

## FIELD TRIPS

### TERMS AND CONDITIONS

A selection of field trips has been planned specifically for the Congress. Australia is a big and biodiverse country, part of the ancient Gondwana land mass. The following field trips in Australia, and one to New Caledonia, are offered for delegates and accompanying persons to experience this rich diversity.

Please note that these are intended as semi-tourist trips to botanically interesting areas; they are NOT full collecting trips.

Any participant wishing to collect specimens must:

- obtain their own collecting permits for the areas being visited
- bring their own collecting equipment, and

For details of how to apply for permits for collecting and (in some cases) for export of the specimens please visit: [www.chah.org.au](http://www.chah.org.au) or [www.environment.gov.au/biodiversity/trade-use](http://www.environment.gov.au/biodiversity/trade-use)

### HOW TO BOOK

Please complete the relevant section of the IBC Registration Form and return by fax to the Congress Secretariat:

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GPO Box 5005  
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Tel: +61 (0) 3 9682 0500 | Fax: +61 (0) 3 9682 0344  
Email: [registration@ibc2011.com](mailto:registration@ibc2011.com)

For online bookings please visit the Congress website [www.ibc2011.com](http://www.ibc2011.com)

Note: If you're interested in booking a field trip and the price is to be confirmed, please email the Congress Secretariat.

### FIELD TRIPS BOOKING DEADLINE: 29 APRIL 2011

#### MINIMUM NUMBERS

Field trips require minimum numbers to operate. If minimum numbers are not reached by **Friday 29 April 2011**, the trip will not go ahead. Intending participants for a cancelled trip will be asked if they wish to be booked on another trip that has vacancies at that date.

#### WEATHER

Climatic conditions in Australia vary in July – August from cold and wet in the south to hot and dry in the north, but it can be cold overnight in the Kimberley and on the Atherton Tableland so some warm clothing is needed even for those trips. See [www.bom.gov.au](http://www.bom.gov.au) for details

#### ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation will generally be in twin-share rooms in hotels or motels; most rooms will have a private bathroom. Single rooms may be available at some hotels for an additional charge. In the more remote areas, there is often no choice in the type of accommodation available.

Note that the Kimberley field trip will be camping in tents (equipment is provided).

Field trips do NOT include pre- and post-accommodation unless specified in the detailed description of the trip. If participants wish to have such non-included accommodation booked for them, they should state this on the booking form.

#### PAYMENTS

Prices are quoted as per person and correct at time of publication.

A deposit of AUD\$600 per person per field trip is required to confirm a booking and must be paid at the time of booking. Full payment is due by **Friday 29 April 2011** – the Congress Secretariat will forward you a Tax Invoice for full payment with the confirmation of your field trip. If you have booked for a trip that does not reach minimum numbers by 29 April, you will

be asked if you want a refund of your deposit or if you want to be booked on another trip that has vacancies at that date.

For bookings made after 30 April 2011, full payment is required within seven (7) days of confirmation being advised.

### **TRAVEL INSURANCE**

It is strongly recommended that, at the time of booking your travel and field trips, you take out a travel insurance policy. Applications for travel insurance are available through the Congress Secretariat. Please download the flight booking form from the IBC website to obtain a quote.

### **INTERNATIONAL and DOMESTIC AIRFARES**

Field trips do not include international or domestic airfares (unless specified). However, the Congress Secretariat can provide competitive airfares for your air travel to or within Australia and to/from New Caledonia.

Please download the flight booking form for a quotation. A service fee is applicable to all bookings:

Domestic fee AUD\$55

International fee AUD\$110

### **IMPORTANT VISA INFORMATION**

#### **Australian Visa**

All travellers to Australia, other than Australian and some New Zealand citizens, are legally required to hold a valid visa. Visas are either issued electronically (ETA) with nothing appearing in the passport or through application where a sticker is required in the passport (Non-ETA). It is advised to apply for your visa as soon as possible to ensure adequate processing time. The minimum time frame stated for an Australian visa application is six (6) weeks.

For more information please visit the website <http://www.ibc2011.com/Visa.htm>

New Caledonian visa

Please consult your travel agent or nearest French embassy.

### **LATE BOOKINGS**

Any bookings made after 30 April 2011 will be subject to availability. The Congress Secretariat reserves the right to impose a late booking fee of AUD50.00 per person per trip (except in the case of anyone being changed from a cancelled trip to another trip).

### **INCLUSIONS AND EXCLUSIONS**

Field Trip packages include ground travel, accommodation, and most meals, including morning and afternoon teas. Camping equipment is included for Trip 1.

Field trips do not include items of a personal nature including:

- Travel insurance
- Personal expenses such as laundry and telephone calls
- Alcoholic or carbonated beverages including mini bar costs
- Pre- and Post-/Fieldtrip Accommodation (unless specified in the itinerary)
- International or domestic airfares

### **CANCELLATION POLICY**

The following cancellation policies apply:

Prior to 29 April 2011 a full refund less AUD\$200 per person per fieldtrip non-refundable deposit.

From 30 April until 30 May 2011, a refund will be granted less AUD\$600 per person per trip non-refundable deposit.

From 1 June 2011 all cancellations are subject to 100% cancellation penalties.

All cancellations must be received in writing to the Congress Secretariat.

### **CONGRESS TRAVEL OFFICE**

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*(B) denotes full breakfast (L) denotes lunch (D) denotes dinner*