

Speleo 2017 eBulletin

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Have you registered for Speleo 2017 yet? If not, make sure to get your registration in by 31 May. Price goes up again after this date. Registrations can be made at <https://www.speleo2017.com/Register.html>. Get in now to secure your place at this year's premier speleo event! 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

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
	Art Salon entries close
	Cartography Salon entries close
1 July 2017	Photographic Competition entries close
23 July 2017	Speleo 2017 begins!

Sixteen Legs

We are very pleased and excited to announce the presence of the amazing Sixteen Legs exhibition which will feature in the Marquee throughout the Congress. This highly impressive inter-linked suite of projects by Neil Gaiman and the Bookend Trust is focussed around the world of antipodean caves and cave biology. It reports on the results of a 24-year scientific research project which took two years of filming, and hundreds of millions of years of evolution; from the break-up of Gondwana to the present day! This is sure to be a highlight of the Congress and not to be missed. Check out <https://www.sixteenlegs.com/> for more information.

UIS Prizes 2017

The UIS gives prizes for specific accomplishments at the International Congresses of Speleology. The UIS Prizes were introduced at the 12th ICS and are non-competitive and not related to the cartographic, photographic, athletic, or other competitions at the congress. More than one prize may be given for a category, but no prize is necessarily awarded.

For the UIS Prizes 2017, the following categories are being considered:

1: The most significant discovery/exploration

2: The most significant publication about caves or a karst-related topic

Scientific and/or technical publications will be considered for this prize.

3: Special Book

Prize for books that are important speleological publications.

4: Poster Prize

This prize is for the best poster displayed at the ICS, divided in two categories as follow:

-**Best Scientific Poster** – Judged by a Scientific Committee of international experts.

-**Caver's Prize** – The best poster in the opinion of the visitors to the poster display.

5: France Habe Prize

This prize was introduced by the Department of Karst and Cave Protection in 2012. It is organised annually and has its own rules, available on the UIS site: http://uis-speleo.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=79&Itemid=383.

All nominations (except Poster Prize category) to be submitted by May 31st 2017. Details on how to submit nominations can be found at <http://www.uis-speleo.org/downloads/UIS%20Prizes%202017%20-%20Nominations%20open.pdf>. The presentation of the UIS Prizes 2017 will be on Friday 28th July during the closing banquet of the Congress.

Congress Accommodation

We have set up an accommodation 'match-up' service for Congress registrants looking to share accommodation with others to save costs. No guarantees, but we will endeavour to link you up with potential room mates. Email accommodation@speleo2017.com with your requirements and our Accommodation Officer will do his best to match you up.

Children's Program

We would like to extend a warm welcome to the next generation of cavers! Families with accompanying children aged 0-17 registered for the Congress may bring them along to the many planned Partners Program activities so long as they are accompanied by a parent or family friend. Bookings can be made at the registration desk. A children's table will also be set up in the marquee as a centre for children to congregate and participate in supervised activities.

Several other family friendly activities are available (most within walking distance of the venue) including ice-skating, trampolining, indoor rock-climbing, ten pin bowling and laser tag, indoor skydiving, a golf driving range, flight simulator, go-karting, Segway and bike riding. Penrith Council is keen to promote free outdoor adventure activities in the area including the Great River Walk, short bush walks to lookouts, and quality local playgrounds.