



IOPS Committee Meetings and AGM	1-2 November 2010 Sydney Australia
Annual OECD/IOPS Global Forum on Private Pensions	2-3 November 2010 Sydney Australia
APRA Training Superannuation Seminar	4-5 November 2010 Sydney Australia

Information notes for participants

Registration

Please note that participation is by invitation only. Those invited to register, please do so by filling out the registration form and send by email or fax to:

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Conference venue

The conference will be held at the Four Seasons Hotel in Sydney, located at Circular Quay.

Four Seasons Hotel
199 George Street
Sydney NSW 2000
Phone +61 2 9250 3100
Website: www.fourseasons.com

Circular Quay is a transport hub for ferries, buses, and CityRail trains, positioned between the Harbour Bridge and the Sydney Opera House. The Quay, as it's called, is a good spot for a stroll, and its outdoor restaurants and street performers are popular. The Rocks, the Royal Botanic Gardens, the Contemporary Art Museum, and the start of the main shopping area (centred on Pitt Street and George Street) are just a short walk from the hotel.

Accommodation

A special accommodation rate has been negotiated with the Four Seasons Hotel AUS \$295 for a harbour view room. Each participant is responsible for the reservation and payment of his/her own accommodation. Please complete the attached reservation form and send directly to the hotel.

Email: Res.Sydney@fourseasons.com
Facsimile: +61 2 9247 8715

Airport transfers

The hotel is a 25 minute drive from the airport. A taxi will cost approximately AUS \$40. Transfers can be organised with the hotel via the reservation form and costs AUS \$110 (one way) for up to two people.

Working language

The conference will be held in English.

Documentation and website

Please go to the IOPS website www.iopsweb.org for all documentation relating to the Global Forum and the APRA Training Superannuation Seminar. Alternatively, contact either:

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Visas

Everyone travelling to Australia needs an approved travel document, visa or authority to enter Australia. Participants are recommended to verify requirements with the embassy/consulate in his/her country.

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Practical information

Climate

Sydney has a pleasantly moderate climate. In November, temperatures range from 13-24 degrees celsius.

Currency

The Australian currency is dollars; there are 100 cents in one dollar. Coins issued by the government are either gold; \$2 and \$1, or silver; 5, 10, 20 and 50 cents. Notes are brightly coloured and easy to distinguish \$5, \$10, \$20 and \$100.

Most major bank branches offer currency exchange services. Small foreign currency exchange offices are clustered at the airport and around Circular Quay.

Electricity

Local voltage is 220 to 240 volts AC. Adaptors can be purchased at the Four Seasons Hotel.

Medical Services

There are a number of Government hospitals and private medical centres located near the hotel that provide 24 hour medical assistance. The Four Seasons Hotel can provide a list of recommended medical services on request.

Local transport

Circular Quay is a transport hub for ferries, buses, and CityRail trains. Tickets can be purchased for one, two or ten rides at a ticket office.

There is a green bus that circles the city from Circular Quay to Central Station and back and it is free.

For details on the green bus or ticket office locations see the concierge desk at the hotel

Places of interest

Sydney Opera House

Located at Bennalong Point on Sydney Harbour. Tours of the Opera House run daily between 9.00am and 5.00pm. Tickets can be purchased at the Sydney Opera House Tour Desk or online www.sydneyoperahouse.com for AUS \$35 per adult. Duration approximately one hour.

20 minute walk from hotel.

Botanical Gardens

Mrs Macquaries Road, Sydney

The Royal Botanic Gardens is an oasis of 30 hectares in the heart of the city. Wrapped around Farm Cove at the edge of Sydney Harbour, the gardens occupy one of Sydney's most spectacular positions. Established in 1816, the Royal Botanic Gardens is the oldest scientific institution in the country and home to an outstanding collection of plants from Australia and overseas.

The Domain surrounds the Royal Botanic Gardens. In colonial times this land was the Governor's buffer of privacy between his residence and the penal colony. Roads and paths were constructed through the Domain by 1831 to allow public access. Since that time it has remained a place for the people.

There are free guided walks daily at 10.30am and at lunchtime. Duration approximately one hour.

20 minute walk from hotel.

Sydney Harbour

Captain Cook Cruises offer a number of sightseeing tours of Sydney Harbour, however their Coffee Cruise is the most extensive cruise of the harbour and is definitely worth experiencing. The cruise departs twice daily at 10.00am and 2.15pm from Circular Quay (Wharf 6). Duration is 2.5 hours and costs AUS \$49.

Circular Quay Wharf 10-15 minute walk.

The Rocks

This small historic area, a short stroll west of Circular Quay, is packed with colonial stone buildings, intriguing back streets, boutiques, pubs, tourist stores, restaurants and hotels. It's the most exclusive place to stay in the city because of its beauty and its proximity to the Opera House and harbour. On weekends, a portion of George Street is blocked off for The Rocks Market, with stalls selling souvenirs and crafts. To reach the area by public transport, take any bus from Circular Quay or walk.

15-20 minute walk from hotel.

Sydney Harbour Bridge

BridgeClimb Sydney offers a guided climb to the summit of Sydney Harbour Bridge. BridgeClimb operates 7 days a week and bookings are essential. As this is a very popular tourist activity it is recommended that bookings be made as early as possible. For more information please visit www.bridgeclimb.com
