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# WELCOME TO MELBOURNE

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE PREMIER

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On behalf of the Victorian Government, I wish to express my best wishes for a successful and productive conference on the Reduction of Drug Related Harm. I warmly welcome delegates once again to Melbourne.

The Bracks Government's approach to alcohol and drugs is strongly based on the harm minimisation philosophy that has underpinned drug policy in Australia since the mid 1980s. The benefits of this approach have now been clearly demonstrated - health benefits for individuals, social benefits for communities and economic benefits for society as a whole.

Victoria's drug strategy brings together health, police, justice and education authorities to oversee an integrated package of initiatives and ongoing programs. A particular focus in recent years has been effort to more strongly involve local communities, engage vulnerable groups and to achieve a good fit between prevention, treatment and enforcement efforts.

The particular priority that we place on prevention and harm minimisation is reflected in the establishment in 2001 of the

Premier's Drug Prevention Council. The Council provides authoritative advice based on international research to help to keep Victoria at the forefront of harm reduction programs.

Ongoing research and policy development is vital to meeting the challenges that we face in reducing the massive impact that drug use continues to have on individuals, families and communities. The drug problem is also a global issue and this conference plays an important and well established role in the international sharing of experience.

I congratulate the conference organisers and delegates for their hard work and dedication to this issue and wish all participants well in their deliberations.

**Hon Steve Bracks MP**  
Premier of Victoria

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## WELCOME FROM THE LORD MAYOR OF MELBOURNE

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On behalf of the City of Melbourne, it gives me great pleasure to welcome you to our World Health Organisation accredited Safe Community.

As with many other capital cities around the world, Melbourne is not exempt from the impact of drug related harm and associated issues. The challenges facing us in Australia and in the global community when dealing with the consequences of drug use are becoming more complicated and complex with each passing year.

The conference title "*Minimising the Harm: Maximising the Impact*" reflects the vision held by the City of Melbourne in addressing drug related harm. Minimising harm and maximising the impact of harm reduction initiatives has been a major priority of the City of Melbourne.

Our own drug related strategies are based on the concept of Harm Reduction in line with State and Federal Government objectives that aim to reduce the social, economic and health related harm in partnership with other levels of government, service providers and the community.

The 15th International Conference on the Reduction of Drug

Related Harm provides an opportunity for us as concerned individuals in a professional capacity to share knowledge, expertise and effective strategies. It highlights both evidence based and innovative work, encompassing progressive scientific evidence and social research. Importantly, the conference brings together effected communities and consumers together with practioners, researches and policy makers to facilitate new approaches and perspectives.

I hope you enjoy your stay in Melbourne for the duration of this eminent international conference and encourage you to take the opportunity to explore the exceptionally diverse culinary and cultural amenities that the City of Melbourne has to offer.

**John So**  
Lord Mayor

# WELCOME TO THE 15th ICRDRH

## WELCOME FROM THE INTERNATIONAL HARM REDUCTION ASSOCIATION (IHRA)

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It is my great pleasure to welcome you to our 15th conference which will take place for the third time in Australia. It is also the second time the event has been held in the great city of Melbourne.

IHRA is pleased to renew its partnership with the Australian Drug Foundation which has organised the previous conferences in Australia. This year we are joined by the Centre for Harm Reduction at the Burnet Institute, also based in Melbourne, as a joint organiser. Once again we have the co-sponsorship of UNAIDS and WHO, who have provided funding for scholarships for delegates from the developing world and members of drug user organisations. The International Harm Reduction Development Program has once again been generous in the provision of funds for delegates from Central and Eastern Europe. To them and all of

our other sponsors we express our gratitude.

I am confident that Melbourne will build on the success of last year's event, held in Chiang Mai. I hope you enjoy your stay in Melbourne and I hope that the conference will fulfill the expectations you have of it.



**Pat O'Hare**  
Executive Director  
International Harm Reduction Association

## WELCOME FROM THE CONFERENCE DIRECTORS

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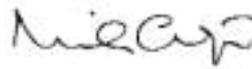
We are delighted that our two organisations have been honored in being asked to host and organise this conference. The conference represents a great deal of hard work over the past two years by many people. We would like to acknowledge the support, skill and commitment of these people – especially Kymberlee Senior and Simon Baldwin who have been responsible for most aspects of the administration and program development support respectively. The paid and volunteer conference team can be proud of the event that is being staged.

We have both been fortunate in attending many conferences in this series over the years. We are always encouraged by the vibrant debate both within formal sessions and at other times. This is the strength of this event – a mixing of many viewpoints from many disciplines. We hope that this conference continues a very strong tradition that respects the rights of everyone and recognises that those who use drugs, and those who choose not to, have an equally valid right to participate in policy and practice

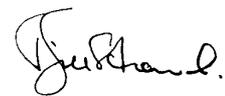
debate. Harm reduction is as much about drugs as it is about human rights.

We hope the conference continues to provide leadership in drug policy that values evidence over speculation; that supports pragmatism over belief; that places human life above political or religious imperatives. As the conference theme indicates – we know what makes a difference and what works. We now need to gain the will to maximise the impact of these policies and practices.

We urge you to participate fully; give us your feedback; and most of all – enjoy your time in Melbourne.



**Nick Crofts**  
Conference Director



**Bill Stronach**  
Conference Director



# WELCOME TO THE 15th ICRDRH

## WELCOME FROM THE CONFERENCE PROGRAM DIRECTOR

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Dear Conference participants

May I extend a very warm welcome to you on the occasion of the 15th International Conference on the Reduction of Drug Related Harm. An excellent group of people in Melbourne, assisted by national and international experts, are bringing you an excellent conference. This is the key major international conference on harm reduction and I hope that the program has something within it for all of you.

The conference is a unique event. It brings together all aspects of harm reduction including science and research, advocacy, commentary and view point, policy analysis and harm reduction practice. It brings together people from all over the world working in an extremely wide range of settings to promote and introduce harm reduction approaches to reducing drug and alcohol related harms. This conference is a major opportunity to hear new ideas, to engage in debate and discussion.

The Program Committee has developed a large program which we hope will satisfy the interests of all participants. This year we have been overwhelmed with the number of abstract submissions, indicating the popularity of this conference, but also

making the task of the Program Committee that much harder. It is great to see how, over the years, people come to this conference from more and more countries and how the quality and range of debate continues to develop.

This conference is a major undertaking and would not occur without a huge amount of effort on the part of many individuals and organisations. I would like to thank all those who've worked over the past two years to put this program and this event together including the Melbourne conference team, the Program Committee, the abstract reviewers and all those who helped to plan sessions. Finally I would like to thank all the speakers and poster presenters who have chosen this conference as the opportunity to bring their insights and experience to this meeting.

**Gerry Stimson**  
Program Director

# COMMITTEE MEMBERS

## EXECUTIVE PROGRAM COMMITTEE

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Simon Baldwin	Suresh Kumar	Gerry Stimson	Alison Ritter
Dave Burrows	Annie Madden	Bill Stronach	

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# PROGRAM INFORMATION

## 15TH ICRDRH CONFERENCE PROGRAM

The 15th International Conference on the Reduction of Drug Related Harm scientific program covers a wide range of topics, bringing together cutting edge science with activism, policy and practice and people from different cultures in an environment designed to facilitate information transfer and partnership building.

This year we were faced with the difficult task of selecting the best material from a record number of submitted abstracts. Compared to previous years the conference program has grown significantly, with over 80 sessions and 300 papers being presented, as well as numerous posters. A major focus in the design of the program has been to facilitate discussion and interaction between speakers and delegates. Along with developing a comprehensive training program, we have introduced a new session called a Special Interest Symposium to the program which significantly increases potential discussion time.

A major focus of the 15th ICRDRH is the role of law enforcement in harm reduction, and the building of partnerships between law enforcement and other sectors in ameliorating harm related to drugs.

Also new this year is the Film Fest. The Conference Organisers were overwhelmed by the high quality and the diversity of the films submitted. Over 60 films were submitted to the Film Fest this year with submissions ranging from short info-commercial type material through to feature length films.

The Film Fest component of the program includes the chaired Film Symposium where presenters will give a short presentation and be available for discussion at the conclusion of their film screening. The Film Lounge is intended to be a more informal screening of films where delegates can view the material throughout the afternoons.

Another aspect of the program worth highlighting is the posters presentations. Posters will be displayed for two days allowing delegates plenty of time to view the high quality material. Authors of posters will be available for consultation during the dedicated poster viewing times on Thursday and Saturday.

The conference program includes a variety of presentation types including:

**MAJOR SESSION– SYMPOSIUMS:** Major Session – Symposiums provide an opportunity to delve more deeply into a particular subject. There are four major sessions following morning tea, each with four to five presenters.

**POSTER PRESENTATIONS:** A poster presentation is a visual presentation. Posters will be exhibited in You Yang 6 and will be on display in two separate groups for two days ie 'up' Wednesday morning, 'down' Thursday evening or 'up' Friday morning and 'down' Saturday evening. Extended lunch periods on Thursday and Saturday allow delegates time to view posters. During these times, poster presenters will be standing by their presentations in order to discuss their work with other delegates and answer any questions.

**ROUND TABLES or SKILLS SHARING SESSIONS:** These presentations are designed to encourage debate and discussion between a panel of speakers and the audience. They address a specific topic with each speaker having 5 – 7 minutes to present his/her views. The facilitator encourages debate amongst speakers and the audience.

**SPECIAL ISSUE SYMPOSIUMS:** This presentation type is a new format for this conference. These sessions will address a special issue from a variety of view points. On the completion of speaker presentations, speakers will form a panel and discussion will be encouraged with the audience.

**SYMPOSIUMS:** A conventional chaired oral presentation. Several speakers have 12-15 minutes each, with questions at the end of the session.

**FILM FEST LOUNGE:** The Film Fest Lounge will be open at the conference venue every afternoon Wednesday-Saturday. It will show harm reduction films and training material submitted from around the world. The Film Fest Lounge will be relaxed and informal and people can come and go as they please.

**FILM FEST SYMPOSIUMS:** The Film Fest Symposium is a selection of the very best material submitted for the 15th ICRDRH Film Fest. Films will be screened in 1.5 hour chaired sessions. Each film will be followed by a brief presentation by those involved in the film's creation.

**TRAINING SESSIONS:** Training sessions will take place every afternoon Wednesday-Saturday. Some training sessions have limited attendance. Please consult the 15th ICRDRH Registration and Information Desk.

**NOTE: all presentations and posters are shown by first author.**

### *Important information for presenters*

#### **Presenters' Acknowledgement to the Wurundjeri People**

The conference will be held on land which is part of Wurundjeri country, the traditional lands of the Wurundjeri

people. When visiting Wurundjeri land, it is a courtesy to pay your respects to the Wurundjeri people.

The Conference Organisers would be grateful if, at the beginning of your

presentation, you make a brief statement 'to acknowledge the traditional owners of this land'.

Thank you.

# WELCOMES

## **Bienvenida a los invitados provenientes de países de habla hispana**

Es con gran placer que damos calurosamente la bienvenida a nuestros invitados de países de habla hispana a la 15<sup>o</sup> Conferencia Internacional de Reducción de Daños Asociados a las Drogas. Estamos satisfechos de poder ofrecer traducción simultánea de las sesiones plenarias y otras sesiones que tendrán lugar en el Teatro John Batman durante la conferencia. Habrá

también un Escritorio de Consulta en Español situado en el Atrium donde voluntarios hispano hablantes podrán asistirlo sobre sus requerimientos acerca de la Conferencia y sobre Melbourne en general. Se dispondrá de algunos materiales traducidos. Los voluntarios hispano hablantes están también a disposición de los ponentes para asistirlos, de ser requeridos, al momento de las preguntas en sus presentaciones. Le deseamos una conferencia exitosa y esperamos sinceramente que disfrute su estadía en Melbourne.

## **Мы рады приветствовать наших гостей из стран СНГ на 15-ой Международной Конференции по Борьбе с Наркотической Зависимостью.**

Во время пленарных и других заседаний, проводимых на конференции в театре Джона Батмана, будет осуществляться синхронный перевод. Кроме этого, в фойе вас ожидает информационный стенд на русском языке, где русскоговорящие ассистенты ответят на интересующие вас

вопросы по поводу конференции и о Мельбурне в целом. Так же, вы сможете получить часть материалов конференции уже переведенных на русский язык. Русскоговорящие ассистенты помогут докладчикам понять вопросы, которые могут быть заданы после доклада, если в этом будет необходимость.

Мы желаем вам успешного проведения конференции и приятного времяпрепровождения в Мельбурне!

## **Chào mừng các vị khách từ Việt Nam**

Chúng tôi rất hân hạnh nồng nhiệt đón chào các vị khách từ Việt nam tới dự hội nghị quốc tế lần thứ 15 về hạn chế tác hại liên quan đến ma túy. Chúng tôi rất vui mừng có thể thực hiện việc dịch đồng thời sang tiếng Việt nội dung trưng trình toàn thể cũng như các trưng trình khác được tổ chức ở nhà hát John Batman trong suốt thời gian hội nghị. Ngoài ra còn có bàn tư vấn Việt nam được đặt ở phòng chính ở đó

sẽ có các tình nguyện viên người Việt sẵn sàng giúp đỡ khi các đại biểu cần những thông tin về hội nghị và về thành phố Melbourne. Một số tài liệu sẽ được dịch sang tiếng Việt. Nếu được yêu cầu, những tình nguyện viên Việt nam cũng có thể trợ giúp các đại biểu về ngôn ngữ trong thời gian các đại biểu khác đặt câu hỏi về đề tài được trình bày. Chúng tôi chân thành mong các đại biểu có một hội nghị thành công và thích thú với cuộc sống ở Melbourne.

## **欢迎来自中国的客人：**

我们很荣幸欢迎中国的客人参加第15届减轻毒品有关的伤害国际会议。整个会议期间，我们为JohnBatman礼堂里安排的各场大会全体会议提供同步翻译服务。在Atrium设有中文问

询台，讲中文的义工会解答您有关大会或关于墨尔本的疑问。还会备有一些中文资料。在您讲演提问期间，如果您需要，讲中文的义工会给予口译的帮助。我们希望这是成功的会议，并真诚地希望您在墨尔本度过愉快的时光。

## **Selamat datang kepada para tamu dari Indonesia**

Merupakan kegembiraan besar bagi kami untuk menyambut dengan hangat tamu kami dari Indonesia pada 15th International Conference on the Reduction of Drug Related Harm. Dengan senang hati kami tawarkan layanan penerjemahan langsung pada sesi plenary dan sesi lainnya yang diselenggarakan di John Batman Theatre selama konferensi berlangsung. Ada juga 'Indonesian Advice Desk' yang terletak di

Atrium dimana para relawan berbahasa Indonesia akan membantu anda menjawab pertanyaan umum seputar konferensi dan Melbourne. Beberapa materi yang telah diterjemahkan juga akan tersedia. Relawan berbahasa Indonesia akan hadir untuk membantu presenter menerjemahkan pertanyaan yang muncul apabila dibutuhkan. Ruang sembahyang akan tersedia selama konferensi berlangsung. Kami berharap kesuksesan menyertai anda dalam konferensi ini dan berharap agar anda dapat menikmati masa tinggal anda di Melbourne.



## **ANNUAL AWARD FOR THE BEST PAPER PUBLISHED IN IJDP BY A YOUNG AUTHOR**

The *International Journal of Drug Policy* (IJDP), Elsevier and the International Harm Reduction Association (IHRA) are pleased to announce the winner is David Bewley-Taylor for his paper 'Challenging the UN drug control conventions: problems and possibilities' *International Journal of Drug Policy*, 2003, 14, 2, pp 171-179

This award will be presented at the Plenary Session on Saturday 24 April, at which David Bewley-Taylor speaks on this topic as an IJDP sponsored plenary speaker.

## **INTERNATIONAL HARM REDUCTION ASSOCIATION (IHRA) MEDIA AWARD**

The IHRA Media Awards are made for honest and courageous

reporting of issues related to the reduction of drug related harm. The 2004 award will be presented in the Plenary Session (John Batman Theatre), Thursday 22 April.

The 2003 IHRA Media Award Recipient (14th ICRDRH, Chiang Mai, Thailand) was I Wayan Juniarta, journalist with the Jakarta Post, Indonesia, for his reporting of drug issues in Asia.

## **INTERNATIONAL HARM REDUCTION ASSOCIATION (IHRA) FILM FEST AWARD**

The inaugural IHRA Film Fest Award will be awarded at the 15th ICRDRH to the best audio visual material submitted in the Film Fest.

IHRA is pleased to announce that *Hi Dad* by Theresa Wynnyk and Sherry McKibben from Canada is the inaugural winner of the IHRA audio visual award.

## ***Rolleston awards***

Every year at the International Conference on the Reduction of Drug Related Harm the Rolleston Awards, an International and National Award (host country), are given to someone who has made an outstanding contribution to harm reduction.

The awards are named after Sir Humphrey Rolleston who said that indefinite administration of morphine or heroin would be permitted for those 'in whom a complete withdrawal ... produces serious symptoms that cannot be treated satisfactorily under ordinary conditions of practice' and for those who are 'capable of leading a fairly normal and useful life so long as they take a certain quantity, usually small, of their drug of addiction but not otherwise'.

These comments were part of the Rolleston Report, commissioned by the Ministry of Health, Departmental Committee on Morphine and Heroin Addiction, in the United Kingdom 1926.

### ***Rolleston oration***

The Rolleston Oration is delivered at the International Conference on the Reduction of Drug Related Harm by an invited speaker who has played a significant role in the development of drug policy and practice consistent with harm reduction principles.

The 2004 Rolleston Orator is the Hon Dr Neal Blewett AC, former Australian Minister for Health and currently patron of the Alcohol and other Drugs Council of Australia.

His oration will be delivered as part of the opening plenary session on Tuesday 20 April 2004 in the John Batman Theatre.

### **PREVIOUS WINNERS**

#### **International Rolleston Award**

- 1992 Dave Purchase (on behalf of North American Syringe Exchange)
- 1993 Ernie Drucker
- 1994 Alex Wodak
- 1995 Anne Coppell
- 1996 Aaron Peake
- 1997 Luigi Ciotti
- 1998 Nick Crofts
- 1999 Jean-Paul Grund
- 2000 Pat O'Hare
- 2001 Fabio Mesquita
- 2002 Ethan Nadelmann (USA)
- 2003 Ambros Uchtenhagen

#### **National Rolleston Award**

- 1992 Les Drew (Australia)
- 1993 Wijnand Mulder (Netherlands)
- 1994 Catherine Hankins (Canada)
- 1995 San Giuliano Unità di Strada (Italy)
- 1996 The Australian IV League
- 1997 Alain Mucchielli (France)
- 1998 Tarcisio Andrade (Brazil)
- 1999 André Seidenberg (Switzerland)
- 2000 Mike Wavell (Jersey)
- 2001 Jimmy Dorabjee (India)
- 2002 Tatja Kostnapfel-Rihtar (Slovenia)
- 2003 Mae Chan Project (Thailand)

# SPECIAL EVENTS & SATELLITE MEETINGS

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### 15TH ICRDRH RECEPTION

The 15th ICRDRH Reception will be held on Tuesday 21 April at Atlantic South Wharf, from 7:00pm until 9:00pm. Beer and wine will be provided free of charge from 7:00pm-8:00pm. From 8:00pm-9:00pm a cash bar will operate. Spirits are available for the entire Reception at bar prices. Finger food, soft drinks and entertainment will also be provided. Entry to the reception is included in delegate registration fees. Travel partners, spouses, friends, etc may attend for AUD\$35 per person (accompanying person fee).

### AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL COUNCIL ON DRUGS PARTNERSHIP BRIEFING

(Thursday 22 April 2004, 5.00-6.00pm, Crown Casino)

This briefing will discuss the Australian Government's response to reducing the harm caused by drugs in our community. A particular focus will be given to policing and law enforcement and the importance of developing partnership approaches with the health sector to deal with drug issues. BY INVITATION ONLY

### AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL COUNCIL ON DRUGS RECEPTION

(Thursday 22 April 2004, 6.00pm-7.30pm, Crown Casino)

This Australian National Council on Drugs sponsored reception will provide an informal environment to network with other law enforcement professionals who are involved in drug related issues. BY INVITATION ONLY

### CLUB THC

The conference planning group has been working hard to ensure delegates have a wide variety of exciting after conference activities to choose from. One of these activities is the conference club, "Club THC". Club THC is the *unofficial* conference venue and derives its name from the location where it will be held, the Trades Hall Council.

The Trades Hall Council is situated on the corner of Lygon and Victoria Streets in Carlton and has a long history of support for working class social movements and demonstrations.

Club THC offers conference delegates a place to go with a relaxed atmosphere, from 8.00pm until midnight every night from Wednesday 21 to Saturday 24 of April. Club THC will bring together an eclectic mix of music, art and theatre as well as user culture in a comfortable environment allowing delegates and their friends to unwind after the formalities of the day. There is a cash bar with a range of reasonably priced drinks.

Highlights at Club THC will include art exhibitions; a nightly performance of a play by local playwright Phil Motherwell and produced by Lindzee Smith, "Smack Happy"; music from some of the Harm Reduction founding fathers, including Jimmy Dorabjee

and Pat O'Hare; and open mic sessions, allowing the budding artist time in the lime light.

We look forward to seeing you at Club THC!

## SATELLITE MEETINGS

The **1st Global Needle/Syringe Exchange and Outreach (NEO) Workshop** will be held on Monday 19 April 2004 at the Melbourne Convention Centre. This workshop will bring together people working in the field of needle/syringe programs and outreach from around the world. It will encourage and foster shared learning and establish collaborative relationships between needle/syringe and outreach workers globally.

The NEO Workshop is managed by the Centre for Harm Reduction at the Burnet Institute in conjunction with Anex (Association of Needle and Syringe Programs) and is supported by a grant from Foundation Open Society Institute (Zug).

The joint sitting of the **UN Regional Taskforce Meeting and 3rd World Health Organisation Bi-Regional Partners Meeting** will discuss the topic of HIV/AIDS and drug dependence treatments in prisons/closed settings with the aim of reaching a united and coordinated response to these issues.

It will be held at the Melbourne Convention Centre from Monday 19 to Tuesday 20 April 2004.

The **2nd East to East Meeting** will focus primarily on the ways in which health, law enforcement and criminal justice sectors can work together to address HIV/AIDS among injecting drug users in Eastern Europe and Central and East Asia.

This satellite meeting is managed by the Centre for Harm Reduction at the Burnet Institute with the support of the DFID China UK HIV/AIDS Prevention and Care Project, Family Health International and International Harm Reduction Development.

It will be held at the Melbourne Convention Centre on Tuesday 20 April.

**The Australian Needle and Syringe Program – Exposed! (OzNSP) Workshop** is an opportunity to experience first hand how Needle and Syringe Program services (also known as needle exchange) are delivered.

OzNSP will be held at the Melbourne Convention Centre on Tuesday 20 April. An abstract for this training session is contained in the 'Abstracts' section of this handbook.

**Drug Users Meeting:** Saturday 17 – Sunday 18 April, 10.00am - 4.00pm. Venue: TBC

**VIVAIDS** will host welcome drinks, music, food and an exhibition of drug user magazine art on Saturday 17 April.

**BBQ on the river** on Sunday 18 April- this event will be at the cost of \$5.00 per person and BYO drinks.

**Partnerships Event** – Friday 23 April, 6.00-8.00pm (pre-dinner event). Sponsored by AIVL, VIVAIDS, Reckitt Benckiser and ASP Plastics. BY INVITATION ONLY.



# GENERAL INFORMATION

**15TH ICRDRH REGISTRATION AND INFORMATION DESK:** A permanent Registration and Information Desk is located in the Melbourne Convention Centre Lobby, Level 2. This desk will be staffed by 'event management' students from the Northern Melbourne Institute of TAFE who are kindly volunteering their services.

**ACCOMMODATION:** Best of Victoria, the official conference travel group, are able to assist delegates with all with their accommodation needs. The Best of Victoria Desk is located in the Atrium, Level 3.

**AIVL ROOM:** The AIVL Room is a space for delegates who identify as illicit drug users to relax between conference sessions, network with their peers on an international level, share information and ideas and generally have a confidential space to meet other people who use illicit drugs. All delegates who identify as illicit drug users are encouraged to make use of the AIVL Room. The Conference Organisers ask that the confidential nature of this space be respected by all 15th ICRDRH delegates. Refreshments and facilities for the AIVL Room are sponsored by the Australian Injecting and Illicit Drug Users League (AIVL).

**BANKING:** Automatic Teller Machines (ATM's) operate 24 hours a day and are located at the Melbourne Exhibition Centre (Concourse level) and the World Trade Centre, corner of Flinders and Spencer Streets as well as various points throughout the city. Banking hours are generally 9:30am-4:00pm, Monday to Thursday and 9:30am-5:00pm on Friday. The majority of banks handle travellers' cheques and provide currency exchange services.

**BUSINESS CENTRE:** The business Centre is located next to the Clarendon Street entry of the Melbourne Exhibition Centre. At this facility delegates have access to a public facsimile and copying services (charges apply). Hours of operation are 8:30am-5:00pm (Monday-Friday).

**COAT AND BAG ROOM:** The Melbourne Convention Centre will staff a Coat and Bag Room, located in the Atrium, Level 3.

**CONFERENCE SATCHELS:** A conference satchel will be provided when registering at the conference. The Organising Committee hopes that delegates will endorse the decision to support a drug user organisation in Nepal, who manufactured these satchels and generated some funds to maintain their programs.

**CURRENCY:** Foreign exchange is available at most banks as well as the currency exchange desk at the Melbourne Airport and major hotels, including the Melbourne Holiday Inn. All major credit cards and travellers' cheques are widely accepted.

**DELEGATES LIST:** You will receive a delegates list with your satchel and name badge when registering at the conference.

**DEPARTURE TAX:** No tax (Australia's Passenger Movement Charge) is to be paid upon your departure from Australia since it

has been prepaid with your airline ticket. There may be other government, airport and sea taxes and levies applicable which are usually included in your ticket.

**DISABLED ACCESS:** Elevators reach all rooms at the Melbourne Convention Centre and can be accessed via the Spencer Street entrance as well as on Level 2, 3 and 4. Disabled toilets are situated on Level 2 and behind the You Yang Suites, Level 3.

**EARLY BIRD SHOW:** The Early Bird Show will take place from 8:30am-9:00am in the John Batman Theatre. An early morning, entertaining wake up, it will feature live interviews with conference delegates and informal panel discussions.

**EXHIBITIONS:** Exhibitions are located in You Yang 6, Level 3.

**GOOD AND SERVICES TAX (GST):** A Goods and Services Tax (GST) applies to most goods and services in Australia. The rate of GST is 10%. A Tax Refund Scheme (TRS) allows departing overseas passengers to claim back GST paid on goods that will be taken out of the country. To claim the refund passengers must spend over AUD\$300 in one store, have a tax invoice and have purchased the goods. Downtown Duty Free stores offer a range of GST-free goods.

**INTERNET CAFÉ:** The Internet Café is located in You Yang 6, Level 3. Use of the Internet Café is complimentary to 15th ICRDRH delegates. All PC's in the Internet Café have been provided by Hewlett Packard Australia. Delegates are asked to limit their time at the Internet Café and abide by any requests from the conference volunteers who are supervising this facility.

**LANGUAGE:** The official language of the conference is English. Simultaneous interpretation will be available in the John Batman Theatre in Russian, Spanish, Vietnamese, Mandarin Chinese and Bahasa Indonesian. Headsets can be obtained at the entrance to the John Batman Theatre. Please return these as you exit the Theatre.

Volunteers will also be available on request to assist bi-lingual presenters with interpreting during the question time of the session in which they are presenting.

Five Language Desks (Russian, Spanish, Mandarin Chinese, Vietnamese and Bahasa Indonesian) will be staffed by volunteers throughout the conference. Volunteers are able to provide advice and assistance in these five languages.

**LUNCHESS AND MORNING/AFTERNOON TEA:** Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea will be served in You Yang 6, Level 3 each day of the academic program (Wednesday – Saturday).

**MEDICAL:** Treatment for delegates who require substitution therapies can be arranged during the conference. Prescribing will be managed by Dr David Jacka (Fax: +61 3 9411 3500) and dosing at the World Trade Centre Pharmacy (WTCP), corner of Spencer and Flinders Street; ph: +61 3 9629 3142, fax: +61 3 9629 3143. Dosing will cost AUD\$5 per day while in Melbourne.

The WTCP is open Monday-Friday, 8.30am-5.00pm and Saturday, 9.00am-11.00am. The following services are also available at the WTCP: Doctor, Dentist, Physiotherapist, Pathology, Radiology and Podiatrist.

**MESSAGES AND FAXES:** Messages for conference delegates can be left by telephoning +61 3 9235 8700. The fax number for delegates wishing to receive incoming faxes is +61 3 9205 6404. Please request that incoming faxes state the 15th ICRDRH as well as the delegate's full name and organisation. All incoming messages and faxes will be posted on the Message Board located in the Atrium, Level 3. Delegates are asked to check this board at regular intervals.

**NAME BADGES:** Delegates are requested to wear their name badges at all times. Please assist us to recycle your name badge by returning the name badge back to administrative staff at the 15th ICRDRH Registration and Information Desk at the conclusion of the conference.

**NEEDLE AND SYRINGE PROGRAMS:** Information on needle and syringe programs is available at the Anex exhibition booth, located in You Yang 6 or the AIVL Room. For confidential information please contact DirectLine on 1800 888 236.

**PARKING:** Undercover car parking is available at the Melbourne Convention Centre 'Wilson Car Park' and is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Entrance is off Siddeley Street (accessed via Flinders Street) and delegates entering the car park prior to 10:00am are eligible for the Early Bird Rate of AUD\$8 per day with the maximum fee being AUD\$20, for all day parking (prices correct as of March 2004).

**PRAYER ROOM:** A prayer room is available for Islamic delegates. The Prayer Room is located in the Bridge Organisers Office, Level 3.

**PROGRAM CHANGES:** The Conference Organisers will not be held responsible for any changes in the program due to external or unforeseen circumstances. Last minute program changes will be posted on a special notice board in the Atrium, Level 3.

**PUBLIC PHONES:** A coin-operated public phone is located in the foyer of the Holiday Inn Melbourne which adjoins the Melbourne Convention Centre Lobby, Level 2.

**SPEAKER PREPARATION ROOM:** The Speaker Preparation Room is located in the Bridge Registration on Level 3. All PC's in the Speakers Preparation Room have been provided by Hewlett Packard Australia.

**TIPPING:** Tipping while appreciated is not required in Australia.

**TRANSPORT:**

**TRAMS:** There are two tram stops outside the Melbourne Convention Centre. Tram number 12, 96 and 109 travel along

Clarendon Street and service the CBD, whilst tram number 70 runs along Flinders Street stopping on the north side of the Melbourne Convention Centre. Trams run every 6-8 minutes during peak times (7am-9am, 4pm-6pm) and every 10-12 minutes between 9am and 4pm.

The City Circle Tram Loop provides a free and convenient way to get around central Melbourne. The City Circle tram runs along Flinders Street to the Docklands and along LaTrobe and Spring Streets every ten minutes from 10:00am-6:00pm daily.

**TRAINS:** Both Spencer Street and Flinders Street Stations are within walking distance from the Melbourne Convention Centre.

- Spencer Street Station: corner of Spencer Street and Flinders Street.
- Flinders Street Station: corner of Flinders Street and Swanston Street.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Those wishing to travel on trains, trams or buses must purchase and validate a 'Metcard'. Metcard's may be purchased from vending machines at train stations, newsagents displaying the 'Metcard' flag and on trams and buses.

**TAXIS:** Taxi ranks are located at the Melbourne Convention Centre (Level 2), Spencer Street and Flinders Street Stations and the Crown Entertainment Complex as well as all major hotels within the CBD area.

**TRAVEL AGENT:** Best of Victoria, the official conference travel group, are able to assist delegates with all with their travel and tours needs. The Best of Victoria Desk is located in the Atrium, Level 3.

**VOLUNTEERS:** Volunteers are available throughout the conference to provide delegates with general advice and assistance. Volunteers are easily identifiable in their white 15th ICRDRH volunteer t-shirts. If you have any queries, conference volunteers are more than happy to assist. The 15th ICRDRH Organising Committee gratefully acknowledges the generous support and assistance of volunteers.



# VENUE INFORMATION

## ADDRESS DETAILS

Melbourne Convention Centre  
Corner Spencer and Flinders Street  
Melbourne Vic 3001

TELEPHONE: +61 3 9205 6400

## LOCATION OF ROOMS

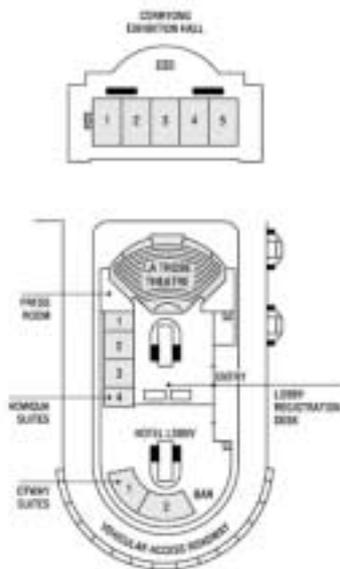
LEVEL 2:  
Corryong Rooms (access via Level 3)  
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Melbourne Convention Centre Lobby (15th ICRDRH Registration and Information Desk)

LEVEL 3:  
Atrium  
Bridge Organisers Office  
Bridge Registration  
John Batman Suites  
John Batman Theatre  
You Yang 1 – 6  
You Yang Suites

LEVEL 4:  
Bellarine Rooms  
Green Room

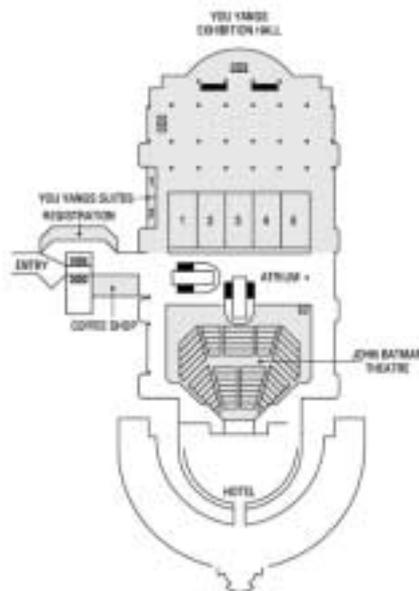
The Melbourne Convention Centre is a **Smoke Free** venue.

## Conference venue layout



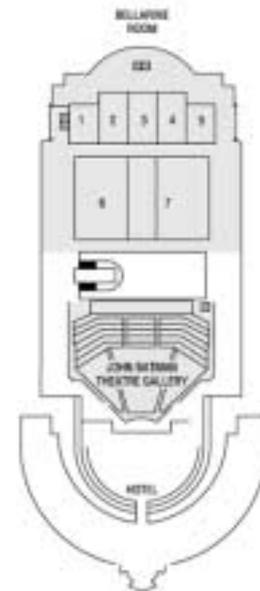
### LEVEL 2

- Y Lobby for Melbourne Convention Centre.
- Y Otway and Howqua Suites provide six small meeting rooms.
- Y Press Room.
- Y 434 seat La Trobe Theatre.
- Y Corryong Exhibition Hall, which is divisible into five rooms.
- Y Under floor services include, telephone, electricity and computer cabling.



### LEVEL 3

- Y You Yang Exhibition Hall provides 2,021 square metres of meeting and exhibition space and can extend further to encompass the Atrium and John Batman Theatre. This theatre provides 1,499 fixed seats and has the ability to transform from fixed mode to flat floor, seating 2,300 people.
- Y Under floor services include compressed air, water, telephone, electricity, and computer cabling.
- Y You Yang Suites 1 and 2 provide meeting facilities for Conference and Exhibition Organisers.



### LEVEL 4

- Y The Bellarine Room divides into a maximum of seven rooms. Functions can range through a variety of sizes, from dinner for 50 to a cocktail reception for 2,400 people. This area can also be used for additional exhibition space if required.
- Y Under floor services include compressed air, water, telephone, electricity, and computer cabling.

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## **ALCOHOL EDUCATION AND REHABILITATION FOUNDATION**

The estimated financial cost of alcohol misuse in Australia is estimated at AUD\$7.5 billion per year. Road accidents, crime, family violence, health care costs, costs to businesses, mental disorders, suicides and drowning are all social problems impacted by the misuse of alcohol. The symptoms of alcohol misuse makes it the most dangerous drug in our community.

The Alcohol Education and Rehabilitation Foundation (the Foundation) was established to address the issues around alcohol and licit substance misuse. The Foundation has quickly become a leader in providing strategic grants to organisations within the alcohol and other drug sector.

The Foundation has supported over 260 projects worth in excess of AUD\$46 million dollars since we began in January 2002, and over AUD\$25 million of those grants have been made to youth and Indigenous programs.

The Foundation has a unique and innovative grants program that works at the heart of the issues facing Australia's alcohol and other drug sector. To achieve the Foundation's goals four primary funding areas were identified:

- Treatment and Rehabilitation
- Prevention and Public Education
- Scholarship and Workforce Development
- Research

Already the Foundation has achieved significant results in the all areas and the Annual Report of 2002/2003 is testimony to the difference the Foundation is making in the Australian community.

Like most things however, the Foundation's funding is not limitless. As part of the commitment to making a difference in the Australian community the Foundation is establishing a public fund to ensure the work continues well into the future.

Unlike other not-for-profit organisations, the unique infrastructure means that no money donated to the Foundation will be used for administrative purposes. All money donated to the Foundation will go directly back to the sector and into the projects where it is desperately needed.

For more information about the Alcohol Education and Rehabilitation Foundation contact the Secretariat on 61 2 6122 8600, or visit the Foundation's website at [www.aerf.com.au](http://www.aerf.com.au)

**The Conference Organising Committee is grateful to the Alcohol Education and Rehabilitation Foundation for their support for the conference as the Premier Sponsor.**



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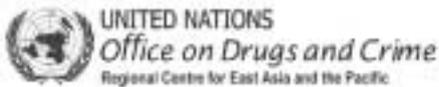
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AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL COUNCIL ON DRUGS



*Homeless and Drug Dependency Trial*

