Welcome

The Organising Committee for the International Symposium on Environmental Health, Climate Change & Sustainability is pleased to invite your participation in this landmark event that will be held in Brisbane, Australia between 20 and 22 November, 2006. An exciting program has been planned around a series of current key themes.

Themes and Topics of Interest

The themes for the symposium reflect growing concerns for environmental health, climate change and sustainability at both local and global levels. The key themes and topics of interest range across government, industry, community, policy & practice issues:

Climate change and sustainability
- Climate change and scenarios
- Environmental & public health implications of climate change
- Interactive effects between air pollution and weather on population health
- Climate change, environmental health & sustainability
- Case studies in environmental health practices, climate change & sustainability issues.

Environmental health and sustainability
- Urbanisation & community well-being
- Land use change & the transmission of infectious diseases
- Water, water quality & water-borne diseases
- Emerging environmental health issues
- Case studies in environmental health practice, environmental health & sustainability issues in different settings

Risk assessment and management
- Ecosystem health risk assessment
- Methods of assessing human health vulnerability
- Scientific integrity in environmental health decision-making
- Case studies in risk assessment & management

The symposium is being conducted as part of QUT’s 11th International Health Summer School. Please bookmark the following Summer School/Symposium website and check back regularly for updates:

Speakers

A range of prominent internationally and nationally recognized experts have been invited to present keynote addresses at the symposium. Those speakers who have been confirmed are:

International speakers include:

- Prof. Tord Kjellstrom: Professor of Environmental Health, National Institute of Public Health, Sweden
- Prof. Colin Soskolne: Professor of Epidemiology, University of Alberta, Canada

National speakers include:

- Prof. Des Connell: Griffith University
- Dr. Andrew Langley: Queensland Health
- Prof. Ian Lowe: Griffith University & Australian Conservation Foundation
- Prof. Michael Moore: University of Queensland
- Prof. Tony McMichael: Australian National University
- Prof. Michael Pitman: Macquarie University
- Prof. Lidia Morawska: Queensland University of Technology
- Prof. Brian Priestly: Monash University

Further detail on each of the presenters and the topics of their presentations can be found on the Symposium website.

Associated Workshops and Courses

The symposium is being conducted as part of QUT’s 11th International Health Summer School. As such, there are a range of workshops and courses being held before, during and after the symposium. Please refer to the Summer School website for more details: [http://www.health.qut.edu.au/ph/summer_school/](http://www.health.qut.edu.au/ph/summer_school/)

Call for Abstracts

The Organising Committee encourages submission of abstracts on a wide variety of topics for oral presentation in concurrent sessions or as posters. As the number of oral presentations is limited, preference will be given to the highest quality abstracts as judged by the Scientific Committee. Session topics will be decided based on the abstracts submitted. To submit an abstract, please download an Abstract Submission Form from the symposium website and email or post the completed form to the symposium organizers.

The symposium would also like to publish referred high quality papers in a special conference issue of the journal Environmental Health published by the Australian Institute of Environmental Health. Refer to the Abstract Submission Form for more details.

The final date for submissions is **15 September 2006**, with notification of acceptance by **30 September 2006**.

Registration

Details and online registration can be found at the symposium website. Early registration closes 15 October 2006.

Brisbane – The Host City

Brisbane is one of the most livable cities in the world. It hosts hundreds events and attracts millions visits each year. For more information on what to do in Brisbane, visit: www.brisbane.qld.gov.au. The symposium will be held at the Queensland University of Technology, Brisbane.

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