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REGISTRATION IS OPEN—BOOK NOW!

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DID YOU KNOW?

- * The Great Barrier Reef of Australia is the largest living structure—2600km long.
- * Australia is the only continent without an active volcano.
- The average Aussie drinks 83 litres of beer a year.
- * Over 350 languages were spoken by Aboriginal peoples before the arrival of Europeans
- * There are more than 3 times as many sheep as people in Australia

Greetings to all members of ISCA from Jenolan Caves, NSW Australia, venue of the **7th Congress** and to the third Congress Newsletter.

The time is passing with amazing speed now and we are only **14 weeks** away from the official opening of the 7th Congress.

Registration has now opened, and I am pleased to report that we are receiving a steady stream of bookings from all over the world. It looks like being an amazing week at Jenolan Caves!

I strongly encourage any ISCA member who has not already done so to complete a Registration Form now and to email this as soon as possible. The form is available for download from both the official website www.i-s-c-a.com or the **official 7th Congress website** www.jenolan2014.com

We are currently in the process of issuing invoices to attendees and finalizing the thousands of details that go into the organizing such an



Jenolan's 'Orient Cave', lit with Weidmüller LEDs

important event.

If any ISCA members has any questions I urge you to contact us and ask—please do not be shy! We have been providing many delegates with general information about travel to Australia and options for extended touring whilst here. Emails to the Congress Convener dan.cove@jenolancaves.org.au will be answered as soon as possible.

In addition to the Congress registration and accommodation section, delegates will also find a range of official Congress clothing available to order. Please note that this order must be placed within the next 3 weeks to guarantee delivery by November.

Wildlife at Jenolan

Jenolan Caves are set within a 2400 hectare Karst Conservation Reserve and are a part of the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area. All iconic Australian marsupial and monotreme species are found in the Reserve including Eastern Grey Kangaroos, Brush Tailed Rock Wallabies, echidnas, platypus, wombats, possums and quolls. A wide array of birdlife is ever present.

Special night walks are organized for the Congress for any delegates wishing to experience the diversity of wildlife of this special area.



PRE CONGRESS ACTIVITIES—SYDNEY

Included in the Registration Form is the option for a 3 day 'Highlights of Sydney' tour immediately before the Congress from Thursday October 30th to Saturday November 1st.

This tour will include visits to the major attractions of the Harbour City with the following proposed agenda: **Thursday**—the Sydney Tower Eye, Sydney Aquarium and Darling Harbour and a cruise on Sydney Harbour

Friday—Climb the Sydney

Harbour Bridge (subsidized by kind sponsorship of BridgeClimb Sydney), 'The Rocks', Opera House, Botanic Gardens and Art Gallery, Australian Museum



Saturday—Ferry across the Harbour to Taronga Zoo

Accommodation and meals in Sydney are not included in the price of this activity, but will be coordinated by the Congress Convener. All activities and cross city transport are included

THE HISTORY OF SYDNEY

Sydney's original inhabitants predated European settlers by at least 50,000 years, local Aboriginal people who hunted, gathered and fished in the area's well-wooded surroundings and sheltered harbour.

In 1770 the famous explorer James Cook was to claim the land for Great Britain and 18 years later, Captain Arthur Phillip led the 11 ships of the First Fleet into Port Jackson on 26 January 1788. The aim was not to build a great city but to establish a

prison settlement for British convicts. On several occasions the new settlement came close to starvation.

Sydney was becoming a city by the 1820s. The transportation of convicts from Britain ended in 1840. When gold was discovered in 1851 people began pouring into the city from Europe, North America and China. By the end of the 19th century Sydney was one of the largest cities in the western world, with a population of half a million people. Today, the City's harbour, enhanced by

the Harbour Bridge and the Opera House, has made Sydney an instantly recognisable city worldwide.



TRAVEL TO JENOLAN CAVES

The official Congress buses will leave Sydney at 9am on the morning of Sunday November 2nd picking up at the Airport and at key points in the Sydney CBD. From the centre of Sydney we will travel across the Harbour Bridge and towards the famous 'Bell's Line of Road', the northerly crossing of the Blue Mountains. We will stop for lunch at the amazing **Mt Tomah Botanical Gardens**



After lunch we continue to arrive at Jenolan Caves to be welcomed by the local Gundungurra people before enjoying the welcome dinner at Jenolan Caves House. The full cost is included in the Registration.

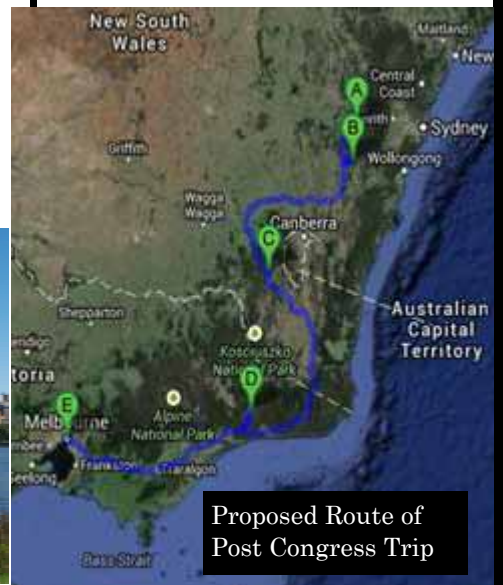


POST CONGRESS FIELD TRIP

Bookings are now open for the post-Congress Field trip. This trip will travel from Jenolan to the great southern city of Melbourne via the significant **Wombeyan Caves** (a tourist cave system in marble caves), **Yarrangobilly Caves** in the amazing Snowy Mountains area of southern NSW and **Buchan Caves** in Victoria. Given the interest of attendees the tour will also detour to take in the Australian National Capital of **Canberra**.

This trip, being largely organized by ISCA member and Australian

cave expert Andy Spate, will depart from Jenolan Caves on the morning of Sunday November 9th and will reach **Melbourne** on the afternoon of Thursday November 13th.



Final Call for Papers

Detailed information has now been posted on the ISCA website reading the [call for papers](#) for the 7th Congress.

The overall theme for the Congress is “The challenge of sustainably showing caves in the 21st Century” and all papers are expected to align with one or more of these subjects. At this stage we are looking to limit

sessions to include a maximum of 25 presentation of 20 minutes duration plus question time.

An expert panel has been formed to evaluate paper submissions, and the deadline for submission of title and abstract has been set for **August 30th 2014**. This panel is chaired by ISCA member and internationally recognised cave

and karst scientist Andy Spate.

At this stage we are hoping to have the Congress Proceedings published in electronic form following the Congress.

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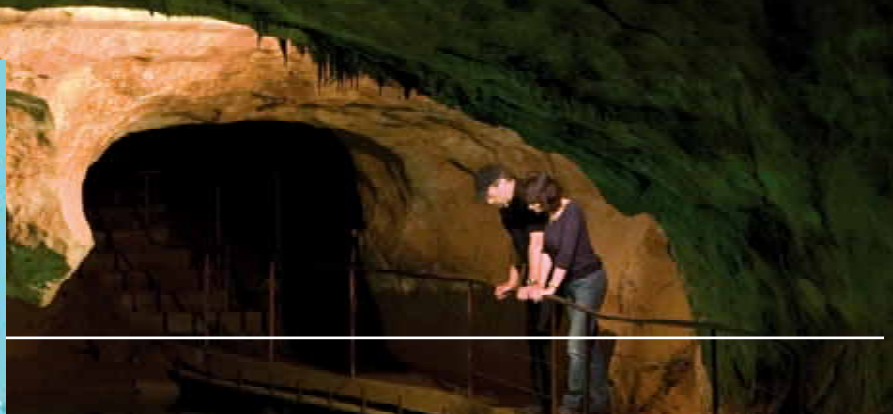
The first ISCA Congress to be held in the Southern Hemisphere...

The perfect opportunity to visit Australia...

Furthering Show Cave Management in an exciting venue in a spirit of friendship and collaboration...

We look forward to welcoming the world to **JENOLAN 2014!**

QUESTIONS?? Please write to us...



PRELIMINARY CONGRESS PROGRAM

The full program for the Congress is almost complete and will be available to all members by the end of August.

In summary however, the Congress will generally feature sessions (either papers or official General Assembly) in the morning followed by activities in the afternoons. There will be a varied program of activities and delegates will be able to choose between cave tours or local excursions. There will also be specialist tours and activities, surface walks and focus group discussions covering such topics as Interpretation and Cave Lighting.

There will also be a full day field trip on Wednesday November 5th to the Blue Mountains, visiting Scenic World, the Cultural Centre and lunch at the historic Carrington Hotel.

Full cost of all activities and field trips is included in the overall Congress registration fee or accompanying partners program fee.



Scenic World



The Three Sisters—Katoomba, Blue Mountains