

Engineers Australia to host ICWES15 in July 2011 in Adelaide South Australia

Engineers Australia National Committee for Women in Engineering will be the hosting the next ICWES Conference in Adelaide South Australia.

Engineers Australia is the peak professional body for engineers in Australia and is one of the world's most respected engineering organisations. Engineers Australia has approximately 80,000 members comprising, engineers, associates, technologists and students. Women engineers currently comprise less than 10% of the membership of Engineers Australia (including students). The National Committee for Women in Engineering is made up of representatives from Women in Engineering groups from every Division of the Association (a total of nine), covering all States and Territories in Australia.

The National Committee for Women in Engineering is responsible for promoting women in the engineering profession, representing them nationally and developing appropriate programs to support their needs.

A significant achievement was been the declaration of 2007 as the *Year of Women in Engineering*. This provided the opportunity to showcase the achievements of women in the profession, as well as educate the profession and others about issues of concern to women engineers that may be limiting the career progression of women engineers and preventing other women from entering the profession.

The vision of the National Committee is that engineering is an inclusive profession which values, supports and celebrates the contributions of women in the engineering team. The programs of the National Committee are intended to attract women of all ages to engineering careers, retain women in the profession, support women throughout their engineering careers and celebrate the achievements of women in engineering.

The National Committee and Engineers Australia are delighted to host ICWES15 in 2011. This will be the first time that an international conference devoted to women in science, engineering and technology will be held in Australia. The proposed theme of the ICWES15 is "*Women In Science, Engineering and Technology – Tomorrow's Solutions Today*" with a wide range of sessions planned to address different technologies including a possible session on climate change. It is also hoped that the Conference will address gender issues and the challenges of attracting and retaining women in the SET professions.

ICWES15 is well supported by the government of South of Australia and the City of Adelaide. The Conference will be offered in partnership with the leading women's associations in science, engineering and technology in Australia and New Zealand. It hopes to gain sponsorships from leading companies around Australia. Technical visits are also being planned as part of the Conference program.

Adelaide is the capital of the State of South Australia with a population of more than 1 million. It has a number of attractions including the Art Gallery of South Australia, the Adelaide Casino, the Botanic Gardens with sixteen hectares of native Australian plants and great Australian beaches. The National Aboriginal Cultural Institute is devoted to Aboriginal culture. All destinations are within walking distance, the beaches are accessible by tram. The vineyards of the Barossa Valley are a short day trip away.



Adelaide Beach at Glenelg



Art Gallery of South Australia, Adelaide



Adelaide City Centre

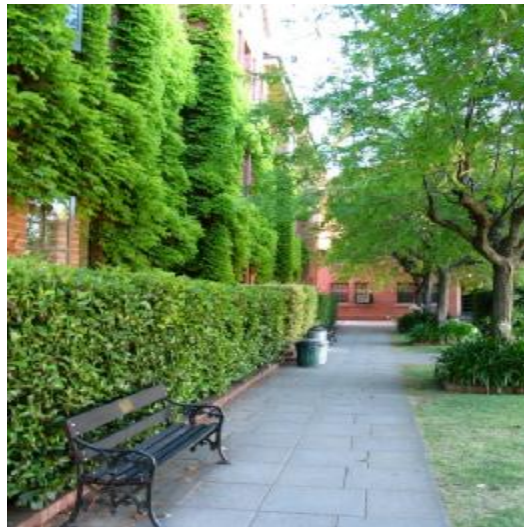


Adelaide City Views

A range of accommodation options will be available including accommodation at the University of South Australia in the heart of Adelaide and prices from A\$50 per night. These venues are shown below:



Memorial Building, St Mark's College, University of South Australia



St Ann's College, University of South Australia

Although July is a winter month in Australia, daytime temperatures are a pleasant 16 to 18 deg. C. Winter is also an excellent time to visit Central Australia including Uluru (formerly known as Ayres Rock) and other natural wonders including the Great Barrier Reef in Queensland and Kakadu National Park in the Northern Territory.



Key Destinations in Australia including Adelaide, Sydney, Melbourne, Canberra (the capital of Australia), Brisbane, Perth, Darwin and Tasmania. Other important destinations are the Barossa Valley near Adelaide, the Great Barrier Reef (Cairns Queensland), Uluru (Ayers Rock) and Kakadu National Park (near Darwin), both in the Northern Territory.

Tours can also be arranged to visit Uluru (formerly Ayers Rock) in central Australia, the Great Barrier Reef in Queensland, and the cities of Sydney and Melbourne. July will be winter in Australia, daytime temperatures are a pleasant 16 to 19 deg. C., a pleasant cool time to visit the interior of Australia as well as enjoy the outdoor life.

Information on travelling to Australia, can be obtained from: <http://www.australia.com/>
For visitors visa information: <http://www.immi.gov.au/visitors/tourist/index.htm>

Hosting ICWES15 in 2011 is consistent with the objectives and the National Committee for Women in Engineering. The Committee is very enthusiastic about warmly welcoming all members of INWES to Adelaide, South Australia in July 2011. Further information on Women in Engineering in Australia can be obtained from our website:
www.engineersaustralia.org.au/icwes15