



XXIV World Congress of OMEP

World Organisation for Early Childhood Education, 0 – 8 years

One World: Many Childhoods

Strengthening Early Childhood International Links

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The Carlton Crest Hotel



Registration Brochure

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It is with pleasure that I extend to you a warm invitation to attend the **XXIV World Congress of OMEP** – the World Organisation for Early Childhood: Birth to 8 years – which is to be held in Melbourne, Australia in July 2004. We welcome OMEP members from every affiliated country around the world to attend this important event, as well as early childhood practitioners, academics, government officials, policy makers, medical practitioners, nurses, lawyers, community groups, parents and advocates.

The Congress is the first international gathering on early childhood to be held in Australia and will be conducted in English, Spanish and French. It will provide a significant Australian and international platform to highlight OMEP's concern for young children across the world.

The overall theme of the Congress is **One World: Many Childhoods**. The Congress program will have distinguished international and Australian speakers who will provide opportunities to explore issues such as children in difficult circumstances, innovation in service delivery, indigenous children's needs and services and children's health and social services. You will be challenged to think globally as well as locally about the types of programs delivered to young children.

An Exhibition of Children's Art will be a highlight, and there will be a full program of educational visits for those who are interested in seeing something of the range, excellence and innovation of early childhood programs and services delivered in Melbourne and Australia.

In addition to the Congress activities, Melbourne is world renowned for its many attractions: from fine dining of all the world's cuisines, to shopping, sporting events, arts and culture, and botanic delights. Discover Victoria's breathtaking natural scenery, from desert to snow fields and spectacular coastal views, plus fascinating Aboriginal heritage and unique wildlife.

Make the decision early and plan to come to Melbourne in July 2004. We look forward to welcoming you to the XXIV World Congress in our city.

Sue Harper

National President
OMEP Australia



Congress Patron and Opening Keynote Speakers



Professor
Fiona Stanley, AC

The Patron and keynote Australian speaker for the XXIV World Congress of OMEP 2004 opening is the 2003 Australian of the Year, Professor Fiona Stanley. Internationally acclaimed for her work in child health research, Professor Stanley's professional aim is to secure an Australian commitment to improve significantly the health and wellbeing of children and young people.

Professor Stanley is the founding Director of the Telethon Institute for Child Health Research, a multi-disciplinary research facility that investigates the causes and prevention of major childhood diseases and disabilities. She is the inaugural CEO of the Australian Research Alliance for Children and Youth, a national organisation of researchers, practitioners, and policy makers established to improve the health of Australia's young people.

After graduating in medicine at the University of Western Australia Professor Stanley studied public health and epidemiology in the UK and the USA before returning to Perth to run research programs at the university and the WA Health Department. Her main professional interests include strategies to enhance health and wellbeing; research into the causes and prevention of birth defects and major neurological disorders; the causes and lifelong consequences of low birth weight and other pre and postnatal problems; and patterns of maternal and child health in Aboriginal and Caucasian populations.

Professor Stanley was awarded the Companion of Australia in 1996 and is a member of the Prime Minister's Science, Engineering, and Innovation Council.



Professor
Barnabas Otaala

Professor Barnabas Otaala – the keynote international speaker for the XXIV World Congress of OMEP – trained in Kampala, London, and New York, and divides his work today between Africa and England.

During a 30 year plus career in Early Childhood Care and Development, Professor Otaala has concentrated on the African continent but has also advised at an international level. He has been especially involved as an international adviser in the use of the child-to-child approach developed by the Child-to-Child Trust at the Institute of Education, University of London.

Professor Otaala holds a B.A. (London) degree and a Dip.Ed. (East Africa) from Makerere University, Kampala, Uganda. He also holds M.A. (Developmental Psychology) and Ed.D. (Educational Psychology) from Teachers College, Columbia University, New York (USA).

He was Professor of Educational Psychology and Special Education, Faculty of Education, University of Namibia until the end of December, 1998. During 1995 – 1998, he was also the Dean of Education, University of Namibia.

Professor Otaala has previously worked at Makerere University, Kampala, Uganda; University of Botswana, Gaborone, Botswana; and the National Teachers Training College, Maseru, Lesotho.

He is currently Coordinator of the Unit for Improving Teaching and Learning at the University of Namibia as well as the Chairperson of the University's HIV/AIDS Policy Task Force.

Speaker Profiles



Joanne Donne

Joanne Donne is the National Training Manager for Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters (HIPPY) Australia. She has also worked as Program Coordinator in the first HIPPY program in Australia and then went on to become the National Manager of HIPPY Australia. As a family therapist, Joanne Donne has worked over the past twelve years with children in both an individual and family context. She has also worked as a trainer in the field of family violence, in particular, with children who had witnessed/experienced this form of trauma. Now, via HIPPY, she is interested in the process of community development as a way of effecting positive change for children, families and their local community.



Sally Goold

Dr. Sally Goold, a Wiradjuri woman, was the first Aboriginal registered nurse at the Aboriginal Medical Service, Redfern, Sydney. She is one of the leaders in developing aboriginal nursing training, and has been involved in Aboriginal health and nurse education for many years.

She helped form the Congress of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Nurses (CATSIN) and is now Chairperson. She was awarded the Order of Australia Medal for service to nursing education and aboriginal health in 1986.

In further recognition of her achievements and contributions Dr. Goold was awarded the Royal College of Nursing (Queensland chapter) Distinguished Nursing Award in 2000 and Doctor of Nursing, honoris causa, by RMIT University, Melbourne in 2002.



Dan Halloran

Dan Halloran is a 15 year old Australian whose mother suffered from schizophrenia and depression for most of Dan's childhood. He rebuilt a relationship with her before she died, and is outspoken about the issues involved with having a mentally ill parent. As his aunt says "He's seen a lot of things that not many kids would – his innocence was taken".

Dan appeared on the ABC TV's Australian Story, to describe his experiences with his mother, and there was an overwhelming public response to the program.

He recently fulfilled his mother's wish to write a book for other children in similar situations so they can understand the complicated issues that face them in their young lives.



Elizabeth Jareg

Dr. Elizabeth Jareg has worked with Redd Barna – Save the Children Norway – since 1986, advising on the issues of children affected by armed conflict, focusing on the psychosocial/child development.

She has also advised on program development, advocacy, and evaluation in Ethiopia, Eritrea, Mozambique, Uganda, Zimbabwe, Sierra Leone, Rwanda, Burundi, Cambodia, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Serbia, Bosnia, and Albania.

Dr. Jareg studied medicine at Glasgow University and worked as a psychiatrist at the County Hospital in Vestfold, Norway as head of the department of child and adolescent psychiatry before joining Redd Barna.



Julie Kaomea

Dr. Julie Kaomea is an indigenous, Native Hawaiian assistant professor in the College of Education at the University of Hawaii. She is among a small but rapidly growing number of Native Hawaiian scholars.

Dr. Kaomea has worked and researched collaboratively in a number of Hawaiian educational communities and assists in the initial preparation and professional development of classroom teachers committed to working in Native Hawaiian communities and schools for Hawaiian language immersion.



Ruth Liew

Ruth Liew is an Early Childhood Care and Education consultant and trainer in Kuala Lumpur. She has served many child-related Non Government Organisations including Malaysian Child Resource Institute, and OMEP Malaysia as a volunteer, conducting and planning parent and children's programs.

Currently, she is working on two community projects, Read-Aloud Project and Peace Education. Ruth Liew has also been a regular columnist on Parenting and Child Care on a local national daily, *The Star*.

Speaker Profiles



Roland Edgar Mhlanga

Dr. Roland Edgar Mhlanga, Chief Director, Maternal, Child, and Women's Health and Nutrition in the South African Department of Health, is passionate about women's and children's health, ethics, and youth development. He has spent years working in rural areas providing specialist support.

He obtained his MB ChB from the University of Natal Medical School in 1978, worked in rural areas for two years, and then completed postgraduate studies in Maternal, Child Health, Obstetrics and Gynaecology.

Dr. Mhlanga became a Fellow of the College of Obstetrics and Gynaecology of South Africa and then worked again in rural areas before studying for a Masters in Public Health at the University of North Carolina and joining the Department of Health in 1995.



Dorothy Scott

Assoc. Prof Dorothy Scott is a social worker with clinical experience in the field of child welfare and maternal mental health in which she has helped to pioneer innovative models of service delivery. For the past 20 years she has taught and researched in the School of Social Work at the University of Melbourne, and more recently has been the CEO of one of Australia's largest philanthropic foundations.

Her recent books include "Beyond Cruelty, Historical Perspectives on Child Protection" and "Qualitative Research in Practice". Professor Scott has led a number of inquiries and reviews into child protection in Australian states and participated in advisory councils on children's services.



Peter Norden

Fr. Peter Norden is the Policy Director of Jesuit Social Services in Melbourne, and has worked extensively with the many disadvantaged individuals and groups in the general community. He is committed to a more just and cohesive society.

Ordained a Jesuit priest in 1981 Peter Norden has been both the chaplain at the prestigious Jesuit Riverview College in Sydney for bright young students and chaplain at Melbourne's Pentridge Prison – now closed – with many of Australia's toughest criminals.

Peter Norden is involved with assisting the mentally ill, the addicted, families living in difficult conditions in inner city public housing estates, recently released prisoners, and refugee and asylum seekers.



Nazhat Shameem

Justice Nazhat Shameem is a Judge of the High Court of Fiji who has been particularly involved and interested in the way the justice system affects children.

This follows her earlier experience concerning children and the justice system's influence on children's development and behaviour when she operated as chair of Fiji's Coordinating Committee for Children.

From 1984 to 1999 Justice Nazhat Shameem was Director of Public Prosecutions in Fiji after being a prosecutor for ten years. She is a graduate of Sussex University, Cambridge University, and is a Barrister of the Inner Temple in London.



Pamela Oberhuemer

Pamela Oberhuemer works at the State Institute of Early Childhood Education and Research in Munich, specialising in the transition from kindergarten to school, children's views on the family, learning and teaching in multicultural communities, early children education and care policies, and staff training in 15 European Union countries.

She currently contributes to the Federal Government's "National Quality Initiative" on the development of self-evaluation materials for the providers of early childhood services in Germany. She was a rapporteur for the US and Ireland for the recent OECD Thematic Review of Early Childhood Policies.

Pamela Oberhuemer has lectured in Europe, Japan, and the USA and has published widely in English and German. She is a qualified teacher, and is President of the Pestalozzi-Froebel Association, a professional organisation which debates the life quality and early education of young children.

Speaker Profiles



Kathryn Taaffe McLearn

Dr. Kathryn Taaffe McLearn is an American public policy expert and scholar in the field of child development who is a visiting research scientist at the Bush Center for Child Development and Social Policy at Yale. She serves on the executive board of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, and is a member of the Society for Research in Child Development and the New York Academy of Sciences.

From 1995 to 2002 she co-designed a national paediatric initiative called "Healthy Steps for Young Children". Previously she was director of studies for the Carnegie Corporation Task Force, "Meeting the Needs of our Youngest Children".

Dr. Taaffe McLearn directed the Children and Families at Risk program at the Smith Richardson Foundation from 1988 to 1992 and was the assistant director of the Yale Bush Center in Child Development and Social Policy. She received a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing from the University of Iowa, a Master of Science in maternal and child health from the University of Maryland, and a doctorate in developmental psychology from Yale University.



Pam Winter

Dr. Pam Winter is an Early Years Curriculum Policy Officer for the Department of Education and Children's Services, South Australia, leading and contributing to the development of curriculum policy and broader policy and service delivery that impacts on program quality.

She researched curriculum and pedagogy for babies and toddlers in centre based childcare. In recent years she has contributed to the early childhood undergraduate program at the University of South Australia as a subject coordinator, lecturer, and tutor as well as being a contributing author to numerous departmental early years curriculum publications.



J. Leonardo Yáñez

Dr Leonardo Yáñez is a social and child psychologist who has designed, implemented and evaluated programs for Early Childhood Care and Development. He has conducted intercultural qualitative research on child development and ECCD programmes.

He has been the National Director of Initial Education and General Director of Programs for Social Development in Venezuela, and chairman of Basic and Preschool Education Department at the Andrés Bello University, Caracas, Venezuela. He is currently Program Specialist for Latin America programs at the Bernard Van Leer Foundation in the Netherlands.



Pre-Congress OMEP World Council Program

(Only open to OMEP World Executive and National Presidents)

Tuesday 20 July 2004
Time 0900 – 1700

Wednesday 21 July 2004
Time 0900 – 1700

Please Note: Council Program Details will be forwarded to participating delegates closer to the the Congress dates.

Wednesday 21 July 2004

Time	Session
0900 onwards	Pre-Congress Educational Tours
1500 – 1730	Congress Registration Opens
1800 – 1930	Congress Welcome Reception

Thursday 22 July 2004

Time	Session
0800	Registration Opens
0900 – 1015	Opening Ceremony
1015 – 1045	Morning Tea/Trade Exhibition
1045 – 1220	Opening Keynote Addresses Prof Barnabas Otaala Prof Fiona Stanley, AC
1220 – 1230	Official Opening of Children's Art Exhibition Steve Vizard, AM <i>President of the Council of Trustees of the National Gallery of Victoria</i>
1230 – 1330	Lunch/Trade Exhibition
1330 – 1500	Forum I – Child Health and Social Services The Moderator: Prof Frank Oberklaid Dr Kathryn Taaffe McLearn National Center for Children in Poverty, USA Dr Eddie Mhlanga National Department of Health, South Africa Assoc Prof Dorothy Scott University of Melbourne, Australia Prof Fiona Stanley University of Western Australia, Australia
1500 – 1530	Afternoon Tea/Trade Exhibition
1530 – 1700	Concurrent Sessions Forum I – Child Health and Social Services Papers/Workshops
1730	Registration Desk Closes
1900 – 2400	Congress Dinner

Friday 23 July 2004

Time	Session
0800	Registration Opens
0900 – 1030	Forum II – Indigenous Children's Needs and Services The Moderator: Mr Terry Garwood Dr Julie Kaomea University of Hawaii at Manoa, USA Dr Leonardo Yáñez Bernard Van Leer Foundation, Netherlands Dr Sally Goold OAM Queensland Crime and Misconduct Commission, Australia Speaker 4 TBC
1030 – 1100	Morning Tea/Trade Exhibition

Friday 23 July 2004 (continued)

Time	Session
1100 – 1230	Concurrent Sessions Forum II – Indigenous Children's Needs and Services Papers/Workshops
1230 – 1330	Lunch/Trade Exhibition Literary Lunch
1330 – 1500	Forum III – Innovations in Service Delivery The Moderator: Prof Fred Ebbeck Ms Pamela Oberhaumer State Institute of Early Childhood Education & Research, Germany Ms Ruth Liew President OMEP, Malaysia Dr Pam Winter Department of Education & Children's Services, Australia Ms Joanne Donne HIPPIY Program, Australia
1500 – 1530	Afternoon Tea/Trade Exhibition
1530 – 1700	Concurrent Sessions Forum III – Innovations in Service Delivery Papers/Workshops
1730	Registration Desk Closes
1930 – 2130	International Evening

Saturday 24 July 2004

Time	Session
0800	Registration Opens
0900 – 1030	Forum IV – Children in Difficult Circumstances The Moderator: Assoc Prof Dorothy Scott Justice Nazhatt Shameem Justice, High Court, Fiji Dr Elizabeth Jareg Child Psychiatrist, Redd Barna, Norway Fr Peter Norden Policy Director, Jesuit Social Services, Australia Dan Halloran Student/Author, Australia
1030 – 1100	Morning Tea
1100 – 1230	Concurrent Sessions Forum IV – Children in Difficult Circumstances Papers/Workshops
1230 – 1315	Lunch
1315 – 1345	Where do we go from here? Professor Barnabas Otaala & Professor Fiona Stanley
1345 – 1415	Congress Celebration – Hooroo
1415 – 1430	Short Afternoon Tea
1430 – 1630	World Assembly OMEP (OMEP Members) Closing

Social Functions and Educational Program

Bookings are essential for all social events. Please complete the appropriate section of the Registration Form. More information regarding social events can be found at www.omepaustralia.com.au

Inclusive Social Functions

Wednesday 21 July 2004

(Registration is essential as numbers are limited)

Welcome Reception

Parliament House

Spring Street, Melbourne

6.00pm – 7.30pm

Dress: Smart Casual

This event is included in Registration Fee.

Wednesday 21 to
Friday 23 July 2004

Art Exhibition

Private Dining Room, Carlton Crest Hotel

An outstanding exhibition of children's art will be one of the features of the 2004 OMEP Congress.

It will be officially opened by Steve Vizard, AM, President of the Council of Trustees of the National Gallery of Victoria, on the first day of the Congress.

The work has been collected over the past year and a half from kindergartens, schools, and child care centres all over Australia.

It represents all stages of work, from the very early experimental scribbles to the more realistic and sophisticated. The ages of the children whose work is to be exhibited range from 2 years to 8 years.

An illustrated catalogue will be available to purchase, containing reproductions of the work, with explanatory notes.

Optional Social Functions

Thursday 22 July 2004

(Bookings are essential as numbers are limited)

Congress Dinner

Melbourne Aquarium

Cost: \$95 per person

7.00pm – Midnight

Dress: Smart

The Congress Dinner will be the formal social event of the Congress and will be held at the breathtaking Melbourne Aquarium on the banks of the Yarra River. Enjoy drinks amongst the colourful sea life and marine displays. Then move on to the beautiful Coral Atoll for your three course dining experience with floor to ceiling tanks teeming with tropical fish, live coral and sea stars as an engaging backdrop.

The cost of the Congress dinner is \$95.00 and includes drinks, canapés, three course dinner, transport to and from the Carlton Crest and entry into the Aquarium.

Friday 23 July 2004

International Evening

The Carlton Crest Hotel

Cost: \$15 per person

7.30pm – 9.30pm

The five OMEP World Regions will be represented at the *International Night of Culture*. Come and enjoy a night of music, song, dance and a little magic provided by members of our Australian multi cultural community.

Friday 23 July 2004

Literary Lunch

Cost: \$45 per person

Carlton Crest Hotel

Literacy is more than reading a book. Australia has some of the world's most popular children's authors and book illustrators who have inspired and led children into a lifetime's love of books and reading. A special literary luncheon will feature a leading Australian contributor to children's literature. Attendance is limited, so book early and include this cost with your registration fee.

Saturday 24 July 2004

Home Hosted Dinner

The OMEP Members would like to invite international delegates to share in a home meal with some Victorians on the evening of Saturday, 24 July, 2004.

We hope that in this way our overseas visitors will have the opportunity to talk with and share experiences with a range of people involved in children's services.

Places are limited so please book early.

Home Stay Program

There may be opportunities for some delegates to stay in a private home in one of the States or Territories, to have an Australian life-style experience for a few days following the World Congress. If this option is available, please indicate on the registration form if you would be interested in participating.

Educational Tours

To complement the Congress program, a series of half and full day tours have been arranged prior to and following the Congress to enable you to experience some innovative children's programs and services first hand. Programs and services have been selected with community, diversity, inclusion and the celebration of indigenous culture in mind.

Bookings are essential and places are limited. You are required to nominate your choice and forward payment with your registration details.

The cost of each tour is \$30.00 per person for half-day tours (includes coach transportation, admission and refreshments) and for full-day tours \$50.00 per person (includes coach transportation, admission, lunch and refreshments).

All tours will depart promptly from the Congress Venue, at the time nominated for each tour and also return to this point.

Please note: For some tours a minimum number of participants must be achieved. If a tour you have booked has to be cancelled, you will be notified in advance and offered an alternative or a refund. The same will apply if tours are over subscribed.

Wednesday 21 July 2004

Tour A: Early Childhood Services

Time: Full day 9.00 am – 4.00 pm

Cost: \$50.00

Visit a selection of early childhood centres offering flexible, community driven approaches to program delivery including long day care, preschool/kindergarten, occasional care, after-care and maternal and child health services. You will hear about how playing and the telling and sharing of children's stories forms the basis of programs at one centre, providing flexible orientation for new children and incorporating families in the running of the service at another and how a mix of programs for families and children are integrated within the one structure.

Enjoy a hearty lunch at the historic Fairfield Boathouse situated on the banks of the Yarra River overlooking native bush and water birds.

Wednesday 21 July 2004

Tour B: Community Playgrounds – Indigenous Culture and Art

Time: Full day 9.30 am – 3.30 pm

Cost: \$50.00

Visit a range of municipal playgrounds built around individual community inspiration and spirit, including a playground with the needs of families with children with disability as its focus.

Enjoy the delights of the Mia Mia Aboriginal Gallery and Café where visitors will be given the opportunity to discover the meaning,

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expression and passion of past and present aboriginal artists and experience an insight into indigenous culture. Here you will also have the opportunity to relax and enjoy a meal in the beautiful setting of the Westerfolds Park Manor overlooking the picturesque Yarra River Parklands.

Wednesday 21 July 2004

Tour C: All About Books

Time: Full day 9.30 am – 4.00 pm

Cost: \$50.00

Visit the Lady Gowrie Resource Centre, a specialist bookshop and library established to meet the professional development needs of children's services personnel. Hear how the resource centre operates and browse through new releases both nationally and internationally.

Then take in the sites of outer metropolitan and the rural countryside as you travel to the Dromkeen Children's Literature College. Here you will be able to view original artwork from children's picture book's, wander in the gracious gardens and see bronze sculptures of story book characters, and visit the Bookshop which specializes in children's literature and the visual arts. You will also be provided with a refreshing lunch to enjoy in this enchanting setting.

Wednesday 21 July 2004

Tour D: Bilingual & Bicultural Early Childhood Programs

Time: Full day 9.00 am – 4.00 pm

Cost: \$50.00

You will see innovative and quality developmental bilingual child care programs, learn about an Australian perspective on bilingual early childhood education and understand the philosophy of the importance of a bilingual perspective in the early years.

Lunch will be provided at the Multicultural Resource Centre where you will be able to view a range of resources for use in early childhood settings and hear about the work of the Resource centre in championing the rights of our diverse communities.

Wednesday 21 July 2004

Tour E: Outdoor Environments – places for learning

Time: Full day 9.30 am – 4.00 pm

Cost: \$50.00

Spend the day in the wonderful environment of the Royal Botanic Gardens hearing how this historical venue has developed a number of diverse programs offering enjoyment and learning opportunities for families and children.

During the morning you will explore the themed garden areas, engage 'hands on'

in the specially designed 'Early Childhood Program' where you will stimulate the senses of colour, texture, smell, shape and pattern through a sensory approach to learning and understanding.

Lunch will be provided in one of the kiosk areas within the gardens where you can enjoy the delights of others passing through or just bask in the atmosphere.

An afternoon walk will offer an insight into the Australian heritage through a trail highlighting the skills and resourcefulness of the indigenous peoples.

Wednesday 21 July 2004

Tour F: Early Learning Centres

Time: Half day 9.00 am – 1.30 pm

Cost: \$30.00

Many early learning centres have been established in schools throughout Melbourne. You will have the opportunity to visit some of these recently established centres and hear about their philosophy and programs and how the centres operate as part of a larger school environment. You will also see and hear how the Reggio Emilia philosophy of early childhood learning has been made meaningful within the Australian context and how community and tertiary institutions are contributing to the programs.

Wednesday 21 July 2004

Tour G: Royal Children's Hospital

Time: Half day 9.30 am – 1.30 pm

Cost: \$30.00

The Royal Children's Hospital is a specialist children's hospital of world renown delivering a range of innovative programs for sick and recuperating children. On this visit you will see the "school in hospital" program, "play therapy" programs for young children, the TV studio and other innovative programs that enhance the health and wellbeing of children whilst in hospital.

Wednesday 21 July 2004 & Monday 26 July 2004

Tour H: Early Childhood Programs at the Museum

Time: Half day 1.00 pm – 4.00 pm

Cost: \$30.00

Visit the Children's Museum in the new Melbourne Museum Centre. You will hear from an early childhood teacher how the museum operates as an extension program for preschool aged children and view some of the activities offered.

You will also have the opportunity for free entry to the main museum and pause for light refreshments in the vicinity of this exciting new 21st century facility.

Monday 26 July 2004

Tour I: Koori Open Door Education

Time: Half day tour 9.30 am – 1.00 pm

Cost: \$30.00

One of 4 schools in Victoria providing an indigenous education program that focuses on the specific needs of the Koori community. A kindergarten program is also integrated into the school program. The visit will include a tour of the school and discussion about the programs offered together with a glimpse of the art work which forms an integral part of the education program and the links to other programs promoting health and wellbeing in the community.

Monday 26 July 2004

Tour J: Maternal and Child Health-Community Wellbeing

Time: Half day tour 9.30 am – 1.00 pm

Cost: \$30.00

Hear about a new and exciting program that caters for mothers and young children in one of the outer metropolitan suburbs. This Pram Walkers Group meets weekly and walks along the local river track stopping for coffee and generally exchanging experiences and ideas. This session will include morning tea with some of the mothers who will be able to tell you of the benefits of the group. Following this the group will move off to another municipality to learn how a Community Health Centre has developed a program of Vietnamese Health Workers to better meet the needs of the particular community.

Additional Tours may be added closer to the Congress Dates. Please look on the website for updates.



Accommodation and Travel

The Carlton Crest is the Congress venue and offers competitive accommodation rates tailored to suit individual needs. Rooms have also been reserved at special congress rates at the following hotels.

Delegates who wish to book accommodation at the hotel venue should complete the appropriate section of the Registration Form. Accommodation bookings can be accepted by the Congress Office up to **Friday 18 June 2004**. Delegates will need to make their own accommodation arrangements after this date. Rates listed are per room per night and include GST.

Name	Rating	Address	Room Type	
			AUD\$ Rate per room per night	
			Double (one bed)	Twin (two beds)
The Carlton Crest Hotel, Melbourne	4.5	65 Queens Road Melbourne	Standard Room \$110	Standard Room \$110
			Standard Room with breakfast (for up to two people) \$130	Standard Room with breakfast (for up to two people) \$130
			Corporate Room \$140	Corporate Room \$140
			Corporate Room with breakfast (for up to two people) \$160	Corporate Room with breakfast (for up to two people) \$160
			Executive Room \$210 including breakfast for up to two people	
Ramada Hotel & Suites	4.5	604 St. Kilda Road Melbourne (10 minute walk from Congress Venue)	One Bedroom Apartment \$159	Two Bedroom Apartment Suite \$199 (up to 4 guests)
Hotel Claremont Budget Guest House	3	189 Toorak Road South Yarra (10 minutes by tram from Congress Venue)	Standard Room (single only) \$62 with Continental Breakfast.	Twin Room \$72 with Continental Breakfast for one.

Alternative Accommodation

For backpacker accommodation information and bookings please visit the Australian Backpackers website www.backpackerscentre.com

Accommodation Deposit

Please send a deposit of one night's tariff per room to secure a room booking. This deposit must accompany the registration form. Accommodation bookings can only be accepted if accompanied by a deposit. Delegates must settle the balance of their account on checkout.

Change of Booking

Any change to a reservation must be notified in writing to the Congress Office, and not directly to the Hotel.

Hotel Cancellations and Refunds

Unless notification of cancellation is received in writing **thirty** days prior to booking commencement date, the accommodation deposit will be forfeited in all instances. This is a condition set by all hotels on congress group bookings.

Check In Time

The standard check in time at hotels is 2.00pm onwards. If a room is required prior to this time, the Congress Office should be advised. Hotels may otherwise charge an additional day's fee.

Check Out Time

The standard check out time at hotels is 10.00am.

Travel

Air Travel within Australia

Corporate Travel Management (CTM) has been appointed the official travel agency for the Congress. CTM offers special flexible/changeable congress airfares at up to 40% discount in economy class on Qantas services or the best Internet or published airfares available on Qantas and Virgin Blue Airlines. Early booking is advised. To ensure the BEST possible airfare available, ALL delegates are urged to contact CTM on **TOLLFREE: 1800 630 866** or Email: groups@travelctm.com and quote the Congress Code **OMEP2004** when making their travel booking. An on-line booking form is also available from www.travelctm.com/omep2004.htm

International Delegates

International delegates should contact their local travel office for the best available fare of the day.

If arriving on Wednesday 20 July at the Melbourne Airport please look out for our Congress welcoming hosts who will be situated at the Groups and Tours desk located at the International Arrivals Terminal (after you have collected your luggage). The Congress welcoming hosts will be able to assist you with directions and queries.

Local Travel

Getting to the Congress venue From Melbourne Airport

By Taxi: A taxi from Melbourne airport to the congress venue will cost between AUD \$35 – \$50.

By Bus: The Skybus provides an economical way to and from Melbourne Airport and Spencer Street Station. Skybus operates half-hourly services to and from the city between the hours of 5.30am and 11.30pm, then every hour on the hour. The current cost is AUD\$13 per adult (one-way). The telephone number of Skybus is +61 3 9335 2811.

Public Transport by Melbourne's tram service is nearby. The nearest tram stop to the Carlton Crest Hotel is on the corner of Commercial Road and St Kilda Road. From Melbourne City take tram numbers 3, 5, 16, 64 or 67 and alight at corner of Commercial and St Kilda Roads.

Pre and Post Congress Tours

Tropical North Queensland & Central Australia – Pre Congress Tour

Dates: Friday 16 July to
Tuesday 20 July
Cost : AUD \$924 pp
(twin or double share)
AUD \$1111 pp
(single supplement)

The cost does not include air-fares from Cairns to Alice Springs or Ayers Rock to Melbourne.

Friday July 16 2004

Arrive Cairns Airport and transfer to accommodation at Paradise on the Beach Resort, Palm Cove. This beach side resort is set idyllically with a golden sand and palm fringed beach at your doorstep.

Saturday 17 July 2004

Tour of Great Barrier Reef. Meet in reception around 7.45am (time will be confirmed) for the coach connection to the jetty where you'll board the boat. Travel to the outer reef and snorkel and swim amongst the fish and coral. Late afternoon arrival at Paradise on the Beach Resort.

Sunday 18 July 2004

Take a morning flight to Alice Springs in Central Australia and check in to The Diplomat Hotel. Depart for an afternoon tour of Standley Chasm and Simpsons Gap, clefts in the imposing MacDonnell Ranges to the west. The tour concludes at Anzac Hill where panoramic views of Alice Springs are afforded.

Monday 19 July 2004

An early rise for the transfer by road to Uluru (Ayers Rock). Located some 450 kilometres from Alice Springs, the world's greatest monolith rises 348 metres above the desert floor. Arrive early afternoon at campsite and after lunch visit The Olgas, a cluster of massive rounded rocks. Take a walk through the 'Valley of the Winds' before the spectacular sunset viewing of Uluru. Dinner around the campfire and camping accommodation under the stars conclude the day's program.

Tuesday 20 July 2004

Another early rise for sunrise climb of Ayers Rock followed by tour of the base caves. The 1.6 kilometre climb is not for the unfit and is quite strenuous. As it follows an important religious track, the traditional owners prefer that visitors take other discovery walks. Late morning transfer to airport for flight to Melbourne where you'll arrive early evening. Transfer to your accommodation.

Includes: Tour of Great Barrier Reef, four nights accommodation (motel and camping), tour of Ayers Rock, The Olgas and Stanley Chasm, all breakfasts, lunches (not day 4) and dinner (day 3), transfers and gst.

The Tropical North Queensland Central Australia package assumes delegates would fly into Cairns before the first day. We would arrange accommodation at Palm Cove, on the northern beaches 20 minutes from Cairns.

Post Congress

Tour of Werribee Mansion & Open Range Zoo

Sunday 25 July 2004

9.00am – 4.30pm

Cost: AUD\$110

The Werribee mansion, constructed between 1874-1877 is the largest private residence in Victoria. Restored to the splendour of the 1870's and 80's, the collection of furniture and fine art reflects the period of the Chirnside's residence. The mansion sits amidst ten hectares of formal gardens; one of the largest and most spectacular parterre gardens in Australia.

Roaming free in the adjacent Werribee Open Range Zoo are 37 species of African and Australian animals, some of which are endangered. A guided tour over the plains into the river valley will provide opportunities to view at close range some 400 animals from Africa, Australia and Asia.

Includes: Deluxe coach transport, entry to and guided tour of the Open Range Zoo, entry to Werribee Mansion, transporter tour of garden, 2 course lunch, guide, gst.

Great Ocean Road

Sunday 25 July 2004

8.00am – 9.00pm

Cost: AUD\$99

Travel through the surfing township of Torquay before connecting with the Great Ocean Road. At Anglesea see the kangaroos that frequent the golf course before continuing onto the popular holiday township of Lorne. Along this stretch, the dual mix of the ocean and the Otway Ranges is breathtaking. Wind our way along the rugged coast before heading inland through lush rolling hills, rugged rainforest and secluded fern gullies of the Otway National Park.

The 12 Apostles, London Bridge and The Arch are all spectacular remnants of a wave ravaged coastline. At Loch Ard Gorge take a walk down to the beach.

Includes: Deluxe coach transport, 2 course lunch at the Blackwood Gully Tea Rooms, visit to the Port Campbell National Park, guide, gst.

Sydney – Post Congress Tour

Dates: Monday 20 July to
Wednesday 22 July

Cost: AUD \$ 968 pp,
(twin or double share).
AUD \$1309 pp,
(single supplement).

The cost does not include air-fares from Melbourne to Sydney.

Monday 26 July 2004

Take morning flight from Melbourne to Sydney. Transfer to accommodation prior to the luncheon cruise on Sydney Harbour where you'll be introduced to its intriguing history, character and points of interest. Following the cruise you'll travel by coach through the historic Rocks area, the exclusive inner suburbs of Paddington and Double Bay, noted for their quaintly preserved terrace houses, famous Bondi Beach and the red light district of Kings Cross.

Tuesday 27 July 2004

A full days tour that takes in the stunning coastal scenery south of Sydney, native Australian bush, wild dolphins at play and the spectacular Fitzroy Falls. Cruise the pristine waters of Jervis Bay for the opportunity to observe playful pods of wild dolphins.

Wednesday 28 July 2004

Another full day tour to the west of Sydney that encompasses the unsurpassed wilderness, beauty and remote bushland of the Blue Mountains plus panoramic views of rugged cliffs and deep forested valleys. There's also a visit included to the Featherdale Wildlife Park plus private time to walk through pristine bushland, lush ferns and temperate forests.

Includes: Three nights accommodation, breakfasts, city sights and harbour cruise with lunch, dolphin cruise with lunch, Blue Mountains tour with lunch, entry to Featherdale Wildlife Park, deluxe coach transport, transfers to and from the airport, gst.

To book a tour fill in the registration form on page 14. For additional Tour destinations please visit the following websites:

Visit Victoria
www.visitvictoria.com

Visit Melbourne
www.visitmelbourne.com

Australian Tourist Commission
www.australia.com

Tours Pre and Post Booking Form

Please complete and fax or post with payment

Link Tours Pty Ltd has been appointed to manage the tours program for the XXIV World Congress of OMEP. They are a Melbourne based company who have been established for more than 20 years. They will be operating a tour desk for the duration of the Congress. Tours are not included in the registration fee and are to be paid for separately. **Booking and payment for the tours are to be made directly with:**

Link Tours Pty Ltd
294 Montague Street
South Melbourne VIC 3205 Australia

Phone: + 61 3 9699-8422

Fax: + 61 3 9690-2902

Email: info@linktours.com.au

web: www.linktours.com.au

Tour Name	Tour Dates	Cost	No of Tickets	Total Cost
Pre Congress Tour Tropical North Queensland & Central Australia	Friday 16 July to Tuesday 20 July 2004	AUD\$924 pp twin/double share AUD\$1,111 pp single supplement		
Tour of Werribee Mansion & Open Range Zoo	Sunday 25 July 0900 – 1630	AUD\$110.00		
Great Ocean Road	Sunday 25 July 0800 – 2100	AUD\$99.00		
Post Congress Tour – Sydney	Monday 26 July to Wednesday 28 July	AUD\$968 pp twin/double share AUD\$1,309 pp single supplement		

Personal Details

Title: _____ First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Organisation: _____

Telephone (Work): _____ Facsimile: _____

E-Mail: _____

Payment Details

Cheque in Australian Dollars made payable to **Link Tours Pty Ltd** or

Payment can be made (tick appropriate box) Visa Mastercard Amex

Cardholders Name: _____

Credit Card Number: _____ Expiry date: _____

Cardholders signature: _____ Total to be paid: AUD\$ _____

General Information

Registration Information

Congress Fees (please refer to the Registration Form)

(inclusive of GST and in Australian Dollars)

Registration Entitlements

The **full registration** fee entitles congress delegates to the following:

- Attendance at all congress sessions from Thursday 21 July to Saturday 24 July 2004
- Attendance at the Welcome Reception on Wednesday 20 July
- Morning and Afternoon Teas each day
- Lunch each day
- Art Exhibition
- Delegate pack, with program and session materials

The **day registration** fee entitles congress delegates to the following:

- Attendance at congress sessions for the nominated day
- Morning and Afternoon Tea
- Lunch
- Delegate pack, with program and session materials

How to Register

If you would like to pay by credit card you can register online at www.omepaustralia.com.au

Alternatively you can complete the enclosed registration form and return it with your payment to the Congress Office at:

The Meeting Planners
91-97 Islington Street
Collingwood Victoria 3006 Australia
Telephone: +61 3 9417 0888
Facsimile: +61 3 9417 0899
Email: omep@meetingplanners.com.au

Acknowledgement of Registration

All registrations will be acknowledged by email (where possible) with confirmation of requirements according to the submitted registration form and upon receipt of **full payment**. The registration form attached is an approved Tax Invoice by the Australian Tax Office.

Payment

Full payment must accompany registration forms, with cheques/bank drafts made payable to "OMEP Australia". Please print the delegates name and organisation on the back of cheques and bank drafts. Accepted credit cards are Mastercard, Visa, Bankcard, American Express and Diners.

Please note all prices quoted are in Australian dollars (AUD) and include 10% Goods and Services Tax (GST). International delegates can claim the GST component on departing Australia. Payments made over the Internet are to a secure site.

Cancellation and Refunds

Cancellations received in writing by Friday 18 June 2004 will be accepted and fees refunded less \$100 administration fee. Cancellations after this date cannot be accepted, however transfer of registration to another person will be accepted. All cancellations must be notified in writing to the Congress Office.

Registration and Information Desk

The XXIV World Congress of OMEP Registration and Information Desk will be located on Ground Level Foyer and will operate during the hours listed below:

Wednesday – 21 July 2004
3.00pm – 5.30pm

Thursday 22 – Friday 22 July 2004
8.00am – 5.30pm

Saturday 24 July 2004
8.00am – 3.30pm

All registration materials, including name badges, Congress Dinner tickets and Congress Program may be collected from the Registration Desk during the times listed above.

Congress Information

For information about all aspects of the Congress, please visit the congress website at www.omepaustralia.com.au or contact the Congress Office at:

The Meeting Planners
91-97 Islington Street
COLLINGWOOD VIC 3066 AUSTRALIA
Telephone: +61 3 9417 0888
Facsimile: +61 3 9417 0899
Email: omep@meetingplanners.com.au

Congress Venue

The Carlton Crest Hotel
65 Queens Road
Melbourne VIC 3006
Ph: +61 3 9529 4300
Freecall: 1800 633 888
Fax: + 61 9521 3111

Parking

Undercover car parking is available in Wilson's Car Park located at the Carlton Crest Hotel, for a flat fee of \$7.90 per day. Entry is via Lorne Street.

Name Badges

All delegates and speakers will receive a name badge on registration. This badge is the official pass and must be worn to obtain entry to all congress sessions and meals.

Currency Exchange

Please visit: <http://www.xe.net/ucc/> for a currency converter that works with most currencies.

Tipping in Australia

Tipping is not generally a standard practice in Australia, except for in cafes and restaurants in the bigger cities where – 5-10% is the usual.

Customs

Items you must declare on arrival:

When Arriving:

- you should have your passport and completed Incoming Passenger Card ready;
- declare all food (tinned or packaged), plant and animal material;
- follow the Green Channel if you have nothing to declare;
- follow the Red Channel if you have something to declare. Pack all goods you wish to declare in an easily accessible bag to assist with Customs inspection; and
- be honest with Customs.

For more detailed information on what items need to be declared to Customs on arrival in Australia (or departure from Australia) please visit the Customs Australia website:

<http://www.customs.gov.au> or email information@customs.gov.au

Climate

Melbourne enjoys a temperate climate with a cool winter. The average maximum temperature in July is 13°C (55°F) and the average minimum temperature is 6°C (43°F). Delegates travelling further north in the country will experience considerably warmer temperatures. For full details on the weather in Australia visit the site of the Bureau of Meteorology: <http://www.bom.gov.au/>

Visa Information

With the exception of New Zealand citizens travelling on New Zealand passports, all foreign nationals must obtain a visa/ETA before travelling to Australia. (New Zealand citizens are issued with a visa on arrival in Australia.) For information about Visa applications to enter Australia, please visit www.immi.gov.au/visitors/

Please note that applications for Visas must be submitted at least 3 weeks prior to your date of travel. We strongly recommend making an early application for a Visa.

Insurance

Registration Fees do not include personal travel or health insurance of any kind. It is strongly recommended that all Congress Participants arrange their own travel and health insurance. The Congress Committee, Congress Office and The Carlton Crest Melbourne do not take any responsibility for any accident, which may occur whilst attending the Congress.

ATM (Automatic Teller Machine)

ATM machines can be found along all major city streets. The Carlton Crest also has an Eftpos withdrawal service available at reception.

Telephone Information

Public telephones are located within most major hotels and along city streets. They can be coin operated or by phone cards which are available at most newsagents.

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