



**A**  
**Proposal to host**  
**The 15th International Conference**  
**On**  
**Document Analysis and Recognition (ICDAR 2019)**  
**in Brisbane**  
**Located in**  
**Queensland, the tourist capital of Australia**  
**(September 22<sup>nd</sup>–25<sup>th</sup>, 2019)**



## Conference committee

### Honorary Chair

Ching Y. Suen (Canada)

### General Chairs

Michael Blumenstein (Australia), Umapada Pal (India)

### Program Chairs

Cheng-Lin Liu (Asia), Andreas Dengel (Europe), Rafael Lins (Americas)

### Organising Chairs

Brijesh Verma (Australia), Abdul Sattar (Australia), Miguel Angel Ferrer (Spain)

### Workshop Chairs

Jean-Marc Ogier (France), Seiichi Uchida (Japan)

### Competition Chairs

Marcus Liwicki (Germany), Luiz Oliveira (Brazil)

### Tutorial Chairs

Josep Lladós (Spain), Dan Lopresti (USA)

### Sponsorship Chairs

Apostolos Antonacopoulos (UK), Koichi Kise (Japan)

### Publicity Chairs

David Doermann (USA), Simone Marinai (Italy)

### Publications Chair

Giuseppe Pirlo (Italy)

### Biography of General Chairs

**Umapada Pal** received his Ph.D. in 1997 from the Indian Statistical Institute. His PhD work was on the development of printed Bangla OCR system. He did his Post-Doctoral research at INRIA (Institut National de Recherche en Informatique et en Automatique), France. From January 1997, he is a Faculty member of Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition Unit of the Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata and at present he is a Professor.

His fields of research interest include Digital Document Processing, Optical Character Recognition, Camera/video text processing, Biometrics, etc. He has published more than 260 research papers in various international journals, conference proceedings and edited volumes. Because of his significant impact in the Document Analysis research, in 2003 he received “ICDAR Outstanding Young Researcher Award” from International Association for Pattern Recognition (IAPR). In 2005-2006 Dr. Pal has received JSPS fellowship from Japan government. In 2008, 2011 and 2012, Dr. Pal received visiting fellowship from Spain, France and Australia government, respectively. Dr. Pal has been serving as General/Program/Organizing Chair of many conferences including International Conference on Document Analysis and Recognition (ICDAR), International Conference on Frontiers of Handwritten Recognition (ICFHR), International Workshop on Document Analysis and Systems (DAS), Asian Conference on Pattern recognition (ACPR) etc. Also he has served as a program committee member of more than 50 international events. He has many international research collaborations and supervising Ph.D. students of 5 foreign universities. He is serving as associate Editor of the journal of ACM Transactions of Asian Language Information Processing (ACM-TALIP), Pattern recognition Letters (PRL), Electronic Letters on Computer Vision and Image Analysis (ELCVIA) etc. Also he has served as a guest editor of several special issues. He is a Fellow of IAPR (International Association of Pattern Recognition) a Senior Member of the IEEE.

**Michael Blumenstein** is a Professor and Head of the School of Information and Communication Technology at Griffith University, where he previously served as the Dean (Research) in the Science, Environment, Engineering and Technology Group. He is a nationally and internationally recognised expert in the areas of automated Pattern Recognition and Artificial Intelligence, and his current research interests include Document Analysis, Multi-Script Handwriting Recognition and Signature Verification. He has published over 150 papers in refereed books, conferences and journals. His research also spans various projects applying Artificial Intelligence to the fields of Engineering, Environmental Science, Neurobiology and Coastal Management. He has secured internal/nationally competitive research grants to undertake these projects with funds exceeding AUD\$4.3 Million. Components of his research into the predictive assessment of beach conditions have been commercialised for use by local government agencies, coastal management authorities and in commercial applications. Following his achievements in applying Artificial Intelligence to the area of bridge engineering (where he has published widely and has been awarded federal funding), he was invited to serve on the International Association for Bridge and Structural Engineering's Working Commission 6 to advise on matters pertaining to Information Technology. He is the first Australian to be elected onto this committee. In addition, he was previously the Chair of the Queensland Branch of the Institute for Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE) Computational Intelligence Society. He is also the Gold Coast Chapter Convener and a Board Member of the Australian

Computer Society's Queensland Branch Executive Committee as well as the Chairman of the IT Forum Gold Coast and a Board Member of IT Queensland. He currently serves on the Australian Research Council's (ARC) College of Experts on the Engineering, Mathematics and Informatics (EMI) panel. In addition, he has recently been elected onto the Executive of the Australian Council of Deans of Information and Communication Technology (ACDICT). He also serves on a number of Journal Editorial Boards and has been invited to act as General Chair, Organising Chair, Program Chair and/or Committee member for numerous national/international conferences in his areas of expertise. In 2009 he was named as one of Australia's Top 10 Emerging Leaders in Innovation in the *Australian's* Top 100 Emerging Leaders Series supported by Microsoft. He is a Fellow of the Australian Computer Society and a Senior Member of the IEEE.

### **Experience of the proposed Committee Chairs in Organizing Research Events**

The General Co-Chairs have successfully organized and served in important roles of several research events; some of them are listed below.

- Program Chair ICDAR 2009
- Organizing Chair ICFHR 2010
- General Chair DAS 2012
- ICFHR competition Chair 2014
- Program Chair DAS 2016
- Program Chair ICFHR 2016
- Program Chair ICFHR 2018
- General Chair ACPR 2015
- BTAS competition 2015 organizers
- ICDAR competition 2015 organizers
- Organizing Chair ICB 2018

### **Various Research Topics the Host Organizers are Working on:**

- Document Analysis
- Historical document processing
- Script identification
- Video text processing
- Machine Learning
- Human behaviour identification
- Multi-lingual document processing.
- Signature identification and verification
- Multi-modal biometrics

## Location

Brisbane is a vibrant, friendly, lifestyle city in the heart of Australia's premier tourist region and close to some of the world's greatest natural attractions. Brisbane is Australia's only subtropical capital city with an ideal temperatures for pre and post touring activities and social and leisure activities. In 2014 it hosted the highly successful G20 Leaders Summit. Brisbane is the largest capital city in close proximity to the Asia Pacific Rim and is widely recognized as the commercial hub for the region.

Brisbane is acknowledged as a safe destination, enjoying a stable economic and social environment. As a Crime Prevention Measure the Queensland Police have established a Tourist Oriented Policing Unit which provides visitors with helpful information relating to travel hints and personal safety. Australia as a country is an extremely safe destination for international visitors.



## Weather

'Beautiful one day – perfect the next' – that is what they say about Queensland which boasts an enjoyable subtropical climate year round with average summer temperatures of 27 degrees Celsius (December – February), average winter temperatures of 21 degrees Celsius (June – August) and average spring temperatures 25 degrees Celsius (September to November). With more than 300 sun-filled days a year, Brisbane the capital of Queensland is a reliable destination for outdoor functions, events and activities that can be built into your conference program.

## **Conference dates**

Due to the comfortable weather conditions of the proposed venue and similar to previous iterations of ICDAR i.e. 2011, 2007 and 1999, ICDAR 2019 is proposed in late September. Further schedule details of the conference are as below.

## **Tentative Dates**

June 30, 2018 Final composition of committees

July 10, 2018 Release of 'Call for Papers' and website

September 2018 – December 2018 CFP widely publicized in related conferences

Paper submission: 15 December, 2018

Notification of acceptance: 15 February, 2019

Camera-ready copy: 15 March, 2019

Welcome reception: 22<sup>nd</sup> Sep, 2019

Conference: 22<sup>nd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> Sep, 2019

## **Accessibility of Brisbane**

There are 56,750 arrival seats into Brisbane per week, over half of which bring passengers through Asia (it is the transfer hub from major European destinations). Direct flights arrive several times a day from the USA, New Zealand, Pacific and many other destinations.

Twenty-eight international airlines fly directly into and out of Brisbane Airport: Aircalin, Airlines PNG, Air New Zealand, Air Niugini, Air Pacific, Air Vanuatu, Cathay Pacific Airways, China Airlines, China Southern Airlines, Emirates Airlines, Etihad Airlines, Eva Airways, Jetstar, Korean Air, Malaysia Airlines, Norfolk Jet Express, Our Airline, Pacific Blue, Polynesian Blue, Qantas Airways, Royal Brunei Airlines, Singapore Airlines, Solomon Airlines, Strategic Airlines, Thai Airways International, Tiger Airway and Virgin Australia.

Nine domestic carriers fly through Brisbane Airport: Brindabella Airlines, Sky Trans, Strategic Airlines, Tiger Airways, Virgin Australia, Qantas, Qantaslink, Jetstar and Alliance.

Brisbane's award-winning International Airport is located just 13 kilometres or 20 minutes from the city centre and from the Convention Centre. With superior airport infrastructure and operating 24 hours a day, Brisbane Airport directly services 30 international destinations each week and 44 domestic destinations. The international terminal accommodates some 4.1 million travellers each year and the airport is serviced by Brisbane's airport rail link, Airtrain, which provides a cost effective and efficient service to travellers transferring to the City and the Convention Centre. Brisbane Airport has undergone a \$340 million upgrade and

expansion of its International Terminal and has become one of around 60 airports in the world that can accommodate the new generation aircraft.

Brisbane Airport was named Australia's best for customer service for five consecutive years. This latest award by Australia's Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) follows a number of other recent accolades for Brisbane Airport including being named the best in the Asia Pacific Region. More details about the airport are below.

### International Access - Two International Airports

Delegates attending the conference will be able to fly into either Brisbane International Airport or Gold Coast International Airport.

Estimated Airfares:

From Europe:

Paris: USD 1323/EUR 1204; London: USD 1420/EUR 1314

From America:

New York: USD 1672/EUR 1522; Los Angeles: USD 1369/EUR 1246

From Asia:

Beijing: USD 1041/EUR 948; Tokyo: USD 920/EUR 838

#### 1. Brisbane International Airport

**[www.bne.com.au](http://www.bne.com.au)**

Qantas Airways	Singapore Airlines	EVA Air
Air New Zealand	Korean Airlines	Air Nauru
United Airlines	Malaysia Airlines	Air Caledonia
Cathay Pacific	Japan Airlines	Solomon Airlines
Emirates	Garuda Indonesia	MacAir Airlines
Etihad Airways	Thai Airways	Pacific Blue
China Airlines	Royal Brunei	V Australia

Brisbane Airport will have daily direct flights throughout Asia, to the USA, and Japan as of August this year.

## 2. Gold Coast International Airport

[www.goldcoastairport.com.au](http://www.goldcoastairport.com.au)

- Daily direct flights from all major Australian cities.
- Daily direct flights from Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
- Daily direct flights from Tokyo and Osaka, Japan.
- Daily direct flights from New Zealand.

Airlines servicing Gold Coast International Airport include

AirAsia X	Pacific Blue	Air New Zealand
Virgin Blue	Jetstar	Tiger Airways
Air North		



### Local transport

The Centre's central city location is convenient for visitors with easy and direct access to an efficient and integrated citywide transport network of buses, trains, taxis and the river's high speed regular catamaran service.

- The city to airport Airtrain and City Train operate from the South Brisbane Train Station, adjacent to the Convention Centre
- There are two bus stations within the South Bank Precinct and a drop off bay alongside the Centre is available for chartered buses
- There is a dedicated taxi rank located at the Centre's Main Entrance
- Brisbane's Go Card enables seamless travel across bus, train and ferry services
- Brisbane is a compact, connected city ideal for walking and getting around via the many scenic river and bridge walks

### Currency and money

Traveller's cheques can be encased at banks and major hotels.

- ATM's widely available 24 hours a day.
- Major credit cards accepted at shops, hotels, restaurants, Common credit cards include American Express,

Bank Card, Dinner's Club, MasterCard, and Visa.

- Bank hours: 9.00 am to 4.00 pm (Monday to Thursday), 9.30 am to 5 pm (Friday).
- Bureau de Change offer more flexible hours.

Currency exchange facilities: at Airports, hotels, Key tourist centres.

Australia has a Federal Goods and Services Tax (GST) on all goods and services. Travellers may be eligible for a GST refund on departure through Customs [www.customs.gov.au](http://www.customs.gov.au)

### **Passport and visa**

Australia's Electronic Travel Authority (ETA) system is among the world's most advanced and streamlined travel visa authorisation systems. Recent innovative enhancements to ETA arrangements allow for a traveller to apply for visa information over the Internet.

The ETA is a stored electronic authority for travel to Australia for the short-term visitor. It replaces the passport visa label or stamp in a passport and removes the need for application forms. ETA visas are issued within seconds of being requested through computer links between Department of Immigration, Migration and Indigenous Affairs (DIMIA), travel agents, airlines and specialist service providers around the world, ensuring delegates know their visas are in order before leaving their home country.

The Australian Government, through the Department of Immigration is committed to making conferences in Australia problem-free. DIMIA has set up the International Event Co-ordinator Network (IECN), which provides advice and support on visa issues, while also acting as a conduit for information between event organisers and the Australian diplomatic missions who will then process visa applications for their guests. The IECN is a designated group of experienced immigration employees who provide visa information to event organisers and their delegates. The role involves:

- Alerting event organisers to Australia's immigration requirements and, where necessary, providing briefings on those visa requirements
- Collecting and passing information to overseas posts about upcoming events and prospective overseas visitors at the earliest possible time – enabling more informed and timely decisions by overseas posts
- Resolving any discrepancies in information provided by visa applicants who may be of concern
- Explaining the decision-making process to event organisers, particularly in the event of the refusal of a visa to a prospective delegate

A list of countries and details on eligibility to use the system is available at [www.eta.immi.gov.au](http://www.eta.immi.gov.au).

More details on the visa application process is available at  
<http://www.immi.gov.au/visitors/event-organisers-participants/>  
<http://www.immi.gov.au/visitors/event-organisers-participants/participants.htm>

For delegates with passports issued by countries not yet approved for the ETA system, visa applications are handled by the international network of Australian Embassies and Consulates [www.immi.gov.au](http://www.immi.gov.au).

To assist with the processing of visa applications, the Department of Immigration operates the International Event Coordinator Network (IECN).

Under the IECN system, professional conference management companies in Australia assist the department with processing visa applications for their delegates. The system is of particular assistance to delegates who are citizens of the countries that are not yet eligible for the ETA system.

### Venue

All Conference sessions will be held at the Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre (BCEC). It is ideally located in a unique riverside urban arts and lifestyle precinct, home to Australia's newest and largest Gallery of Modern Art, opera companies, symphony orchestras, performing arts and more than 50 cafes, restaurants, bars and stylish shops.

South Bank is an inner city 'green' oasis with riverfront parkland, green spaces, rainforest pockets and Australia's only inner city based sand and swimming beach. During their visit delegates can take a brief time out from their conference to experience South Bank's many attractions.

The Centre is Australia's most awarded convention centre and is officially ranked among the top three convention centres worldwide by the Association Internationale des Palais de Congres (AIPC). The Centre provides superb flexibility and versatility and offers a comprehensive range of fully integrated in-house services all under the one roof and delivered by a team of experienced professionals whose commitment to excellence extends across all events.

An impressive portfolio of meeting rooms and event spaces meets the challenge of all events of any complexity or size, accommodating plenary needs of 400 or 4,000, with the capacity to extend to 8,000.

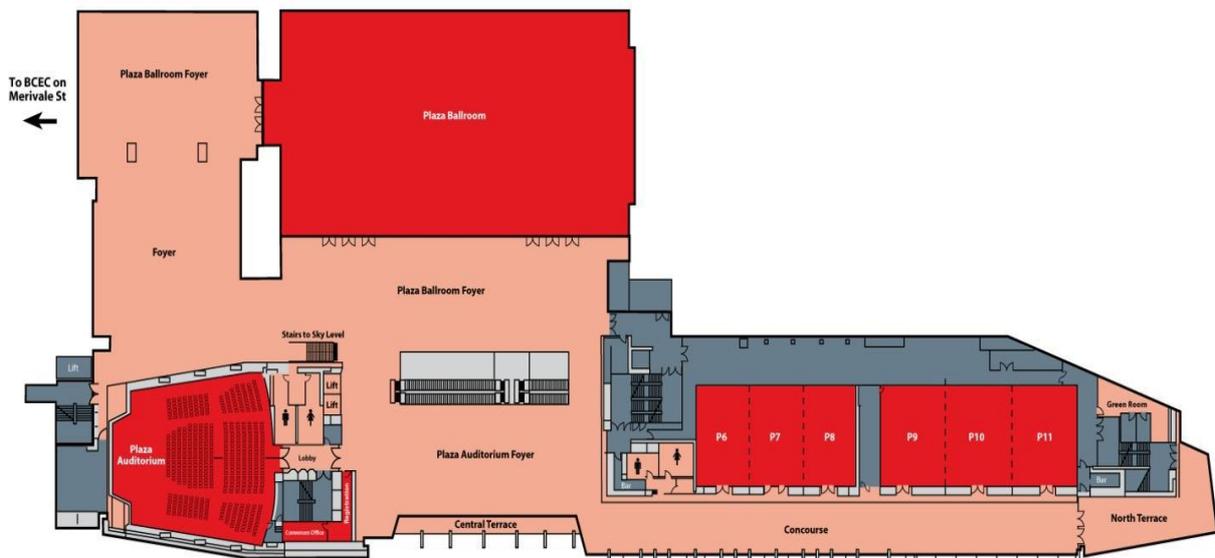
Plaza Auditorium – plenary hall

Plaza Auditorium Convenor Office and registration desk included with the above, as well as 785 square metres of foyer space for posters and catering.

Plaza P6 & P7 – breakout rooms

Plaza P8, P9, P10 and P11 – additional breakout rooms if required

Plaza P3, P4, P5, Mezzanine M5 & M6, and M7 & M8 – these are your x 6 tutorial and pre workshop rooms, we have several other rooms available for meetings etc.

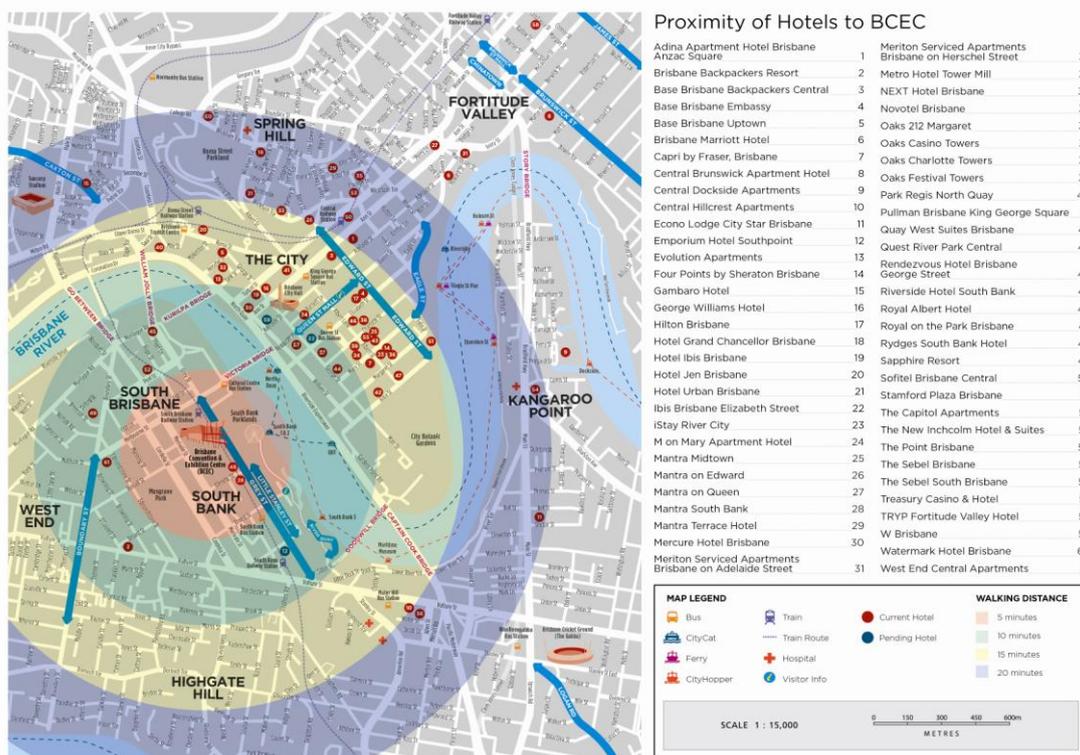


## Accommodation

Delegate friendly Brisbane offers a wide range of conveniently located, quality accommodation at highly competitive rates by world standards. With more than five million visitors to Brisbane each year the City has close to 13,000 hotel rooms from five star hotels to serviced apartments and budget accommodation is included.

There are 31 hotels within 2 kilometres of the Convention Centre, including two hotels directly adjacent to the Centre. Another 128 properties are located within 5 kilometres of the BCEC. Location and rates of different hotels are given as follows.

Distance	Hotels	Rooms
2 Kilometres	31	2,309
5 Kilometres	128	9,536
10 Kilometres	182	11,355
20 Kilometres	230	12,757



Map No.	Category	Hotel Name	Number of Rooms		Price Range	WIFI
12	5 Star	Emporium Hotel Southpoint		146	\$270 - \$340	
57	5 Star	Treasury Casino & Hotel		130	\$320 - \$430	
50	5 Star	Sofitel Brisbane Central		433	\$230 - \$330	
48	4 Star	Rydges South Bank Hotel		304	\$260 - \$360	Complimentary
28	4 Star	Mantra South Bank		161	\$290 - \$365	
34	4 Star	NEXT Hotel Brisbane		304	\$250 - \$290	Complimentary
19	3 Star	Hotel Ibis Brisbane		218	\$170 - \$200	
22	3 Star	Ibis Brisbane Elizabeth Street		368	\$180 - \$220	
49	3 Star	Sapphire Resort		54	\$85 - \$165	
2	Budget	Brisbane Backpackers Resort	250 beds	44	\$19 (dorm) - \$135 (privates)	Complimentary
3	Budget	Base Brisbane Central	325 beds	105	\$24 (dorm) - \$100 (privates)	



## Program

The program will consist of three tracks, keynotes, including oral presentations, posters, a competition track, doctoral consortium, and demos on display during extended breaks. Prior to the main conference, Workshops and Tutorials will be solicited and organised. We would expect approximately 500 submissions, with an anticipated acceptance rate of 60%. Similar to the rebuttal process that was introduced in ICDAR2013 and the area (track) chairs at ICDAR2015, ICDAR2019 will continue the same trend.

## Program committee

Approximately 100 researchers will be asked to join the program committee.

## Invited talks

One or two distinguished researchers will be invited for ICDAR 2019. Their travel and accommodation will be supported and registration will be waived. The invited talks will also include a keynote talk by the recipient of the ICDAR outstanding achievement award.

## **Local Organisation**

Prof. Brijesh Verma based at Central Queensland University and Professor Abdul Sattar from the Institute for Integrated and Intelligent Systems (IIS) at Griffith University will support local arrangement requirements. IIS led by Professor Abdul Sattar is a premiere research institute dealing with Artificial Intelligence Research at Griffith University. Its membership comprises 60 academic staff and a large number of PhD students. Prof. Miguel Angel Ferrer based at Universidad de Las Palmas de Gran Canaria has a strong collaboration with IIS, Griffith University and also visits the organizing institute frequently. He will also contribute a strong support for the local organization of the conference. Local arrangements such as publications, publicity, financial and venue arrangements will be facilitated by prominent IIS researchers and students. IIS and Griffith University have arranged numerous successful conferences on the Gold Coast and Brisbane. For the Organising Committee, other prominent researchers across Australia will also be recruited to assist with local arrangements. The Australian Pattern Recognition Society (APRS), which is the Australian member of the IAPR, will also be asked to provide support for the Conference.

## **Demos**

Delegates will be encouraged to bring demos of their systems, as this is the optimum medium in which to showcase their systems as we had in previous ICDARs.

## **Proceedings**

The proceedings will be published by the IEEE. The publisher will be confirmed by the program chairs in due course. These proceedings will also be available at the Conference. The best papers may be selected, revised and published in a special Journal issue.

## **Prizes and Awards**

We will continue in the ICDAR tradition of awarding both community and conference specific awards, including the ICDAR Outstanding Achievement award and the Young Investigator award, as well as conference recognition of the best paper, best student paper and best poster.

## **Online system for registration and submission**

A free system for online paper submission i.e. EasyChair will be used for paper submission. This system has been used for many conferences in the Document Analysis community. An online system will be used for conference registration.

## **Sponsorship and Financing Support**

The organizers assume financial support and the financial risk i.e. of the final balance being negative. We also can assure payments in advance. We will apply for IAPR sponsorship as well as APRS (Australian Pattern Recognition Society) support, IEEE as well as companies. We will approach local organizations and state government for financial support as well as local Universities. Support from the Brisbane City Conference and Accommodation Bid Fund has already been confirmed of the amount USD 9100/EUR 8281 cash support, as well as

USD 4000/ EUR 3640, worth of in-kind support. Funds obtained will be used for invited speaker travel, scholarships for students and for the reduction of the general registration fee.

## Registration

- Registration will include: Conference bag and gift, USB drive proceedings, coffee breaks, lunches, and banquet (only for full registration)
- Social events and banquet dinner: travel by bus to a guided visit, 3-dish banquet dinner and entertainment.

Registration Fee Category	Fee (USD/EUR)
IAPR member (Early-Bird)	550/ 500
IAPR member (Late)	600/ 545
IAPR member (Onsite)	650/ 590
Non-member (Early-Bird)	600/ 545
Non-member (Late)	650/ 590
Non-member (Onsite)	700/ 635
Student (Early-Bird)	420/ 380
Student (Late)	470/ 425
Student (Onsite)	520/470
Extra Banquet Ticket	77/ 70

## Break-up of the income from registration by category

	Percentage	Fee USD/EU	450 Participants		375 Participants		300 Participants	
			USD	EUR	USD	EUR	USD	EUR
IAPR member (Early-Bird)	45%	550/ 500	111375	101351	92812	84459	74250	<b>67567</b>
IAPR member (Late)	5%	600/ 545	13500	12285	13500	12285	9000	<b>8190</b>
IAPR member (Onsite)	5%	650/ 590	14625	13308	14625	13308	14625	<b>13308</b>
Non-member (Early-Bird)	5%	600/ 545	13500	12285	13500	12285	13500	<b>12285</b>
Non-member (Late)	0%	650/ 590	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Non-member (Onsite)	0%	700/ 635	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Student (Early-Bird)	40%	420/ 380	75600	68796	75600	68796	75600	<b>68796</b>
Student (Late)	0%	470/ 425	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Student (Onsite)	0%	520/470	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
<b>Total</b>	100%		<b>228600</b>	<b>208026</b>	<b>190500</b>	<b>173355</b>	<b>152400</b>	<b>138684</b>

**Tentative Budget: Based on 450 participants**

Figures considering 450 participants and 3-day duration	Income		Variable Expenses		Fixed Expenses	
	USD	EUR	USD	EUR	USD	EUR
Venue (Rooms for keynotes, oral & poster sessions)					18221	16581
Facilities (Wi-Fi connection, audio visual support, sound, others)					14440	13140
Subsistence (3 Lunches, 1 Welcome Reception, 6 Coffee breaks, 1 Banquet dinner)			83786	76245		
Management (Secretariat, website, accounting, lodging)					15960	14523
Registration kit (Bag, gift, stationery)			34981	31832		
Proceedings					24320	22131
Grants & Prizes (Invited speakers, best student paper and award)					9120	8299
Grants for students (We will apply to IAPR to waive the IAPR levy, which will be used towards student grants)						
IAPR levy			9000	8190		
Miscellaneous			31872	29003		
Registration (Fees, banquet tickets, transportation tickets)	228600	208026				
Sponsors (Conference sponsorship, industrial exhibition)	13100	11921				
Subtotal			159639	145267	82061	74675
<b>Total</b>	<b>USD 241700/EUR 219947</b>		<b>USD 241700/EUR 219947</b>			

**Tentative Budget: Based on 375 participants**

Figures considering 375 participants and 3-day duration	Income		Variable Expenses		Fixed Expenses	
	USD	EUR	USD	EUR	USD	EUR
Venue (Rooms for keynotes, oral & poster sessions)					18221	16581
Facilities (Wi-Fi connection, audio visual support, sound, others)					14440	13140
Subsistence (3 Lunches, 1 Welcome Reception, 6 Coffee breaks, 1 Banquet dinner)			68970	62762		
Management (Secretariat, website, accounting, lodging)					15960	14523
Registration kit (Bag, gift, stationery)			28500	25935		
Proceedings					24320	22131
Grants & Prizes (Invited speakers, best student paper and award)					9120	8299
Grants for students (We will apply to IAPR to waive the IAPR levy, which will be used towards student grants)						
IAPR levy			7500	6825		
Miscellaneous			16569	15077		
Registration (Fees, banquet tickets, transportation tickets)	190500	173355				
Sponsors (Conference sponsorship, industrial exhibition)	13100	11921				
<b>Subtotal</b>			121539	110599	82061	74675
<b>Total</b>	<b>USD 203600/ EUR 185276</b>		<b>USD 203600/EUR 185276</b>			

**Tentative Budget: Based on 300 participants**

Figures considering 300 participants and 3-day duration	Income		Variable Expenses		Fixed Expenses	
	USD	EUR	USD	EUR	USD	EUR
Venue (Rooms for keynotes, oral & poster sessions)					18221	16581
Facilities (Wi-Fi connection, audio visual support, sound, others)					14440	13140
Subsistence (3 Lunches, 1 Welcome Reception, 6 Coffee breaks, 1 Banquet dinner)			51398	46772		
Management (Secretariat, website, accounting, lodging)					15960	14523
Registration kit (Bag, gift, stationery)			22800	20748		
Proceedings					24320	22131
Grants & Prizes (Invited speakers, best student paper and award)					9120	8299
Grants for students (We will apply to IAPR to waive the IAPR levy, which will be used towards student grants)						
IAPR levy			6000	5460		
Miscellaneous			3241	2949.		
Registration (Fees, banquet tickets, transportation tickets)	152400	138684				
Sponsors (Conference sponsorship, industrial exhibition)	13100	11921				
<b>Subtotal</b>			83439	75929	82061	74674
<b>Total</b>	<b>USD165500/ EUR150605</b>		<b>USD 165500/ EUR 150605</b>			

### Social activities

Welcome reception and Banquet: Both the welcome reception and the banquet are included in the full registration fees. The welcome reception and banquet will be at the conference venue.

### International attractions – Brisbane

#### Dining out

Brisbane is a city that caters to all tastes – from world-class restaurants and fine dining to alfresco cafes that take advantage of the city’s enviable climate and outdoor lifestyle, with local seafood specialties, Moreton Bay Bugs and Mud Crabs topping the popularity list.

#### After dark

Brisbane comes alive at night with the heart of nightclubs and bars, Fortitude Valley resonating to the sound of good music and great food. Brisbane’s emerging reputation as the music capital is well founded. A great selection of clubs, bars and lounges around the city cater for all demographics and all tastes.

#### Shopper’s paradise

From high-end, big name fashion labels to vintage gems, Brisbane’s shopping scene delivers something for everyone. The Queen Street Mall is a half kilometre of retail indulgence with more than 650 stores – flagship stores and international fashion houses. Or for a different kind of shopping spree, Brisbane’s colourful street markets and festivals are the ideal way to experience Brisbane’s alfresco lifestyle.

#### Out and about

For the more energetic, Brisbane city offers a number of urban adventures such as early morning balloon flights over the CBD or the Story Bridge Adventure Climb, only one of three such adventures in the world or the Riverlife Adventure Centre which offers a range of exciting activities and experiences.

Brisbane Region - Brisbane is ideally located in the heart of Australia’s premier tourist region and most popular holiday destinations, with easy and direct access to some of our iconic attractions, including our world class surfing beaches, the legendary Aussie outback, pristine rainforest regions and day trips to the Great Barrier Reef.

We offer you just a small sample of Australian experiences delegates can enjoy within a short hour or so drive from Brisbane

- Day trips from Brisbane to the Great Barrier Reef – one of the world’s most complex eco systems and natural wonders - are a popular agenda on the itinerary of visiting delegates

- Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary just 15 minutes from the City to the world's largest koala sanctuary. Here visitors can have their photograph taken with a koala, feed the kangaroos and wallabies and even hold a snake
- Tangalooma Wild Dolphin Resort – 75 minute cruise from the City across the sparkling waters of Moreton Bay, where delegates can feed the dolphins in their natural habitat
- Moreton Bay Whale Watching – 35 minutes from the City aboard the 'Eye Spy', Moreton Bay's high speed catamaran for a guaranteed view of humpback whales during the whale watching season from June to November
- Sunshine Coast/Gold Coast – the internationally renowned tourist mecca of Noosa on the Sunshine Coast, with its exclusive shopping and dining precincts, popular surfing beaches and national parks is just a 90 minute drive from the City while the world class surfing beaches and theme parks of the Gold Coast are just 60 minutes from the City

### International attractions - Queensland

Queensland is home to some of the world's most unique and iconic world heritage listed attractions. Known as the Sunshine State with sandy white beaches, tropical islands and flame red outback sunsets, it is the perfect destination for relaxation and recreation

- The Great Barrier Reef – the world's most extensive and diverse coral reef system, which stretches three quarters the length of the Queensland coast, is a 45 minute flight or 4 hour drive from Brisbane. The turquoise waters of the Pacific Ocean and Great Barrier Reef are the experience of a lifetime
- The Whitsundays, made up of 74 tropical islands in the warm waters of the Coral Sea are just 1.5 hour flight from Brisbane. Experience this paradise in quality resorts from 5 star luxury to backpacker style
- A visit to Cairns and tropical North Queensland is not complete without a trip to the Daintree Rainforest and the lush green Atherton Tablelands. Just a 2 hour flight from Brisbane this region abounds in dramatic scenery and exotic tropical flora and fauna
- The Queensland Outback offers visitors a true Aussie experience they will not forget. Organised tours include outback highlights at Longreach just 2 hours flight from Brisbane and include the Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame, ancient indigenous rock carvings or the mateship of the legendary bush pub

### International attractions – Australia

Australia is a country rich in spirit, colour and dramatic landscapes with a 60,000 year history of ancient indigenous cultures. It is a country of sophisticated world-class cities, world leading medical and scientific research and vast natural resources.

- New South Wales and Sydney are just a short one hour flight from Brisbane where visitors can cruise the harbour and visit the world famous Opera House

- The Australian Capital Territory and Canberra, the nation's capital is not all about power and politics. Experience the wildlife and nightlife, national monuments to national parks and observatories and conservatories
- Victoria and Melbourne have a European influence and a passion for food. Melbourne is the gourmet capital of Australia with its thousands of restaurants serving gastronomic delights from around the world
- South Australia's geology and climate support a world-class wine industry. The Barossa Valley has an international reputation of wine growing and heritage villages and towns
- The Northern Territory is synonymous with Australia's Outback. Uluru (Ayers Rock) rises out of the red desert centre and no matter how many pictures you have seen nothing prepares you for the grandeur and spectacle of it
- Tasmania, Australia's island state is a natural wonderland of dense rainforests, dramatic mountains, scenic waterways and rolling farmland. More than 20% of the island has been declared a world heritage listed area
- Western Australia is blessed with spectacular diversity where the deep reds of ancient interior rock formations contrast with the sparkling blue of the Indian and Southern Oceans