

International Urogynecological Association (IUGA) and the International Continence Society (ICS)

# Joint Annual Meeting Proposal

## IUGA - ICS 2015

### Sydney, Australia



#### **AUSTRALASIAN INVITATION TO SYDNEY 2015 (AUGUST 25-29)**

Sydney is one of the world's most beautiful cities and one of the world's most popular tourist destinations. The Chairmen and the IUGA-ICS Sydney Bid Committee, in conjunction with the Continence Foundation of Australia, invite you to consider Sydney as the host city for the Joint Annual Meeting in 2015. Sydney has a great reputation for organizing big events – Sydney 2000 Olympic and Paralympic Games, Rugby World Cup 2003, APEC World Leaders Summit 2007 and World Youth Day 2008.

The Bid Committee incorporates a wide and extensive experience in IUGA and ICS events (Chairmen from two

previous meetings) amongst other major international congresses. They are fully supported by Business Events Sydney (BESydney) and its partners: the New South Wales Government, the City of Sydney Council, the Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre, Events New South Wales, and the city's business and tourism industry.

#### **OUR COMMITMENT**

The IUGA-ICS Sydney 2015 Bid Committee will ensure the highest quality and topical scientific program, stunning harbour-side social functions, destination security, plentiful accommodation and financial success.



## CONFERENCE VENUE

### SYDNEY CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION CENTRE (SCEC) - a world-class harbourside facility

Sydney is a magnificent venue for a congress. With its vibrant lifestyle, magnificent scenery and state-of-the-art infrastructure, Sydney plays host to many international events and never fails to delight. Darling Harbour forms part of our larger Sydney Harbour, recognised as one of

the world's most beautiful waterways. SCEC is the focal point in the magnificent Darling Harbour precinct. Only moments from the heart of Sydney's city centre and 8kms from the airport, the SCEC and Darling Harbour precinct are pedestrian friendly and accessible by ferry, water taxi, train, bus, car, light rail and monorail. The Darling Harbour precinct offers a range of accommodation, entertainment and leisure options, all within walking distance of SCEC.

### PROPOSED DATES: AUGUST 25-29 (week before Spring)

At the end of August, Sydney warms up quite quickly. The climate is ideal for enjoying Sydney's outdoor lifestyle. Average temperatures reach a high of 19°C/66°F and a low of 10°C/50°F.

### CONGRESS CHAIRMAN - BERNIE HAYLEN 18 IUGA / 18 ICS meetings attended

A/Prof Bernie Haylen is a Urogynaecologist based at St Vincent's Clinic, Sydney, with a conjoint appointment at the University of New South Wales. He has Chairmanship appointments at Departmental and Hospital Medical Staff levels.

He chairs the IUGA Terminology Committee, first authoring two Joint IUGA-ICS terminology documents. He was a member of the IUGA International Board (2000-2004).

He has a 24 year research commitment to female voiding dysfunction with publications on many other topics. He is a

member of the IUJ Editorial Board. He has previous ASM Committee Membership - 1995 ICS ASM (Congress & Scientific); 2012 IUGA ASM. He has joint membership.

### CONGRESS CO-CHAIR - VINCENT TSE 4 IUGA / 5 ICS meetings attended

Dr Vincent Tse is a Urologist, based at Concord Hospital, Sydney, and a Clinical Senior Lecturer at the University of Sydney. He has a Master of Surgery on Detrusor Ultrastructure / Dysfunction. He completed his Fellowship at the University of California Davis, in Sacramento. He has an extensive research and publication history.

He has joint membership and has presented regularly at ICS (1997 to 2011), WHO Incontinence Consultations (2001, 2004) and IUGA (2007-2011). He has been an invited speaker and surgeon nationally and abroad. He is a member of the Editorial Board of Aust NZ Continence Journal and Pelviperineology. He has a "best surgical teacher" award, Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (RACS). He has research interests related to bladder dysfunction.

## PATRONS

Prof Ted Arnold, Dr James Gibson, A/Prof Richard Millard

## IUGA-ICS 2015 BID COMMITTEE MEMBERS

### UROLOGISTS

Ted Arnold, Prof (N.Z.) ICS ASM Chair 2006. 3 IUGA / 31 ICS meetings attended. ICS member and Trustee  
Richard Millard, A/Prof ICS ASM Chair 1995. 2 IUGA / 26 ICS meetings attended. ICS member  
Vincent Tse, Dr 4 IUGA / 5 ICS meetings attended. Joint membership

### UROGYNAECOLOGISTS

Chris Bennes, A/Prof\* IUGA International Board Member previously. 19 IUGA / 12 ICS meetings attended. Joint membership  
Chris Maher, A/Prof\* IUGA ASM Chair 2012. 18 IUGA / 12 ICS meetings attended. Joint membership  
Bernie Haylen, A/Prof 18 IUGA / 18 ICS meetings attended. Joint membership

### PHYSIOTHERAPIST

Helena Frawley, Dr 3 IUGA / 10 ICS meetings attended. Australian Physiotherapy Representative to IUGA.  
ICS Committee Chair. Joint membership

### SCIENTIST

Elizabeth Burcher, Prof 2 IUGA / 7 ICS meetings attended. ICS member

### CONTINENCE FOUNDATION AUSTRALIA (CFA)

Barry Cahill, Mr CFA CEO. 3 IUGA / 7 ICS meetings attended. Joint membership

### NURSING REPRESENTATIVE

Jan Paterson, Prof 2 IUGA / 8 ICS meetings. ICS Nursing Committee Member

### \*SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES

## HONORARIES

A/Prof Pauline Chiarelli, Prof Peter Dwyer, Dr Jenny King, Dr Bill Lynch, A/Prof Kate Moore





## **DESTINATION – SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA**

Built around the attractions of a working harbour, Sydney is the capital of New South Wales. Sydney is the largest and most dynamic economy in the country, with a highly skilled, multi-lingual workforce and quality lifestyle.

Combining stunning scenery, a harbourside location, beautiful beaches, a great climate, state-of-the-art event venues, facilities and infrastructure, Sydney offers organisers and delegates an unforgettable experience! Over the last five years, Sydney has regularly hosted successful medical conferences of up to 6000 delegates.

Sydney is famous for its fine dining, attracting internationally-renowned chefs and benefiting from a multicultural nation, as well as an abundance of fresh, local produce, especially seafood. Sydney is surrounded by national parks, mountains, golden beaches, world class wineries, and dynamic regional centres sprinkled throughout the State, ready for delegates to explore. The Hunter Valley is Australia's oldest and one of its most well-known wine regions. Home to more than 120 wineries, the region is situated around two hours drive from Sydney.

Several attractive locations are a short flight from Sydney, including the Great Ocean Road in Victoria and the wineries of South Australia to the south; the Great Barrier reef in Northern Queensland and Ayers Rock, in the "Red Centre". Delegates may also wish to take the opportunity to visit New Zealand, which is a three hour flight to the east of Sydney.

## **ACCESS**

Sydney is easily accessible to all delegates with over 40 passenger airlines operating scheduled services to Sydney International Airport and over 500 flights arriving per week. Flying to Sydney from Los Angeles takes approximately the same time as it takes to fly to Hong Kong or London. Sydney's

destination appeal and Australia's geographical location are proven to attract visitors and delegates from the Asia Pacific Region (75 per cent of the world's population) with more than half the international visitors to Sydney originating from Asia.

## **ACCOMMODATION**

For delegates, the central location of the Convention Centre means that a wide range of accommodation options to suit all budgets, are available in one area. With over 5,000 hotel rooms within 15 minutes walking distance of the Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre, travel costs to and from the venue are minimal. Sydney's serviced apartments provide a convenient cost-effective option for delegates travelling with family members or colleagues.

## **SUPPORT**

The IUGA-ICS Sydney 2015 Bid is supported by:

- Continenence Foundation of Australia
- Australian Nurses For Continence
- Royal Australian & New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists
- Urogynaecological Society of Australasia
- Australasian Gynaecological Endoscopy and Surgery Society
- Urological Society of Australia and New Zealand
- Australian Physiotherapy Association
- New Zealand Physiotherapy Association
- New Zealand Continence Association

## **SOCIAL VENUES**

Sydney offers an exciting and unique range of specialty function venues. Below are just some options, many overlooking Sydney Harbour. Restaurants at The Rocks and Luna Park both have prime views of Sydney's world renowned icons, Sydney Harbour Bridge and Sydney Opera House as per the table below.

Event	Venue	Setup	Capacity
President's Dinner	Luna Park, Crystal Ballroom (Harbourside location)	Banquet	300
Welcome Reception	Wildlife World and Sydney Aquarium, Darling Harbour (Harbourside location and short walk to the Convention Centre)	Cocktail	3225 (1525 and 1700 respectively)
	Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre, Darling Harbour	Cocktail	3500
Gala Dinner	Dockside Restaurants at the Rocks, Campbell's Cove	Banquet	1310
	Moore Park facilities:		
	Hordern Pavilion and Royal Hall of Industries	Banquet	4000 (1500 plus 2500)
	The Dome, Sydney Olympic Park	Banquet	4000
	The Big Top, Luna Park	banquet	1100



# Join us in Sydney.....2015

August 25-29, 2015 – week before Spring - warm and sunny



Sydney Harbour  
Bridge

Sydney Opera House

City Centre

water taxi/ferry wharf

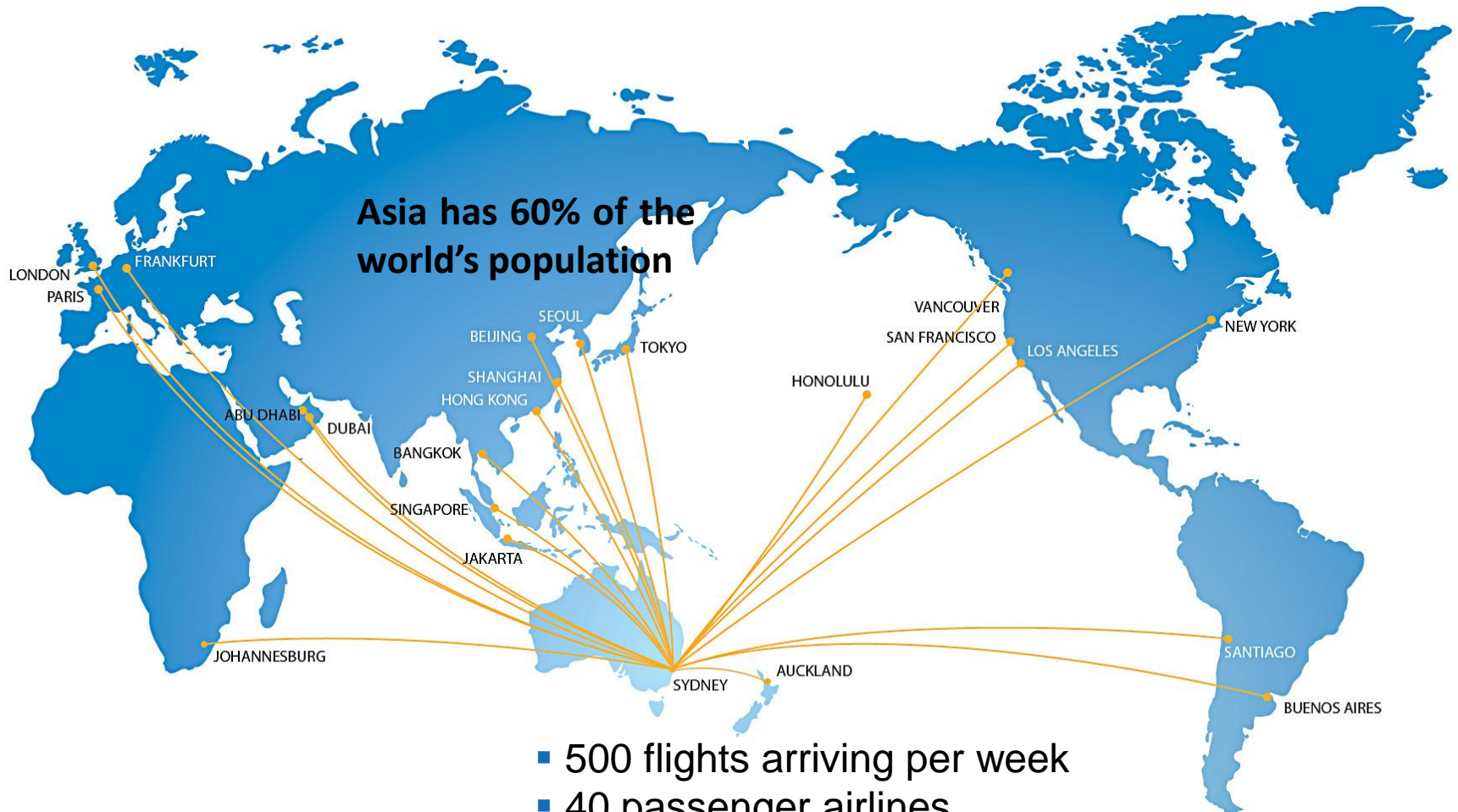
Congress Precinct  
Darling Harbour

Convention Centre





# Highly Accessible



# Social Venues



## President's Dinner

Crystal Palace, Luna Park



## Welcome Reception

Wildlife World and Sydney Aquarium  
or the Convention Centre



## Gala Dinner

Restaurants of the Rocks, Sydney  
Harbour



# Sydney and New South Wales Activities



**Manly Beach**



**Bridge Climb**



**Koala Park**



**Hunter Valley**



# See you in Sydney!

- World City • Secure • Organized

