

## REGISTRATION

Please note that registration for the congress will be open from October 2009 and early registrations will be accepted until mid July 2010. Registration Fees will be advertised on the congress website shortly.

## EXHIBITION

A trade exhibition will be run in conjunction with the 8<sup>th</sup> AOEC. This is an integral part of the congress, offering delegates the chance to learn the latest developments in products and services. Companies who are interested in exhibiting at the 8<sup>th</sup> AOEC should contact [melbourne@epilepsycongress.org](mailto:melbourne@epilepsycongress.org)

## VENUE

The 8<sup>th</sup> AOEC will be held in the new Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre (MCEC) which is Australia's most flexible combined convention and exhibition centre and the world's first and only convention and exhibition centre to be awarded a '6 Star Green Star' environmental rating. Located along the banks of the Yarra River, with spectacular views of the water, one can easily forget that one is in the heart of Melbourne.

## ACCOMMODATION

The choice of accommodation in Melbourne is extensive with a price range to suit all budgets – from five star deluxe to simple two star properties alongside student accommodation. A comprehensive range of hotels conveniently located to the congress venue can be booked online from October 2009.

## ENTRY VISA

All visitors (other than those travelling on a New Zealand passport) travelling to Australia from overseas, including those attending congresses, are required to obtain a Visitor/Business Visa. Visas are available from Australian Visa Offices, such as Australian Embassies, High Commissions and Consulates. They are also available in Electronic Travel Authority (ETA) format which can be booked over the internet and enables visitors to Australia to obtain an entry visa at the same time as they book their travel arrangements. In addition the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Business Travel Card is also available to the APEC economies participating in the ABTC scheme.

## LANGUAGE

The official language of the 8<sup>th</sup> AOEC will be English.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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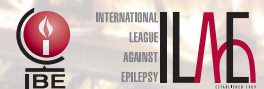
1<sup>st</sup> Announcement

# 8<sup>th</sup> Asian & Oceanian Epilepsy Congress

MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA 21<sup>st</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> October 2010



[www.epilepsymelbourne2010.org](http://www.epilepsymelbourne2010.org)



## WELCOME MESSAGE

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

It is with great pleasure that we announce that the 8<sup>th</sup> Asian & Oceanian Epilepsy Congress (AOEC) will be held in Melbourne, Australia from the 21<sup>st</sup> to the 24<sup>th</sup> October 2010, organised jointly by the International League Against Epilepsy and the International Bureau for Epilepsy.

Work has already begun in creating a scientific programme which should be of great interest to all, encompassing recent scientific, clinical and social developments in the field of epilepsy. Depression and Epilepsy, Prevention of Epilepsy, Predictors of Outcome of Epilepsy, and Epilepsy and Driving are the main sessions for the Congress. There will also be a Chairman's Symposium, a highlights session, the Masakazu Seino Memorial Lecture, post main sessions, parallel sessions as well as practical video and 'How To' sessions. The Asian Epilepsy Academy (ASEPA) will once again organize a series of didactic lectures pertaining to crucial aspects of contemporary epileptology given by world-renowned experts in their respective fields. A two day programme for People with Epilepsy and their Carers will run in conjunction with the Congress.

The contributions of researchers and practitioners with abstracts for platform and poster presentations are an integral part of the programme. Details will be announced shortly on the Congress website about travel bursaries available for the 8<sup>th</sup> AOEC.

Melbourne is recognised as Australia's sporting and cultural capital and is notable for its architecture, restaurants, tram network and beautiful parks and gardens. Melbourne has a diverse, multicultural society and is consistently ranked as one of the most liveable cities in the world; there is no doubt that everyone will feel at home in Melbourne.

We hope to see you and your colleagues in Melbourne next year for what should be a memorable Congress.

Sincerely,

**A. Simon Harvey** (Australia)  
*President, Epilepsy Society of Australia*

**Shunglon Lai** (Taiwan)  
*IBE Vice President, Western Pacific*

**Shih Hui Lim** (Singapore)  
*Chair, Commission on Asian & Oceanian Affairs*

**Vinod Saxena** (India)  
*IBE Vice President (incoming), South East Asia*






## TENTATIVE PROGRAMME

### MAIN & POST-MAIN SESSIONS

The following topics have been proposed for the main and post main sessions: Depression and Epilepsy, Prevention of Epilepsy in Asia-Oceania, Predictors of Outcome of Epilepsy and also Epilepsy and Driving. A Highlights session at the end of the congress will summarise the main scientific topics discussed during the 8<sup>th</sup> AOEC.

### PARALLEL SESSIONS

Post main sessions will be mixed with enlightening parallel sessions and workshops on topical issues. Additionally, videos, debates and 'how to' sessions will run concurrently in the afternoons.

### DIDACTIC LECTURES BY THE ASIAN EPILEPSY ACADEMY (ASEPA)

Six international authorities will share up-to-date knowledge during plenary sessions. In addition, the Masakazu Seino Memorial Lecture will take place on the first day of the congress.

### PLATFORM SESSIONS

Platform sessions for free paper presentations will take place on Friday and Saturday.

### POSTER SESSIONS

Poster sessions will take place during the coffee breaks of the 8<sup>th</sup> AOEC.

### PROGRAMME FOR PEOPLE WITH EPILEPSY AND THEIR CARERS

A stimulating programme is currently being devised, further details to follow.

**\* Please note that this is a preliminary programme and is subject to change. Details of the full scientific programme for the 8<sup>th</sup> AOEC will be announced on the congress website in the coming months [www.epilepsymelbourne2010.org](http://www.epilepsymelbourne2010.org)**

### ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

All abstracts should be submitted via the congress website at [www.epilepsymelbourne2010.org](http://www.epilepsymelbourne2010.org). Instructions and rules for abstract submission will be available later on in 2009. The abstract submission system will be accessible at the end of the year. The deadline for the submission of abstracts will be mid June 2010.

### IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Registration begins	October 2009
Abstract Submission System available	October 2009
Abstract Submission deadline	June 2010
Early Registration deadline	July 2010
Congress Dates	21 <sup>st</sup> - 24 <sup>th</sup> October 2010

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## 8<sup>th</sup> AOEC'S ASSOCIATED COMMITTEES

Commission on Asian and Oceanian Affairs (CAOA)

The Asian Epilepsy Academy (ASEPA)

IBE Vice Presidents of Western Pacific and South East Asia

IBE Western Pacific and South East Asia regional executive committees

Epilepsy Society of Australia (ESA)

Joint Epilepsy Council of Australia Ltd (JECA)

Executive members of the International League Against Epilepsy (ILAE)

Executive members of the International Bureau For Epilepsy (IBE)

### ADD ME TO YOUR MAILING LIST

Please submit your details on the 8<sup>th</sup> AOEC website [www.epilepsymelbourne2010.org](http://www.epilepsymelbourne2010.org) in order to receive information on the forthcoming 8<sup>th</sup> Asian & Oceanian Epilepsy Congress.

Alternatively you can fax your details to + 353 1 2056156 or email [melbourne@epilepsycongress.org](mailto:melbourne@epilepsycongress.org)

### WELCOME TO MELBOURNE

Melbourne was founded on the mouth of the Yarra River in 1835 and boomed in the 1850's as a result of the gold rush in the region to the north. Today, Melbourne has a reputation of being the home of the country's finest restaurants, shopping and art, and is acknowledged as the country's most important medical research centre. The city caters for all religious and dietary needs so everyone will feel welcome. Melbourne's colourful streetscapes and reputation as a safe and friendly place also make it an ideal walking city. All great international cities offer visitors unique and interesting attractions; but what amazes and delights those who come to Melbourne is the sheer breadth of unique sightseeing and entertainment experiences that are situated within just a short stroll of each other in the very centre of the city.

