

Kobe II Bycatch and Management Workshop Logistical Information

GETTING AROUND

Brisbane International and Domestic Airport is located approximately 15 - 20 minutes (15km) from the Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre.

Airtrain

Airtrain services run every 15 minutes during peak hours and every 30 minutes outside of these hours—the express air-conditioned journey takes only 20 minutes. The airport stations are located directly outside the domestic and international terminals and connect with five Brisbane CBD stations.

The Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre is located directly behind South Brisbane station. Train tickets are open for 2 hours, so delegates can disembark the train, check into a hotel then continue their journey to the convention centre all on one ticket. Delegates to the Kobe II Bycatch Workshop 2010 will receive a 10% discount on train tickets. Full fare is \$14.50 one way or \$27.00 return. Bookings can be made by emailing reservations@airtrain.com.au and quote your conference name to save 10%.

Car Rental

Within the terminal there are agents for Avis, Budget, Europcar, Hertz, Red Spot and Thrifty. Car hire costs are highly variable, but range upward from approximately \$46.00 per day plus fees and taxes.

Taxi

Black & White Taxi ranks are located immediately outside the International and Domestic Terminals. The taxi fare to Brisbane CBD ranges from \$35 - \$40 depending on destination point.

Coach/Shuttle Services

Coachtrans Australia is the Brisbane Airports only licensed bus operator. Coachtrans meets all flights, Domestic and International, and offers a door to door service. The facilities include continuously staffed customer service counters, information services to arriving passengers, exclusive curbside parking for easy passenger access, air-conditioned buses operating on a door-to-door basis, 7 days a week, one way or return.

Coachtrans Australia services all major accommodation houses, door-to-door in Brisbane CBD.

Phone: +61 7 3358 9700

Website: <http://www.coachtrans.com.au/>

AUSTRALIAN VISAS

Visitors to Australia must have a valid passport and the appropriate Australian visa. The type of visa depends on the purpose of the visit. Overseas visitors seeking to attend or participate in a Conference or event in Australia should, in most cases, apply for a short stay business visitor visa <http://www.immi.gov.au/allforms/pdf/456.pdf> (subclass 456). You must apply for your visa early (at least 6 – 8 weeks prior to travel) to ensure that details are confirmed prior to your departure for the Conference.

Information about this important requirement can also be found on the Australian Government website at <http://www.immi.gov.au/skilled/business/business-visit-visa-options.htm>. Some participants will be able to obtain an Electronic Travel Authority (ETA). You can apply for an ETA via the Internet www.eta.immi.gov.au or through a travel agent, an airline office or a specialist service provider to arrange an ETA on your behalf.

Non-ETA Countries

Non-ETA country delegates need to lodge a subclass '456' visa application at the nearest

Australian Mission overseas. The application form (also number 456) can be downloaded from the website www.immi.gov.au.

Invitation Letters

Letters of invitation will be issued after we receive your registration. To assist in obtaining any necessary visas that you may require, it is essential that you complete the registration via the Conference website ensuring to include a valid email address, fax number and credit card details. The Conference Secretariat will process your registration and send to you a confirmation letter confirming your attendance at the Conference. You will then be able to present this to your Embassy/High Commission to assist with the application of your visa.

Health and character requirements

All visa applicants will be required to meet certain character and health requirements as part of their visa application process. These requirements exist to uphold the safety and security of the Australian community. Further information on health and character requirements is available at <http://www.immi.gov.au/allforms/>

GENERAL INFORMATION

Dress and climate

The conference dress code is **casual business attire**. June is winter weather in Brisbane and days are typically cooler. Temperatures can reach 21°C during the day and fall to approximately 11°C at night.

Parking

Parking is available at the Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre at a maximum cost of \$21.00 per day.

Personal mail and deliveries

Personal mail and deliveries should be sent to your accommodation address.

Privacy

The personal information you provide to the conference managers will only be used in connection with the department's conferences.

Insurance

The conference organisers recommend that all delegates purchase travel insurance including cover for non-refundable registration fees, property loss, personal injury, accommodation cancellation and any other risks.

Venue

Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre
Corner of Merivale and Glenelg Streets
South Brisbane, Queensland
tel: +61 7 3308 3000
fax: +61 7 3308 3500
www.bcec.com.au

Conference Office

Registration will be at the Registration Desk located outside the meeting room M1. The office will be open during the following times:

Tuesday 22 June 2010	1600 - 1830
Wednesday 23 June 2010	0800 - 1700
Thursday 24 June 2010	0830 - 1700
Friday 25 June 2010	0830 - 1700

Messages

A message board will be located at the registration area. Please advise potential callers to contact the Cairns Convention Centre (phone: 07 4042 4200) and ask for the Statphys24 Conference office. Messages cannot be delivered personally to delegates.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

If you have any queries regarding the conference, please contact the Conference Managers:

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