

Speleo 2017 eBulletin

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Things are well and truly gearing up for Speleo 2017! With just three months to kick off, your organising committee have been busy working hard to ensure you have an amazing and unforgettable experience. If you haven't registered yet, go to <https://www.speleo2017.com/Register.html>. 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
	Mid-week excursion bookings close
	Deadline for reservation and payment of vendor or exhibitor spaces
1 July 2017	Photographic Competition entries close
23 July 2017	Speleo 2017 begins!

Program

A draft preliminary program has now been attached to the website and can be found at [DraftProgramSpeleo2017v8.xlsx](#). Please note this is still a preliminary working draft and subject to change. With plenty on offer, you will certainly be spoilt for choice at this UIS Congress!

In South Australia's south-east, La Trobe University researcher Emmi Scherlies and South Australian Museum's Terry Reardon have been conducting important research into the critically endangered Southern bent-wing bat. They will be presenting their findings at the Congress, but in the meantime, you can get a taster at <http://www.abc.net.au/.../caving-community-on-alert-w.../8397970>.

Congress Accommodation

Are you looking for a room-mate to share with you at Mecure Panthers? We are looking for room-mates for both a male and female room. Cost of room would be \$75.00 per person, per night. Each room has two double beds. If interested, please contact Cathie at: excursions@speleo2017.com.

There are a limited number of bunk beds available for the duration of the Congress at Nepean Shores Resort at a cost of \$26 per night. Nepean Shores Resort is situated approximately 1800m for the Congress venue and there is a shuttle bus running between both sites. Bookings can be made direct through Douglas Irvin at dirvin33@gmail.com.

Congress Merchandise

Orders and payment for Congress merchandise can be made up until 1 June 2017. For information see: https://www.speleo2017.com/Circulars/speleo2017_merchandise.pdf.

Congress pin: A congress pin has been designed and is currently being manufactured. Size 25mm x 21.3mm. Colour pink/black. Just 99 of the pins will be available for sale at \$12.00 each. To secure one of these limited collector's items, please send an email to Cathie at: excursions@speleo2017.com. Pay and collect at the registration desk.

There will also be a limited number of reusable water bottles and coffee/tea cups on sale at the registration desk. All Congress merchandise is being sold at cost price to keep as affordable as possible.

Cartography Salon

We are delighted to invite entries to the ICS Cartography Salon in Australia, 2017. Entries can include cave maps, plans, elevations, underwater, cenote, canyon, etc. There is no direct limit on size but it is in your interest to minimise this to ensure suitable hanging space. All entrants must be registered with the Speleo 2017 conference. In the case of joint works, at least one drafter/author must be registered. All entries must be printed ready for hanging. To enter and reserve exhibition space please complete the entry form available from the ICS website at <https://www.speleo2017.com/Program.html>. Complete and send to maps@speleo2017.com. Deadline for receiving entries is 1 June 2017.

For more information, go to <https://www.speleo2017.com/Program.html>.

Partners' Program

A range of activities are being organised so that accompanying partner's and family members can enjoy some popular and lesser-known features of the Sydney area during the Congress. For more information and to register your interest, please email excursions@speleo2017.com. Bookings and payments to be made at the registration desk on Sunday 23 July.