$257 per night. Most 2 bedroom and all 3 bedroom apartments have two bathrooms.

A complimentary Breakfast Basket containing Cereal, Eggs, Bread, Milk, Tea, Coffee and Condiments is provided on the day of arrival, thereafter Milk, Tea and Coffee will be replenished on a daily basis.

All apartments are serviced 6 days per week, Monday to Saturday.

Fishing Boat Harbour

Apartments have a fully equipped kitchen, laundry, dining, lounge and private balcony with a view East to Fishing Boat Harbour and the town of Fremantle.

Challenger Harbour

Apartments have a fully equipped kitchen, laundry, dining, lounge and private balcony with views West to the Indian Ocean.

Visit www.freofocus.com.au for more information

Qantas Air Travel

We are pleased to announce Qantas has been appointed official airline for the Medicine and Pregnancy 2003 Conference.

A special conference airfare offering a discount of up to 40%* off the full economy airfare (excluding taxes) at the time of booking has been negotiated for this conference. These discounts are valid on *Qantas domestic scheduled services subject to group class availability at time of booking. Should the *40% discount economy class fare not be available on a required flight, the fare may be upgraded to the next available economy class conference fare ie: 30% and 10% discounts.

*Conference Airfares are not available on Qantaslink (Sunstate Airlines) to/from the following ports: Thursday Island, Whitsunday Connection (South Mole, Daydream, Shute Harbour, Hayman Island).

Please quote your Association Profile Number, which is: 3571020 destination and date of conference when making your reservation.

Please note that the application discount is available for domestic travel within Australia only and is subject to payment and ticketing conditions.

Qantas is proud to be a part of your conference, and know you will enjoy flying with us.

The Qantas Association Sales telephone number for Australian delegates is:

TOLL FREE: 1800 684 880

International delegates can contact their local Qantas office for the best available fare of the day.

Visas

Most visitors to Australia require the following documentation:

Valid passport

Appropriate Australian Visa

For information on Visa requirements, contact the nearest Australian Embassy, your travel agent or visit www.immi.gov.au/allforms/formlist.htm.

General Information

Location

MAP2003 will be held at the Esplanade Hotel, 46 Marine Terrace, Fremantle, Western Australia.



Weather

October is Springtime in Western Australia. The woolly jumpers are coming off and wildflowers are blooming all over the state. The days are bright and sunny but the nights can often be a little cool. Light to medium weight clothing is recommended to ensure you stay comfortable throughout the day, and perhaps a coat for the evening.

Fremantle hosts an average temperature range of 12-20°C (54-68°F) with approximately 11 days of rain and an average rainfall of 42mm for the month.

Currency

Australian currency is decimal (dollars and cents). Notes come in denominations of \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50, and \$100, while coins are produced in 5c, 10c, 20c, 50, \$1 and \$2 denominations. With 1c and 2c pieces now out of circulation, shops round their bills up or down to the nearest 5c on cash sales, but credit/debit card sales are charged at the exact amount of the sale.

Banks are open from 9.30am – 4.00pm Monday to Thursday and 9.30am – 5.00pm on Fridays. Automatic Teller Machines (ATMs) are readily available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Currency exchange facilities are available at city banks, major hotels, Thomas Cook offices, American Express offices, Perth International Airport and Foreign Currency Exchange.

Most major credit cards (Visa, Bankcard, MasterCard, American Express and Diners Club) are widely accepted throughout the State, but not generally at small grocery shops.

Tipping is not necessary in Western Australia.

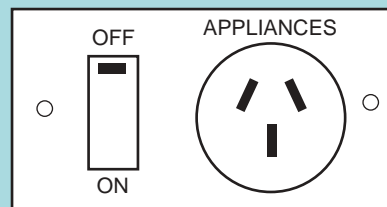
Language

English is the official language of the conference.

Electricity

The electrical current in Australia is 240/250 volts AC 50Hz. The Australian three-pin power outlet (as pictured) is different from many countries, so an adaptor may be needed.

Multi-voltage appliances and adaptors are readily available in department stores and at many luggage shops.



Time Zones

Western Australia is on Western Standard Time (WST), which is eight hours ahead of GMT.

Transport Information

Trains

The Transperth train system provides a quick and easy way to get around. You can travel from Perth to Fremantle in around 30 minutes, stopping all stops. There are also express services at peak hours, while services are reduced on the weekends and public holidays. All services originate from Perth station.

Tickets are purchased on the platforms from ticket machines which take coins only, and give you change. There are note changing machines at some stations.

Buses

The Perth central business district and suburban areas are well connected by buses. These services are also linked to the train timetable to allow connection to/from train services. Buses run daily from 6am to 11.30pm with reduced services on weekends and public holidays. There is also a free bus service, the Central Area Transit (CAT) system which operates around central Perth and Fremantle.

Taxis

We recommend taxis to and from the airport. The approximate cost to Fremantle will be A\$45.00.

Quarantine

To protect our agriculture and wildlife, Western Australia has strict guidelines as to what food, plant and animal material/products can be brought into the state. To find out more information, visit the Western Australian Quarantine and Inspection Services' web site: <http://www.aqis.gov.au/>.

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