

Speleo 2017 eBulletin

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With just over a month to go, the count down is on! We, at Speleo 2017, have been busy finalising the myriad of events and activities to ensure everyone enjoys a most unforgettable Congress. Don't forget to visit <https://www.speleo2017.com> for further information or email us at info@speleo2017.com with any enquiries.

Speleo 2017 Organising Committee

Important Dates

1 July 2017	Photographic Competition entries close
14 July 2017	Pre-Congress excursions begin to start
23 July 2017	Speleo 2017 begins!!
	Day Registrations open
	First UIS General Assembly
	Welcome Party
24 July 2017	Opening Ceremony
26 July 2017	Mid-Week Excursions
28 July 2017	Speleo 2017 Banquet
29 July 2017	Second UIS General Assembly
30 July 2017	Post-Congress excursions begin to start

Program

Ken Smith, from Cave Diving Association of Australia, will be another exciting key note speaker you won't want to miss. A veteran Australian cave diver, Ken Smith has been cave diving for over 25 years and has dived caves in most areas of Australia, Florida, the Yucatan in Mexico, and Germany. Ken will be talking about Cave Diving in Australia and New Zealand, which offer a range of both interesting and challenging cave diving experiences. To this extent, Australian divers have developed a large number of technical equipment developments to cope with the challenges of deep, cold water in remote areas. More information can be found about Ken at <http://www.cavediving.net.au/index.php/divers/95-ken-smith>.

Tourist Information

To help you prepare for your visit to Penrith, check out the local accommodation, attractions and restaurants on www.visitpenrith.com.au. Also sign-up for the Penrith 'What's On' monthly e-newsletter to be in the know about all major events and activities at <https://visitpenrith.com.au/Whats-On/>.

Make sure to also check out <http://penrith.panthers.com.au/> for information about the Congress venue. Here you will find information about the many varied restaurants and bars, activities and facilities. As most of you will be taking up the Panthers membership offer, this will be a great insight into whats on offer.

Cave Stamp Offer

Australia Post has just released a very special cave stamp issue just in time for Speleo 2017! Photos used for the stamps were taken by Australian cavers in Australian caves. Check out <https://australiapostcollectables.com.au/.../caves-exploring-...> for more information. A limited number of these stamp sets and related items will be for sale at Speleo 2017 for registrants to purchase.

Accommodation

Still looking for 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 Douglas Irvin, our accommodation officer will do his best to match you up.

Merchandise

We will have re-fillable coffee/tea cups available for purchase at the congress venue at cost price. Nice colours and with the congress logo. Only 100 available. Get one as part of the 'war on waste' being led by the Australian Broadcasting Commission. Check out <http://www.abc.net.au/ourfocus/waronwaste> for more information on this very important initiative.

Don't forget the limited edition Congress Pins. There are only 50 left, so email to Cathie at excursions@speleo2017.com to order yours before they all go. Size 25mm x 21.3mm. Colour pink on black \$10.00 each. Payment and collection will be at the registration desk.

Electrical Testing and Tagging

Electrical Testing and Tagging is a requirement of the Congress venue. Congress organisers will be providing a free service to all Congress participants near the registration desk throughout the week. Please present your chargers and other electrical items for testing before plugging them in at the venue.