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*Participatory Action Research
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*A*ppreciating our Diverse Pasts

*C*omprehending our Complex Presents

*P*refiguring our Possible Futures

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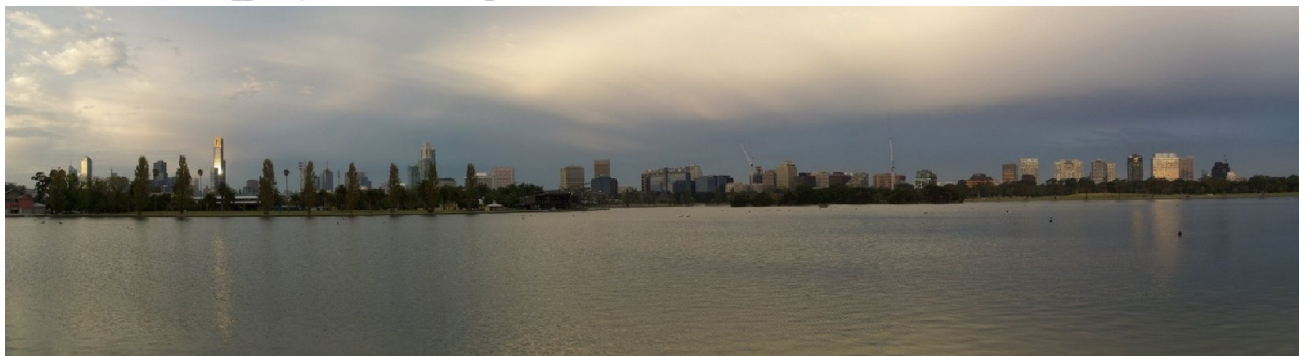
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Attending the ALARA World Congress in Melbourne will allow YOU to:

- ***Access*** the latest ideas and practice examples right here and right now.
- ***Engage with like-minded (and other-minded) people in conversations*** about historical and current philosophies underpinning PAR / AR / AL, debate issues of power, deepen your understanding of methodologies and be inspired by accounts of contemporary practices/praxis.
- Be inspired by critical dialogues and reflections within the ***'applied' streams*** of: (Social) Ecology and its several areas of engagement; Community Development; International Development; Health and Wellbeing (including the various 'welfare' fields of engagement); Systems / Business / Organisational Development; Education and Learning, from pre-school to post-graduate; and Decolonising praxis, including cross-cultural learning with Indigenous and other Peoples and contexts.
- ***Talk with people that are actively engaged*** in (Participatory) Action Research / Action Learning and most of its applied fields; meet practitioners of the 'new' generation.
- ***Meet the 'Elders'*** who have lived during and contributed to the early growth periods of PAR, AR & AL and who continue to be initiators and innovators.
- Gather materials, shared-knowledge and contacts to ***take PAR / AR / AL with you into workplaces, associations, organisations and lives.***
- ***Brush up on the basics*** of PAR / AR / AL and their current present-day practices, their commonalities and diversity.
- Take the opportunities to ***become part of local, regional and global networks*** practicing PAR / AR / AL.

And, of course, WE would like to meet YOU here in Melbourne!

Registration for the World Congress includes:

- Full participation to the congress and all proceedings
 - Key Speakers
 - Plenary Speeches
 - Catalytic Workshops
 - Paper Presentations
 - Demonstrations and Poster Presentations
 - Welcome to Country from Indigenous Peoples
 - Onsite presentations at Stream-Specific Venues
 - Participatory Reflection Time
 - Meetings / special interests groups / journal boards
 - Book launches associated with AR / AL
 - Closing Ceremony
- Marketplace
- Access to all special offers by exhibitors
- 4 Lunches as well as morning and afternoon teas
- Dinner (additional \$70.00AUS)
- Congress materials
 - C.D. with the full text of all presentations and workshops descriptions
 - Reading materials relevant to PAR, AR, AL
 - Information regarding Melbourne and additional opportunities for your stay in Melbourne

*****Not included in this price is your travel to and accommodation in Melbourne.***

Appreciating our Diverse Pasts

Comprehending our Complex Presents

Prefiguring our Possible Futures

Like so many initiatives and approaches which emerged during the sixties and seventies, Participatory Action Research (PAR), Action Research (AR) and Action Learning (AL) have come of age. As the previous seven ALARPM/ALARA Congresses are testimonies to, several generations of practitioners have added their hearts, hands and minds to earlier traditions. Their work has been differentiated into 'applied fields'; journals and second and third editions of 'handbooks' have been published. The underlying philosophy and 'ways of 'knowing', methodologies and methods have become 'standard' fare in reference lists, workshops and course syllabi, leadership manuals, organisational protocols. These are all signs of a mature and meanwhile global discourse.

As several of the initiators of the PAR, AR and AL 'traditions' are now reaching their 'third age', now is an auspicious time to critically but appreciatively assess our present practices and understandings and to dream possible futures (page 3). Indeed, as exemplified by the many 'words' filling the front page of this program and the 'streams' of praxis we are using to assist in orchestrating our conversations (page 6), the proliferation of PAR, AR and AL across many institutional, professional and programmatic fields requires us to reflect on our commonalities, our foundational principles whilst fully staying in touch with the diversity of our praxis. Finally, we have chosen four 'Themes' to guide our conversations across times and streams and to help us maintain a degree of coherence (pages 3,4).

Congress Program: the overall flow of conversations

DAY 1: The origins of AL, AR and PAR: Whose shoulders are we standing on?

What are our legacies, sources, historical, philosophical, practical, areas of application? Day One offers opportunities to converse about and better appreciate the foundations of the various participatory and action-based approaches to learning, researching, social change, organisational change, community and international development, welfare and health, the ecology, working with certain groups of people. What can we learn from the elders in our various movements? How can we maintain and emulate the spirit of those who were then brave enough to try and make a difference, with such vigour and effect?

DAYS 2 & 3: Our present(-s): Where are we today with AL, AR, PAR?

Days Two and Three will explore the status of present-day praxis and will offer manifold opportunities to better understand and reflect on the complexities and challenges of today's practitioners' stories in the supportive company of others active in their fields of practice.

Day Three - more particularly - will offer an opportunity to meet in stream-specific venues across Melbourne. The venues are 'home' to institutions, organisations or agencies active in your particular applied field of PAR, AR, AL. The meetings will be co-organised by local groups and networks active in these fields and will (possibly) consist of keynote, plenary and workshop presentations, demonstrations, posters, whatever seems relevant and expressive of the particular directions PAR, AR and AL take in these field(s). More information about the modalities of the 'streams' can be found below. This day will provide a great opportunity to learn and reciprocally develop our skills!

DAY 4: Prefiguring: How will we evolve PAR, AL and AR in the times we inhabit?

We will explore questions of the next steps we will (have to?) take in the environments we co-create whilst engaging in our PAR, AR, AL work in our various working contexts. How will we address our local-global predicaments? How can we nurture up-and-coming generations of present and new practitioners and researchers whilst also staying in conversation with 'older' and second and third generations? How will we further develop the various approaches participants have shared during the previous three days and take them into our own habitats?

Key Themes of the World Congress

In addition to and in support of the reflective '*genealogical*' look at our philosophical foundations and an appreciative look at present and future practices in their real-life contexts, we propose the following *four themes* as conceptual guides for delegates who intend to present at the Congress and for all participants to start contemplating their choices of workshops. They may also serve to create a degree of coherence across time and fields of practice. Each theme will be introduced by an internationally renowned key note speaker.

Theme 1. *Philosophical Foundations*

This theme will guide the exploration of the philosophical foundations of action-based, social change oriented and participatory approaches to research and learning: is there a common and united philosophical basis across the various applied fields? Are variety and hybridity necessary characteristics of the work we do in its several rather distinctive practical and organisational contexts? What have been the (latest) developments in the philosophical underpinnings of our approaches? Ontology, epistemology, the value-base in which we ground our knowledge and the recognition of the spiritual and relational dimension of our work: how can we reflectively and practically deepen and extend our understanding of the influence of these on our practice? How do other-than-western world epistemologies and trans- and cross-cultural relationships influence our practice?

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Alan Rayner

Alan Rayner is a naturalist who uses art, poetry and a new form of mathematics, as well as rigorous science to enquire and communicate about our natural human neighbourhood. He has published over 150 scientific articles, 6 formal scientific books (including *Degrees of Freedom: Living in Dynamic Boundaries*) and six e-books. He was President of the British Mycological Society in 1998 and has been a Miller Visiting Research Professor at the University of California, Berkeley. He has been using a participatory and co-creative approach to introduce and develop his evolutionary understanding of *natural inclusion* since 2001.

Congress Paper: *Sustainability of the Fitting – bringing the philosophical principles of natural inclusion into the educational enrichment of our human neighbourhood*

Theme 2. *Power*

Power and its uses, misuses and abuses in the learning and research relationship has over time been receiving waxing and waning degrees of attention, even if the 'action' and 'participatory' references would suggest a greater centrality in our work. How is the theme of power, latently or openly relevant in our practical work and how does it manifest in our working relationships? Some authors now suggest the re-emergence of 'class' in industrialised societies and many see the persistence of other divisions in societies along gender-, race-, ability-, state of 'development' and other lines; how may we take account of this reality in our approaches to AL, AR and PAR? How does participatory practice link up with our democratic ideals? How do the politics of resource allocation, of money and of bureaucracies – state, NGO and corporate – influence our work... for better or worse?

Keynote Speaker: Professor Budd Hall

Budd Hall is the Director of the Office of Community-based Research at the University of Victoria in British Columbia Canada. He is also the Secretary of Community-based Research Canada and the Global Alliance for Community Engaged Research. He may be considered an Elder in the field of action research having pioneered work in Tanzania in the early 1970s, later founding the International Participatory Research Network. He served as Secretary-General of the International Council for Adult Education for 11 years where he worked with Paulo Freire. Budd participated in the 1976 Cartagena Conference organized by the late Orlando Fals Borda as well as the ALARA event in the same city in 1996. His research and writing are in areas of participatory research, social movement learning, community-university research partnerships and the role of poetry in social change.

Congress Paper: *Whose Local? Whose Global? Knowledge, Power and Privilege in a Troubled World*

Theme 3. Methodology

The perennial issues of methodology will remain central to our deliberations; how relevant are questions about quantitative and qualitative approaches, their associated techniques and methods within the context of AR and PAR? What is the nature of the research / learning / consulting relationship in AL, AR and PAR? How do we evolve an appropriate process in terms of overall timing, ethics agreements, agreements about steps? What issues surround our use of language, our metaphors, especially in contexts characterised by deep divisions as mentioned above? What are we to do with the results of our work? How can we negotiate ownership of outcomes and the paradoxes between the commercial and political/personal dimensions of our practice?

Keynote Speaker: Professor Linda Tuhiwai Smith

Linda Tuhiwai Smith is Professor of Education and Māori Development and Pro-Vice Chancellor Māori at the University of Waikato. She has worked in the field of Māori education for many years as an educator and researcher and is well known for her work in Kaupapa Māori research. Professor Smith has published widely in journals and books. Her book *“Decolonising Methodologies: Research and Indigenous Peoples”* has been an international bestseller in the Indigenous world since its publication in 1998. More recently Professor Smith was a Joint Director of Ngā Pae o Te Maramatanga, New Zealand’s Māori Centre of Research Excellence and a Professor of Education at the University of Auckland. She is well known internationally as a public speaker. Professor Smith is from two iwi in New Zealand, Ngāti Awa and Ngāti Porou.

Theme 4. Practice/praxis

Practice/praxis issues and stories about concrete experiences and examples of our ongoing work should remain central considerations. What are the pragmatics of process in participants’ AL, AR, PAR work? What stories, ‘living theories’ and novel/innovative moments can we share for further consideration? What are present contradictions-in-practice and how do we deal with them—also ethically? Many projects continuously touch upon issues of politics and policy; how are the connections being made, what are the emerging issues and the energetic new theories?

Keynote Speaker: Yoland Wadsworth

Yoland Wadsworth has been involved in PAR since the early 1970s and has written Australia's two bestselling social research and evaluation books based on a PAR approach. The final in the trilogy *“Building in Research and Evaluation for Living Human Systems”* is to be published in 2010. She is an Adjunct Professor at RMIT University and Principal Fellow at the University of Melbourne and has worked for 38 years with NGOs, government and community organisations, primarily in health and human services. Yoland is a life member and former president of ALARA, founder in 1986 of the Action Research Issues Association (ARIA) and its current convener.

Congress Paper: *Action Research for life - an integral epistemology for (truly) living systems.*

Participatory Action Research

Over the last fifteen years ALARPM (now) ALARA World Congresses have taken place in a partnership with the world's participatory action research communities. This network has at times been held by specific institutions, such as Cornell University, and at others as loose gatherings of individuals. For this World Congress, ALARA, Borderlands Cooperative are proud to announce that the People, Power and Social Change Team at the Institute for Development Studies, UK <http://www.ids.ac.uk/go/research-teams/participation-team>, are sponsoring the participatory action research partnership with ALARA.

Streams of Praxis

Assuring that our conversations remain anchored in real-life contexts and reflect the existing potentials as well as barriers in our fields of practice, workshops, formal paper and catalytic paper presentations and discussions as well as the poster sessions (see below) will be organised in designated '*streams of praxis*'. We hope that our denomination and delineation of the various selected fields-of-engagement strike a chord with participants.

Day two and three of the Congress are more specifically dedicated to examining and reflecting on contemporary PAR, AR and AL praxis across the several streams. '*Stream coordinating groups*' with a designated Chairperson will connect with the international networks operating in the respective fields to assist in organising a program for the third day and in their specific stream, including assisting in organising an appropriate venue. Everyone is invited to contribute to the conceptual development of the 'streams' via www.alara.net.au." In subsequent announcements also at the ALARA website, participants and presenters will be kept informed of the final 'shape' the 'streams of praxis' will adopt during Congress proceedings.

The streams are listed below together with an indication as to the aspects which may become topical in their 'conversations' at the Congress.

(Social) Ecology and its several areas of engagement, including social and deep-ecological approaches and projects; agriculture and sustainability; landcare, environment, wilderness and conservation; ecology-community-economy; the social ecology of (dis)ability and ageing and their (dis)contents. **Chair:** Dr Christine King, School of Integrative Systems, University of Queensland

International Development and its various aspects and levels of involvement, including community development and cooperation, fair trade, volunteering and technical assistance, aid, solidarity and awareness projects, alternative development 'models' and practices.

Co-Chairs: Dr Rob Nabben, Deakin University and Daniel Salinger, Regional Director for Latin America, International Institute of Rural reconstruction.

Health and Wellbeing (including the various 'welfare' fields of engagement); work and involvement across the curative/preventative/self help spectrums; health, individuals and social contexts; health and environment; health and work; welfare institutional contexts and PAR, AR and AL: political, economics and pragmatics.

Chair: Dr Ian Hughes, Honorary Senior Lecturer, University of Sydney.

Systems / Business / Organisational Development; this stream will include the members of *Australia New Zealand Systems* (ANZsys), a regional network of AR and AL practitioners interested in 'whole systems' approaches and who will use the Congress as their 'annual conference', therewith opening up their experiences to everyone and ready to learn—in turn—from everyone.

Chair: Dr Danny Burns, Director, SOLAR Centre, Univ. of West England

Education and Learning, from pre-school to post-graduate; one of the historical entry-points for AR, AL and PAR; 'living theory' approaches to (P)AR/AL; narrative and deconstructionist influences on education and AR and AL; new fields opening up: life-long learning, technical education, university of the third age, pre-school and parent groups.

Chair: Dr Jack Whitehead, Professor at Liverpool Hope University

Decolonising praxis, including cross-cultural learning with Indigenous and other Peoples and contexts; epistemological and ontological challenges to positivist and post-positivist approaches to PAR, AR and AL; are we post-colonial yet? Reflecting on and reframing the research and learning *relationships* and learning from insider voices; empire, research and learning: how far have we come?

Co-Chairs: Dr. Karen Adams, Research Fellow, Australian Community Centre for Diabetes, Victoria University and Dr. Bronwyn Fredericks, Senior Research Fellow, Faculty of Health, Queensland University of Technology (QUT).

The ALARA website - www.alara.net.au/worldcongress/2010/objectives - will be regularly updated as to developments in the AR, AL and PAR streams and the more general thematic developments as they come to hand. We encourage everyone interested in becoming involved in a stream to contact the Organising Committee and/or communicate via the ALARA website as indicated above.

Call for Abstracts and Proposals

Abstracts for Paper or Catalyst Presentations, Workshop proposals, proposals for Poster Sessions and discussion-rounds are invited; the Organising Committee will receive abstracts for proposed refereed contributions (up to 300-400 words) from interested individuals and groups till **May 31st 2010**. The proposals will be reviewed by the ALARA World Congress Editorial review Panel, who will also offer some feedback as to the linkages of the proposed presentations or discussions with the themes of the Congress.

Please email your proposals to alara@borderlands.org.au with 'ALARA Congress' in the subject line; or contact us on +61 (0)3 9819 3239.

As is congruent with the participatory intentions of the Congress, we would like to minimise one-way lecturing communication. We particularly encourage innovative and creative presentations designed to stimulate interaction, reflection and dialogue among those attending sessions.

Types of sessions being planned at the Congress

(most sessions will be of 1 ½ hours duration; see program structure on the next page):

Workshop: 1 or 2 sessions in 1 ½ hours, depending on proposed theme and process. Focusing on and engaging with praxis / practice-theory / strategy / experiential approach. Approaches may include drama, visual media, arts, group work, discussion, round-table discussions, panels. Supported by a facilitator/moderator.

Catalytic paper: 25 minutes per presentation (3 in 1 ½ hours). A strongly and pointedly argued one-page statement, to be briefly introduced by its author and followed by a 20 minutes facilitated discussion. Focus on a theme/issue of historical / theoretical / methodical / philosophical / praxis importance. Participatory process supported by a moderator/facilitator.

Standard paper: 25 minutes per presentation (3 in 1 ½ hours). The substance of the paper to be summarised / presented by the author(s) in 15 minutes, leaving 10 minutes for responses, discussion and expansion. Supported by a moderator/facilitator and conducted in as participatory a process as possible.

Poster session: pin boards and/or trestle tables will be made available in the reception and lunch area of the Congress venue. Set up during morning proceedings, the presenter would be available during the lunch break to interact with interested Congress participants. The presenter may choose either 1 or 2 sessions for the duration of the Congress.

Intending participants will be notified about the acceptance of their proposals by **July 1st 2010**. Those who need earlier confirmation about the acceptance or otherwise of their proposal should indicate this in an accompanying email/letter and we will do our very best to speed up the refereeing process as necessary.

A selection of presented papers will be published in an ALARA publication after the Congress. A special ALARA editorial review panel will be set up for that purpose and more details about the requirements and formalities of intended contributions will be provided shortly. For more information see www.alara.net.au/worldcongress/2010/papers.

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Time	Day 1 Monday	Day 2 Tuesday	Day 3 Wednesday	Day 4 Thursday					
8.00	Registrations	Registrations	Registrations at Bayview Eden & depart for stream venues	Registrations					
8.30				Key Note Speaker: Budd Hall	Key Note Speaker: Yoland Wadsworth				
9.00	Welcome to Country Presidents' Welcome Organisational Issues	Arrive at stream venues							
9.30	Key Note Speaker:		Reflection in Streams	Introduction to Streams	Reflections				
10.00	Alan Rayner	Morning Tea		Stream Sessions & Workshops	Morning Tea				
10.30	Morning Tea		Sessions & Workshops		Sessions & Workshops				
11.00	Reflection in Streams					Lunch	Lunch		
11.30	Sessions & Workshops							Lunch at stream venues	Sessions & Workshops
12.00		Key Note Speaker: Linda Tuhiwai Smith		Stream Sessions & Workshops					
12.30			Afternoon Tea		Afternoon Tea				
1.00	Lunch					Sessions & Workshops	Sessions & Workshops		
1.30								Plenary: Celebrating 20 Years of ALAR: Revisiting the Past, facilitated by Ortrun Zuber-Skerritt	Reflections in Streams
2.00		World Network of Networks		ALARA AGM					
2.30			Ad hoc meetings / special interest groups / journal boards / book launches		ALARA World Congress 2010 Dinner & Entertainment				
3.00	Ad hoc meetings / special interest groups / journal boards / book launches					ALARA World Congress 2010 Dinner & Entertainment	ALARA World Congress 2010 Dinner & Entertainment		
3.30								Ad hoc meetings / special interest groups / journal boards / book launches	ALARA World Congress 2010 Dinner & Entertainment
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Venue

The Congress will be held at **Bayview Eden, 6 Queens Road, Melbourne**, which is less than 10 minutes tram from the city centre. It is built around a beautiful late-1800s mansion, looking over Albert Park and Port Phillip Bay. The venue has many warm and welcoming 'spaces' for the main events, break-out rooms and places to sit and 'be' and converse. A hotel and restaurants are on site.

Accommodation

Hotels (all prices listed in Australian dollars)

Bayview Eden Melbourne

(Congress Venue Hotel)

6 Queens Road, Melbourne City

www.bayviewhotels.com/eden

P: +(613) 9250 2222

F: +(613) 9820 9586

E: bayvieweden@bayviewhotels.com

\$140 per night (single)

The Victoria Hotel Melbourne

215 Little Collins St, Melbourne City

www.victoriahotel.com.au

P: +(613) 9669 0000

\$80 per night (single)

Melbourne Central YHA

562 Flinders St, Melbourne City

www.yha.com.au

P: +(613) 9621 2523

F: +(613) 9614 7891

E: melbcentral@yhavic.org.au

\$28-\$35 per night in dormitory room

\$90-\$100 per night (double, shared bathrm.)

\$99-\$110 per night (double, private bathrm.)

Hotel Claremont Guesthouse

189 Toorak Road, South Yarra

www.hotelclaremont.com

P: +(613) 9826 8000

P: +(613) 1300 301 630

\$89 per night (double)

\$42 per person / per night in dormitory room

All Seasons Kingsgate Hotel

131 King Street, Melbourne City

www.kingsgatehotel.com.au

P: +(613) 9629 4171

P: +(613) 1300 734 171

\$169 (single)

\$99 (single, shared bathrm)

Nomads Backpackers Hostel

196 - 198 A'beckett St, Melbourne City

www.nomadshostels.com

P: +(613) 9328 4383

P: +(613) 1800 44 77 62

E: info@nomadsmelbourne.com

bookings@nomadsmelbourne.com

\$85 per night (single)

\$27 per night (Dorm 6—8 people)

Victoria Hall Accommodation

380 Russell St, Melbourne City

www.vichall.com.au

P: +(613) 9662 3888

\$59.00 per night (single)

\$28.00 per person / per night in dormitory room (max 4 occupants)

** Show your receipt and mention that you are attending the ALARA World Congress and you may get a discount at some of the above hotels.

Billeting

Accommodation in local Melbourne homes will be available and the Organising Committee is happy to liaise between the parties. Please email alara@borderlands.org.au with the subject title 'Billeting Request' as soon as possible if you would like to stay in the household of a local person associated with AR, AL and PAR (usually with little or no cost). We will send you a form to fill out in order to match you with a billeting host.

Acknowledgement of traditional land owners

ALARA, Borderlands Cooperative and oases Graduate School acknowledge that the site of the 8th ALARA World Congress is located on the land of the Wurundjeri people. We acknowledge the elders past and present and join them in their age-long care for the land.

Congress Dinner

The Congress Dinner - optional and at extra cost, but strongly encouraged - will be held at the Congress venue on Wednesday, the 8th of September, from 7:00 p.m. after the ALARA Annual General Meeting. The dinner will offer a variety of entertainment and activities, all inspired by the participatory paradigm we inhabit and embody. And there will be ample time to allow good conversations and networking.

Registration

The preferred option is through the ALARA Events webpage: <http://events.alara.net.au> which will register your full details. You can also register using the Registration Form on page 11 and either mail or fax the form to us. Payments can be made online or by mailing a cheque. Details on page 11. Confirmation of your registration and an invoice will be issued with 5 working days of receipt of your paperwork. Receipt of your invoice confirms your registration has been received. Payment of your registration fee confirms your place at the World Congress.

Earlybird discount applies to registrations received by June 1 2010. No further Earlybird registrations will be considered after this deadline. All delegates need to complete a World Congress registration form.

Pre-Congress Workshops

Details of Pre-congress workshops facilitators, prices and times to be announced. A separate Registration Form for Pre-congress Workshops will be available shortly. Visit www.alara.net.au for updates.

Congress Carbon Footprint

2% of the total Congress revenue will be preserved and transferred to *Generation Green*, (Bendigo Bank) to be used as a Congress Carbon Offset contribution. If congress participants desire to contribute another percentage of their flight costs for this purpose, they should request the pertinent information from their airlines or travel agents. Our preferred Travel Agency, the Flight Centre, can offer assistance in this matter (visit www.flightcentre.com.au).

Car Parking

On site Bayview Eden car parking is \$10.00 per car per day. For any guest staying in the hotel, entering after 3.00pm or on the weekend parking is complimentary. The car park is located directly behind the hotel and can be accessed via Queens Lane. Car parking is subject to availability.

Public Transport

Bayview Eden Melbourne is located less than a 3 minute walk to tram stop number 22, located on St Kilda Road which runs directly to and from the city. Tram numbers 3, 5, 6, 16, 64, 67 and 72 will take you to and from Swanston Street and Flinders Street Station. At Flinders Street you can connect with further trams and trains.

For more information please visit www.metlinkmelbourne.com.au

Close to the Venue

Melbourne CBD
Albert Park
Port Phillip Bay

Southbank's Dining and Entertainment
St Kilda Beach, Restaurants, Entertainment
Chapel Street Shopping and Dining

Travelling prior to or after the Congress?

www.vline.com.au
www.yarratrams.com.au
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www.tourism.australia.com
www.flightcentre.com.au
www.hertz.com.au

Victorian Regional Train Service
Melbourne Tram Service
Connecting Public Transport Services Information
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Accompanied Persons Program

An Accompanied Persons Program may become available subject to numbers of interested parties. Please note on your registration form if persons accompanying you are interested in attending group visits to local attractions. A list of possible visit sites will soon be available on the ALARA website.

Terms and Conditions

Cancellation Policy

All cancellation requests need to be in writing and emailed to worldcongress@alara.net.au. A full refund less a \$100 administration fee will be provided on cancellations received 30 days prior to the event. A 50% refund will be provided to cancellations received 14 days prior to the event. No refunds will be available 13 days prior to the event. All refunds will be paid after the conclusion of the Congress.

Registration Transfer

We understand that organisations may need to transfer a registration. All requests to transfer a registration to another participant must be in writing with a replacement registration form sent to: worldcongress@alara.net.au. A \$20 administration fee applies.

Special Consideration

Unwaged or low waged people, pensioners and students are encouraged to apply for a limited number of discounted places available. The Committee will consider applications individually and may agree to a reduced fee in exchange for your contribution to the Congress. Please address these to borderlands@alara.net.au prior to registration.

Preferred travel agents

ALARA recommends Flight Centre for making all travel arrangements associated with the World Congress. Flight Centre provides a carbon footprint offset with all its travel arrangements and is an active sponsor of the World Congress. Make your travel bookings at www.FlightCentre.com.au or 1300 797 826.

Insurance

Registration fees do not include insurance of any kind. It is strongly recommended that all delegates take out their own travel and medical insurance prior to coming to the conference. The policy should include loss of fees through cancellation of the conference itself, loss of airfares for any reason, loss or damage to personal property, additional expenses should travel arrangements have to be altered. The Organising Committee will not take any responsibility for any participant failing to insure.

Disclaimer

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