

Speleo 2017 eBulletin

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Have you registered yet for Speleo 2017? With all the exciting developments, you won't want to miss out on this unique Australian Congress. Check out the latest news, and don't forget to visit <https://www.speleo2017.com> for further information or email us at info@speleo2017.com with any inquiries.

Speleo 2017 Organising Committee

Important Dates

1 May 2017	Deadline for applications for free vendor or exhibitor spaces
31 May 2017	Intermediate Registration closes
1 June 2017	Full Registration begins
	Merchandise clothing orders close
	Photographic Competition entries close
	Mid-week excursion bookings close
	Deadline for reservation and payment of vendor or exhibitor spaces
23 July 2017	Speleo 2017 begins!

Registration Optional Extras

Hopefully by now, all registrants will know about the smart little Aspiring Safety Products caving bags which are available to all Congress attendees as an alternate bag option. For an additional AUD15 you can choose to receive one of these durable bags instead of the standard Congress satchel included in the cost of registration. Simply select option when you register at <https://www.speleo2017.com/Register.html>. If you missed it, it is not too late to change your bag option, and/or order a second one for only AUD25 (RRP AUD45). Be the envy of all your caving peers back home with your very own Speleo 2017 caving bag! Simply email us info@speleo2017.com.

Program

Have you checked out the amazing array of accepted abstracts yet? If not, go to <https://www.speleo2017.com/AcceptedAbstracts.html> and have a peek. One exciting poster we are very much looking forward to is Steve Milner's aerial photographic survey of the Nullarbor Baxter Cliffs. This incredible five hour flight involved extremely challenging conditions, with filming about 100m away from the cliff face at an altitude of only 100m! Fortunately, all concerned survived to tell the tale and some amazing footage of a number of impressive cave entrances were noted for further speleological investigations.

Donors' Dinner

On Monday 24 July at 7pm there will be a buffet style dinner on an island at Penrith Lakes in the cosy Lakeside Restaurant. This is arranged for any donors who have ticked the box on the registration form or otherwise donated generously to the Congress finances. I would encourage you all to consider if you have the resources to be a special donor. You are sure to enjoy this exclusive social occasion with like-minded caving friends. There has been a change of venue from a paddle-wheeler to an island. Transport will be provided.

Photo Salon

We are delighted to invite entries to the ICS Photo Salon in Australia, 2017. There will be six categories. Entries in all categories should relate to the theme of the conference.

- **Cavers in Action.**
- **Bugs, Beasts, Biology.**
- **Chambers and Passages.**
- **Decoration, Speleothems and Details.**
- **Entrances and Surfaces.**
- **Fun and Humour.**

Entries need to be received by May 1, 2017. For more information, go to <https://www.speleo2017.com/Program.html>.

Congress Competitions

Quality prizes are on offer for all Congress Competitions, as well as for some random draws which you will be a part of just by attending the Congress! Scurion has donated a headlamp worth AUD1100 as the major prize in the Photographic Competition due to the excellent functionality of the Scurions for photographers. This is just one example of some of the generous donations our sponsors are making to help make this event spectacular.