



# 6th International Conference on Early Psychosis

20-22 October 2008  
Melbourne Australia

Early Intervention - The Next Wave

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## Welcome to Melbourne

On behalf of the planning Committee I am delighted to invite you to attend the 6th International Conference on Early Psychosis, Early Intervention – The Next Wave, between the 20 – 22 October 2008 in the beautiful city of Melbourne, Australia.

The 2008 conference will provide a foundation for discussion on the latest research and clinical developments in early psychosis and consider where the field will develop in the next few years.

National and international speakers will come together to:

- Highlight the latest progress in research and clinical care in early psychosis
- Focus on linkages across diagnostic groups in early intervention
- Consider the relationships between different stages of illness
- Promote further international collaboration and reform

The first international conference focusing exclusively on early psychosis, titled 'Verging on Reality', was held in Melbourne, Australia, in June 1996. At this initial Conference, a strong feeling emerged that an international association was needed to share information about research occurring in different parts of the world. Consequently, in August 1998, the International Early Psychosis Association was officially incorporated in the state of Victoria, Australia.

In 2008, we are excited to bring this meeting back to where it all began – Melbourne, Australia. In this our 6th International Conference we extend the warmest of invitations to you to attend and participate in what will be an excellent opportunity for the sharing of experiences and the exchanging of ideas.

We look forward to welcoming you to the 6th International Conference on Early Psychosis – The Next Wave in Melbourne 20 -22 October 2008.



**Professor Patrick McGorry**  
IEPA2008 Conference Chair



**Dr. Jean Addington**  
IEPA President

## Committees

### Scientific Committee

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## Key Dates

- Abstract Submissions Open: **10 January 2008**
- Abstract Submissions Close: **28 March 2008**
- Notification to Abstract Authors: **20 May 2008**
- Early Bird Registrations Close: **15 June 2008**
- Standard Registration Close: **1 October 2008**
- Closing date for accommodation bookings: **12 September 2008**
- 6th International Conference on Early Psychosis: **20-22 October 2008**

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## Invited Speakers

### Keynote Speakers

#### **Professor Jean Addington (Canada)**

Director of Prime Clinic Centre for Addiction and Mental Health  
University of Toronto, Canada

#### **Professor Anthony A. Grace (United States of America)**

Professor of Neuroscience, Psychiatry and Psychology  
University of Pittsburgh

#### **Professor René Kahn (Netherlands)**

Professor and Chair Department of Psychiatry, Rudolf Magnus Institute of  
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#### **Professor John M. Kane M.D (United States of America)**

Chairman, Department of Psychiatry  
The Zucker Hillside Hospital, Glen Oaks, New York

#### **Professor Jeffrey Lieberman (United States of America)**

Chairman of Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons and  
Director of the New York State Psychiatric Institute, New York

#### **Professor Thomas H. McGlashan (United States of America)**

Department of Psychiatry  
Yale University School of Medicine

#### **Professor S. Charles Schulz (United States of America)**

Head of the Department of Psychiatry  
University of Minnesota Medical School, Minneapolis

#### **Dr. Jean-Paul Selten (Netherlands)**

Associate Professor  
University Medical Centre Utrecht

#### **Professor Lex Wunderink (Netherlands)**

Head of Department of Education and Research  
Friesland Mental Health Services, Leeuwarden / University Medical Center  
Groningen

#### **Associate Professor Alison Yung (Australia)**

Consultant Psychiatrist and Principal Research Fellow  
ORYGEN Research Centre and University of Melbourne Department of  
Psychiatry



## Speaker Profiles



### **Professor Jean Addington (Canada)**

Dr. Jean Addington is a Professor of Psychiatry at the University of Toronto where she heads the PRIME Clinic for young people at high risk for psychosis and the Psychosocial Intervention Service for the First Episode Psychosis Program at the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health.

Since 2003 Dr. Addington was the Vice-President North America for the IEPA. She organized and chaired the 4th IEPA Conference held in Vancouver in 2004. As IEPA President, Dr. Addington brings to the IEPA her experience in developing early intervention services, her interest in integrating psychosocial and medical treatments and her efforts to advance the research, clinical, educational and advocacy priorities of the early intervention movement throughout the world are well-known.



### **Professor Anthony A. Grace (United States of America)**

Anthony A. Grace received his Ph.D. in Pharmacology at Yale University. He is now Professor of Neuroscience, Psychiatry, and Psychology at the University of Pittsburgh. Dr. Grace's research interests lie at the interface of neurobiology and psychiatry. Experiments conducted in his laboratory combine in vivo and in vitro electrophysiological recordings of identified neurons with behavioural and neuroanatomical techniques to study central dopaminergic systems, with the ultimate goal of determining the neurobiological correlates of mental disorders and the modes of action of psychotherapeutic drugs. Dr. Grace has won numerous recognitions for his work, including the Dr. Paul Janssen Schizophrenia Research Award, the Daniel H. Efron Award, and a MERIT award from NIMH. He is also on the advisory board for NAMI, NARSAD, the Schizophrenia Research Forum, and is on the board of

directors for the Schizophrenia International Research Society.



### **Professor René Kahn (Netherlands)**

Dr René Kahn is Professor and Chair of the Department of Psychiatry and Head of the Division of Neuroscience at the University Medical Center, Utrecht, The Netherlands. In 1995 he received a Fulbright Scholarship for study at Yale and subsequently did a Fellowship in Biological Psychiatry at the Montefiore Hospital and Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York. He then moved to the Mount Sinai School of Medicine where he conducted schizophrenia research and became Unit Chief of one of the research units.



### **Professor John M. Kane M.D (United States of America)**

John M. Kane, MD is Vice President for Behavioral Health Services of the North Shore -Long Island Jewish Health System and Chairman of Psychiatry at The Zucker Hillside Hospital. He is Professor of Psychiatry, Neurology and Neuroscience and holds the Dr. E. Richard Feinberg Chair in Schizophrenia Research at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine. Dr. Kane received his B.A. from Cornell University and his M.D. from the New York University School of Medicine.

He currently directs the NIMH-funded Advanced Center for Interventions and Services Research in Schizophrenia at The Zucker Hillside Hospital. He has been a member of the Board of Scientific Counselors for NIMH, and he has served on the council of the American College of Neuropsychopharmacology. He has chaired the NIMH Psychopathology and Psychobiology Review Committee as well as the Psychopharmacologic Drugs Advisory Committee of the Food and Drug Administration.



### **Professor Jeffrey Lieberman (United States of America)**

Chairman of Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons and Director of the New York State Psychiatric Institute, New York

Jeffrey A. Lieberman, MD currently is the Lawrence E. Kolb Chairman of Psychiatry at the Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons and Director of the New York State Psychiatric Institute. He also holds the Lieber Chair and Directs the Lieber Center for Schizophrenia Research in the Department of Psychiatry at Columbia.

Dr. Lieberman received his medical degree from the George Washington School of Medicine in 1975. Following his postgraduate training in psychiatry at St. Vincent's Hospital and Medical Center of New York Medical College, he was on the faculties of the Albert Einstein College of Medicine and Mount Sinai School of Medicine, and served as Director of Research at the Hillside Hospital of Long Island Jewish Medical Center.

Dr. Lieberman's research has focused on the neurobiology, pharmacology and treatment of schizophrenia and related psychotic disorders. In this context, his work has advanced our understanding of the natural history and phenomenology of schizophrenia and its pathophysiological basis, and the mechanism of action and clinical effectiveness of antipsychotic drugs.

In terms of the latter, he currently serves as the Principal Investigator of the Clinical Antipsychotic Trials of Intervention Effectiveness Research Program (CATIE) sponsored by the NIMH. His research has been supported by grants from the National Institutes of Health and the NARSAD, Stanley, and Mental Illness Foundations.



**Professor Thomas H. McGlashan (United States of America)**

Professor Thomas

McGlashan was present at the inauguration of the IEPA Advisory Board in June, 1997, at Stratford-upon-Avon (and traveled to that meeting with Richard Wyatt). He has been on the Board and active in the IEPA ever since. He has attended all of the international meetings, and was responsible for the scientific program of the second meeting in New York.

Tom has been a Professor in the Yale University School of Medicine since 1990. He is now happily engaged in clinical care and clinical research after a decade as CEO of Yale Psychiatric Institute. His learning has included the study of medicine at the University of Pennsylvania, of psychiatry at Harvard, of psychopharmacology research in the U.S. Public Health Service, of schizophrenia's phenomenology at NIH with Will Carpenter, and of schizophrenia's soul at Chestnut Lodge Hospital. He is 66 years old at this writing.



**Professor S. Charles Schulz (United States of America)**

S. Charles Schulz, M.D. performed his

undergraduate training at the University of Southern California where he received a Bachelor of Arts in history. Upon graduation, he attended UCLA Medical School where he received his MD, as well as, his psychiatric residency training. Dr. Schulz then became a clinical associate at the National Institute of Mental Health where he worked in the Neuropsychopharmacology Section at the Clinical Center.

Since 1999, Dr. Schulz has been Professor and Head of the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Minnesota.

His research work has continued in psychopharmacology and brain imaging of borderline personality disorder. He is principal investigator of the MIND Institutes applied research program. He is active in community work with People, Inc., SAVE, MMHA, and NAMI. In 2007, Dr. Schulz was awarded the Donald Hastings Endowed Chair



**Dr. Jean-Paul Selten (Netherlands)**

Jean-Paul Selten received his medical degree from the University of Amsterdam

and trained in psychiatry there. From 1989 to 1995 he worked at the admission ward of a psychiatric hospital in The Hague, where he wrote his Ph.D. thesis about the subjective experience of negative symptoms. Since 1995 he is psychiatrist at the University Medical Centre in Utrecht. His work has focused on the epidemiology of schizophrenia, in particular schizophrenia and migration. In collaboration with Dr. Cantor-Graae he developed the social defeat hypothesis, which could explain how social factors influence brain functioning.

He was awarded the Janssen-Cilag Award 2000 for the most talked-about schizophrenia research conducted in the Netherlands. He conducted first-contact incidence studies in the Netherlands and in Surinam. The study in Surinam was the first study of its kind on the South-American continent.



**Professor Lex Wunderink (Netherlands)**

Lex Wunderink, psychiatrist (1954) is head of the

Department of Education and Research and director of psychiatric residency training at Friesland Mental Health Services, Leeuwarden, and working at the Rob Giel Research Center, Groningen University Medical Center, The Netherlands. He recently conducted the Medication Strategies in First Onset

Schizophrenia (MESIFOS) trial comparing outcomes of targeted and maintenance treatment strategy in remitted first episode psychosis. He was trained as a psychiatrist at Rotterdam University Hospital (1982). In the early nineties he initiated one of the first assertive community treatment services for severely mentally ill people in the Netherlands, inspired by the Madison model. He was director of psychiatric residency training at the Dordrecht Mental Health Services until he moved to Groningen University in 2001.

He is currently involved in research into the risk factors of ultra high risk youth and first episode patients and the implementation of a youth at risk program. He is also engaged in research on the effectiveness of care for SMI patients, and carrying out a trial comparing ACT vs ACT plus evidence based interventions.



**Associate Professor Alison Yung (Australia)**

Associate Professor Alison Yung MD, MBBS, MPM,

FRANZCP, Grad Dip Epidem, is a Consultant Psychiatrist and Principal Research Fellow at the University of Melbourne Department of Psychiatry and ORYGEN Research Centre. She has been involved in early psychosis, in both clinical and research fields, since 1993 when she was a Senior Psychiatric Registrar at the then newly founded Early Psychosis Prevention and Intervention Centre (EPPIC) in Melbourne, Australia.

In 1994 she established the Personal Assessment and Crisis Evaluation (PACE) Clinic, a clinical and research centre which manages young people at incipient risk of developing psychosis, that is, thought to be in the initial prodromal phase before a first psychotic episode. This was the first clinic of this type in the world.

## Scientific Program

### Preliminary Program Overview

Welcome to the Scientific Program for the 6th International Conference on Early Psychosis. Since we last met in Birmingham there have been many advances in research and practice which will be features of this conference.

This meeting in Melbourne has been organised using the staging model of illness as a guide. In clinical staging the aim is to understand and identify the progress of the illness process. From this, the least invasive treatment for a particular stage may be selected. In this way there is a very close relationship between research and understanding, and clinical practice. This relationship between research and clinical practice has always been a key feature of IEPA meetings. It is hoped that organisation around this model will further enhance this, and provide an experience for participants which both enhances knowledge and provides a context in which that knowledge may be applied.

Under the leadership of Professor Patrick McGorry, a scientific program is being developed by leading mental health experts from around the world to ensure the content is stimulating, groundbreaking and highly educational.

The Conference will commence on the evening of Sunday 19 October at The National Gallery of Victoria at 18.00. This evening will feature the International Early Psychosis Film Festival directly followed by the official Welcome Reception. For further information visit: [www.iepa2008.com](http://www.iepa2008.com).

### Monday 20 October

#### The earliest stages: Vulnerability to Onset

7.30am – 8.30am	Registration Open
9.00am – 9.45am	Opening Ceremony
9.45am – 10.30am	Professor Jeffrey Lieberman
<b>10.30am – 11.00am</b>	<b>Morning tea</b>
11.00am – 12.30pm	Session
<b>12.30pm – 1.45pm</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
1.45pm – 2.30pm	Professor Anthony Grace
2.30pm – 3.15pm	Professor Jean-Paul Selten
3.15pm – 3.45pm	Afternoon Tea
4.00pm – 5.30pm	Session
5.30pm – 6.30pm	Abstracts & Posters
<b>Evening</b>	<b>Conference Dinner</b>

### Tuesday 21 October

#### Treatment in the pre-onset and onset phases

7.30am – 8.30am	Registration Open
9.00am – 9.45am	A/Prof. Alison Yung
9.45am – 10.30am	Professor Rene Kahn
<b>10.30am – 11.00am</b>	<b>Morning Tea</b>
11.00am – 12.30pm	Session
<b>12.30pm – 1.45pm</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
2.00pm – 2.45pm	Professor Jean Addington
<b>2.45pm – 3.30pm</b>	<b>Afternoon Tea</b>
3.15pm – 4.45pm	Session
5.00pm – 6.30pm	Abstracts & Posters

### Wednesday 22 October

#### First-episode and beyond: Clinical and research directions

7.30am – 8.30am	Registration Open
9.00am – 9.45am	Professor John Kane
9.45am – 10.30am	Professor Charles Schulz
<b>10.30am – 11.00am</b>	<b>Morning Tea</b>
11.00am – 12.30pm	Session
<b>12.30pm – 2.00pm</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
2.00pm – 2.45pm	Professor Alexander Wunderink
2.45pm – 3.30pm	Closing Session
<b>Evening</b>	<b>Shuttle buses to ASC2008, Lorne</b>

### Thursday 23 & Friday 24 October

**Australian  
Schizophrenia  
Conference  
(Lorne, Victoria)**

*For further information visit [www.iepa2008.com](http://www.iepa2008.com)*

*Please note the most up to date outline of the Scientific Program will be posted on the Conference website as it is further developed.*

## Call for Abstracts, Posters and Symposia

The Scientific Program Committee invites you to submit abstracts for consideration for oral or poster display at the Conference.

### Instructions for Authors

All abstracts are to be submitted online at [www.iepa2008.com](http://www.iepa2008.com) from 10th January 2008.

If you are unable to access the website to download the template, please contact the Conference Secretariat via e-mail at [abstracts@iepa2008.com](mailto:abstracts@iepa2008.com) or call (03) 9682 0500 and one will be sent to you. The deadline for abstract submission is 5pm on the 28 March 2008.

Abstracts must be submitted in English and be no longer than 250 words. No photographs, pictures, diagrams and tables will be accepted. Scientific symbols will be accepted in the body of the text

only, not in the title. Full instructions on how to submit your abstract/s will be available on the Conference website [www.iepa2008.com](http://www.iepa2008.com). *The Early Bird Registration fee is available until 5pm on the 15 June 2008.*

### Disclosure/ Conflict of Interest

Authors must disclose within the body of their abstract affiliations with sponsoring companies, if applicable. All authors must complete full disclosure on the website.

### Publication of Abstracts

Abstracts will be published in a dedicated Conference Abstract Book. A copy of the Abstract Book will be given to all delegates who attend the Conference.

### Themes

The Scientific Program Committee welcomes abstracts on any aspect of Early Psychosis study. Please nominate the topic that is most appropriate when submitting your abstract. This list is a guide only:

- Neuroscience Research
- Service System Development and Reform
- Ultra high risk / Prodromal Research and Treatment
- Ethical Issues
- First Episode Psychosis
- Diagnosis and Psychopathology
- The Critical Period: Relapse, Prevention and Social Recovery
- Psychopharmacology
- Psychosocial Interventions
- Substance use and Psychosis
- Mood Disorders
- Early Detection and DUP
- Negative Symptoms

## Social Program

To provide a change of pace from scientific sessions, delegates and their guests will have the opportunity to meet socially, unwind and indulge. Magnificent iconic venues will provide the stunning backdrop, fine wines, delicious food and a relaxed atmosphere will be sure to create many memories to take home.

### International Early Psychosis Film Festival

This inaugural event will showcase short films from early psychosis intervention programmes and organisations from around the world which deal with early psychosis and related mental health issues. Early psychosis programmes and organisations are encouraged to enter any short films they would like to present to an international audience. All types of styles will be considered, and from any point of view, be it consumer, clinician or a family supporter perspective. The top films will premiere on the evening of Sunday 19th October, at the official Conference Welcome Reception, at

the National Gallery of Victoria. Come along and be treated to a visual feast of unique, creative and inspiring short films all working to encourage awareness, compassion and understanding in the community. For more information on this dynamic event, or to enter your programme's short film, please email [lbird@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:lbird@unimelb.edu.au) or visit the Conference website.

### Welcome Reception (incorporating the International Early Psychosis Film Festival)

**Date:** Sunday 19 October

**Time:** 5.00pm – 8.00pm

**Venue:** National Gallery of Victoria  
180 St Kilda Road, Melbourne

**Delegates:** included in registration

**Additional Tickets:** \$66.00

The top films from the International Early Psychosis Film Festival will premiere from 5.00pm at Melbourne's iconic National Gallery of Victoria. Come along and be treated to a visual feast of unique, creative and inspiring short films all working to encourage awareness, compassion and understanding in the community.

Then join us to officially open the 6th International Conference on Early Psychosis. Enjoy canapés and drinks whilst catching up with old friends.

### Conference Dinner

**Date:** Monday 20 October

**Venue:** The Terrace, Royal Botanic Gardens

Enter via Gate A – Corner of Alexandra Ave & Anderson St, South Yarra

**Delegates & Accompanying Partner:** \$120

**Additional Tickets:** \$120

Mingle with fellow colleagues from around the world in the picturesque setting of Melbourne's Royal Botanic Gardens Melbourne. Located in the heart of the city, the Gardens are among the world's finest, and are a treasured part of Melbourne's cultural life. With its stunning vistas, tranquil lakes and diverse plant collections, the Gardens are a place of continual discovery and delight. This is an evening of fun and entertainment, sure to be the social highlight of the conference.

## General Information

### Melbourne – The Place To Be

Visitors will find Melbourne an exciting city to explore. Modern architecture and design is juxtaposed with heritage buildings reflecting Australia's cultural history. However, beneath the city's impressive façade, lies the true heart and soul of the city; laneways which snake the city grid to reveal cafes and bars, fashion houses, boutiques, innovative cuisine, galleries, theatres and museums.

Within an hours drive of the city, visitors can enjoy some of Australia's most spectacular coastlines, wildlife reserves, wineries, temperate rainforests, surf beaches and historic townships.

### The Venue – The Melbourne Exhibition and Conference Centre

Nestled on the banks of Melbourne's iconic Yarra River, the Melbourne Exhibition and Convention Centre is located in the centre of Melbourne City. Winner of many prestigious awards for excellence, this venue will allow you to experience the spoils of Melbourne's world class art, entertainment, shopping and cuisine all within a short walking distance.

### Climate

In Victoria, October is a month of our spring season and you can look forward to average temperatures of approximately 20°C (68°F) during the daytime and 10°C (50°F) in the evening.

### Travel and Health Insurance

The Conference does not provide insurance to delegates. We strongly recommend that you take out insurance policies to cover medical and travel expenses. This can be done through the Conference Travel department by contacting [flights@icmsaust.com.au](mailto:flights@icmsaust.com.au)

### Eating Out

Melbourne's multicultural population is reflected in the wide variety of excellent restaurants offering a diversity of cuisine from around the world. Over 3000 bistros, restaurants and cafes offer varied menus,

prices and décor. The Southbank area that runs beside the Yarra River, only two minutes walk from the Convention Centre, is particularly popular and is well known for its offering of casual and up market dining.

### Mobile Phones

Australia operates on a digital network.

### Getting Around

It is easy to explore Melbourne using the city's public transport system. The city and its suburbs are serviced by an efficient system of buses, trains and trams. There is also an abundance of taxis that can be hailed from the street, or engaged at ranks throughout the city.

### Dress Code

Smart casual attire is recommended for the Conference.

### Language

English is spoken throughout Australia and is the official language for the Conference.

### The Appropriate Visa for Delegates

As a general rule, all visitors to Australia (other than citizens of New Zealand travelling on a New Zealand passport) require a visa to enter Australia.

### Currency

Decimal currency is used in Australia – units are dollars and cents. Current

exchange rates can be obtained from your bank. All major credit cards are widely accepted in Australia. Visit [www.xe.com](http://www.xe.com) for current exchange rates.

### Banks

An ATM machine is located within the Conference venue. Most shops offer EFTPOS facilities, and all restaurants have credit card machines.

### Time

Local time during the Conference period is Greenwich Mean Time plus 10 hours.

### Wheelchair access or other mobility disability access during the Conference

When you register, please notify the Conference Secretariat of any mobility disabilities you have so that any venue access challenges can be met.

### Taxes

A Goods and Services Tax (GST) of 10% applies to all consumer goods and is included in retail prices.

### Transport from Melbourne Airport

All delegates must make their own transport arrangements from the airport.

**Taxis** – There is an abundance of taxis that can be engaged at ranks at Tullamarine International Airport (Melbourne Airport). The taxi ride from the airport to the Melbourne CBD can take between 25 -40 minutes and the average fare costs around AUD \$60.

**The Airport 'Skybus'** – Operates 7 days a week, 24 hours a day and departs every 15 minutes. It is a 20 minute average trip between airport and city, and runs from the Domestic and International Terminals to the Southern Cross Railway Station in Melbourne's CBD. The cost is AUD \$17 one way per person. For more information visit <http://www.skybus.com.au>

**Car Rentals** – At the domestic terminal Car Rental companies are located in the central concourse. These include Avis, Budget, Europcar, Metrocar, Red Spot and Thrifty.

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### IEPA AGM

In accordance with the IEPA Rules of Incorporation, an Annual General Meeting will be held for IEPA members over the Conference period. All members are invited to attend and you will need to present your membership card. Please refer to the Conference website for further information.

### Richard Wyatt Award

To honour the contribution of the late Richard Wyatt to the field of Early Intervention in Psychosis an award will be presented to an individual who has made a significant contribution to the area of early psychosis.

## Registration

Please read this page carefully before completing the registration form.

### How to Register

To attend the meeting, fill in the registration form and return to the meeting secretariat. Each delegate must complete a separate form. Photocopy for additional copies or contact the Secretariat. Forms will be accepted by post, fax or online through the meeting website:

[www.iepa2008.com/Registration.html](http://www.iepa2008.com/Registration.html)

We encourage all delegates to register online for instant confirmation of registration.

Early bird registration closes on Sunday 15 June 2008.

### Registration Entitlements for all delegates

- Attendance at all sessions
- Entry to the exhibition
- Entry to the Opening Ceremony
- Satchel including program and list of delegates
- Morning Tea
- Lunch
- Afternoon Tea
- Welcome Reception

### Registration Fees

	Early Bird Rate Before 15 June 2008	Standard Rate 16 June – 1 October 2008	Onsite Rate After 1 October 2008
Full Delegate Member – IEPA Member	AUD900	AUD1000	AUD1200
Full Delegate Non-Member	AUD1000	AUD1100	AUD1200
Full Time Student / Carer	AUD500	AUD500	AUD600
Day Registration	AUD500	AUD500	AUD600

All fees are quoted in Australian Dollars (AUD) and are inclusive of 10% GST.

Registrations made after 1 October 2008 must be made and paid for at the Conference Registration Desk at the Conference venue.

### Method of Payment

Payment of fees and other activities must accompany all Registration Forms. No registration will be confirmed until payment is received in full. Payments can be made via the following methods:

- Credit cards: Visa, MasterCard and American Express (Diners Club not accepted)
- Personal or Company Cheque (Australian delegates only) and made payable to: IEPA Conference 2008
- Bank drafts and International Money Orders should be in Australian dollars, drawn on an Australian Bank and made payable to: IEPA Conference 2008. Please fax a copy to +61 3 9682 0344
- Bank transfer (Australian delegates only). Bank details will be supplied on your Tax Invoice. Please fax the transfer receipt to +61 3 9682 0344

### Cancellation of Registration

Deadline: Friday 12 September 2008

Cancellations must be made in writing to the Conference Secretariat. Cancellations received prior to 12 September 2008 will receive a refund less an AUD150 administration fee. Cancellations received after 12 September 2008 will not receive a refund. The committee will consider cancellations of registration under exceptional circumstances. Refunds will not be granted on failure of visa application however, substitute delegates will be accepted. Cancellations must be received in writing to the Conference Secretariat before the above specified dates.

### Enquiries

Please direct all registration and accommodation queries to:

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## Accommodation

*Booking Deadline: 12 September 2008*

You must book your accommodation via the Registration Form through the Conference Secretariat to ensure that you receive the competitive rates featured on this page.

### Deposits

Accommodation will *not* be confirmed until a deposit of one night's tariff is received. This deposit will be forwarded to your hotel and will be credited to your room account. Delegates must settle the balance of their account with the hotel concerned upon check out. If accommodation deposits are not received before 12 September 2008 your room will be released back to the hotel. The Secretariat does not take responsibility for accommodation if deposits are not received by this date.

### Deadline for accommodation bookings

The Secretariat has an obligation to return all unsold rooms to the hotels/apartments on 12 September 2008, therefore accommodation bookings and rates reserved after that date cannot be guaranteed. The rates quoted are only valid for bookings made prior to 12 September 2008. Late bookings can be made through IEPA Secretariat after 12 September 2008 but are subject to availability and credit card details are required to secure the reservation. One night's accommodation tariff will be deducted from the supplied credit card, by the hotel, if the reservation is cancelled or the delegate fails to arrive on the specified date.

### Cancellations

No accommodation deposits will be refunded on or after 12 September 2008.

### Accommodation Options

A range of accommodation has been reserved for delegates and their guests at highly competitive rates.

#### 5 STAR HOTEL Rate Per Night (Room only)

Crown Towers	Deluxe Room	\$380.00
Grand Hotel	Studio Room	\$255.00
	Two Bedroom Suite	\$367.00

#### 4.5 STAR HOTEL

Crown Promenade	Standard Room	\$280.00
Novotel Melbourne on Collins	Standard Room	\$220.00
	Superior King	\$250.00
	Studio Suites	\$280.00

#### 4 STAR HOTEL

Vibe Savoy Melbourne	Queen Room	\$193.00
Holiday Inn on Flinders	Standard Room	\$240.00

#### 3.5 STAR HOTEL

Hotel Ibis – Little Bourke	Standard Room	\$129.00
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### Early arrival

Some international flights arrive in Melbourne in the very early morning. It is possible that your room may not be ready for immediate occupation upon your early arrival as check in is not until 1500 at most hotels. Whilst hotels will do everything possible to accommodate early arrivals, if you wish to be guaranteed immediate occupation you can pay an extra day's tariff for the night before you are due to arrive. If you wish to take this precaution, please advise the secretariat on the registration form so that we can notify the hotel that your room is pre-registered.

### Late arrival

Please indicate if you will arrive at your hotel after 1800. Failure to do so might result in your room being released.

### Change of booking

Prior to 15 October 2008, any change in booking must be made in writing to the Conference Secretariat and NOT directly to the hotel. After 15 October 2008, please contact the hotel directly for any changes to your booking.

### Group accommodation bookings

The Secretariat offers organisations the opportunity to contract ten or more rooms for the meeting. This requires a contract to be signed by ICMS Australasia and your organisation to block the group reservation. For further information, please email the Secretariat with the following information: choice of hotel, number of rooms required, check in and out dates, organisation and contact name.

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