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## **Preliminary program is available!**

The IAIA08 preliminary program has been posted on the IAIA website ([www.iaia.org](http://www.iaia.org) > IAIA08 > Program) and mailed to IAIA members—keep an eye on your mailbox! The preliminary program is packed full of detailed information about IAIA08, including the technical program, technical tours, training courses, and registration, as well important information about traveling to Perth and to Australia in general. Some further information and reminders to potential IAIA08 delegates are provided below.

## **Abstract submission information and innovations for 2008**

Paper and poster abstract submission is open at <http://iaiaconference.org/?p=Posters/Submit> through 7 February. We have made a few changes to the abstract submissions process for IAIA08 which we hope will streamline the process and ensure high quality sessions. When you submit your abstract, you will be asked:

- To nominate your preferred topic stream and specific session. You will find details of the topic streams and sessions on pages 11-24 of the preliminary program. Your abstract will stand the best chance of being accepted by the chair of your preferred session if you engage with the synopsis for the session as presented in the preliminary program and comply with the session format that the chair is planning.
- To provide a short biography that your session chair can use when introducing you.
- To provide a short summary of the main points of your paper or presentation, in addition to your abstract. If your submission is accepted, this summary will appear in the final program (there will be no separate abstracts volume).
- To indicate whether you would like your full written paper to be peer-reviewed by two anonymous reviewers. If you would like to include your full paper in the proceedings, note that only those papers that are peer-reviewed and found to be acceptable will be included in the IAIA08 conference proceedings! To take advantage of this opportunity, you will need to submit your paper to IAIA08 Program Coordinator Jenny Pope ([jennypope@bigpond.com](mailto:jennypope@bigpond.com)) by the end of March 2008. Additional information about paper submissions will be provided in the coming weeks via e-news and the Web.

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### **Minerals, Management and Magic: Pilbara Technical Tour**

Places are filling up fast for the special post-conference technical tour to the extraordinary Pilbara region of Western Australia. This is a 9-day bus and camping tour that will take you into parts of the country that few Australians ever see, where large-scale mining operations co-exist with an emerging eco-tourism industry and the ancient traditions of the local indigenous people. You will learn about all of these aspects and more from expert guides in each location we visit. Special attention will be given to the role of impact assessment in the ongoing management of the Pilbara region.

Check page 32 of the preliminary program for further details. More comprehensive information and relevant web links are also available on the IAIA08 web page. The cost of the tour is AUD\$1940, which equates to the advertised US\$1750 at October 2007 exchange rates. Reasonable levels of health and fitness are required, and a love of camping and the outdoors would be helpful! To book your place, go to [www.eecwreservations.com](http://www.eecwreservations.com). Wives, husbands and partners are welcome, too!

### **Technical visits**

Even if you can't spare the time to join us in the Pilbara, plenty of one-day pre-conference technical visits are available. Check pages 30-31 for more information, and sign-up using the IAIA08 registration form.

### **Participate in IAIA08's "Carbon Offset Program with a Difference!"**

When you register for IAIA08, you can choose to pay an extra US\$40 to offset the average carbon emissions that will result from your attendance at the conference (and you can also choose to offset a buddy). You can also choose to go one step further and actually help to plant the trees and other species that will offset your carbon—a great opportunity to get out into the Australian bush and help to restore a beautiful national park.

The Carbon Offset Planting Day is scheduled for Monday, 5 May, just north of Perth in the Yanchep National Park. If you register for this program on the IAIA08 registration form, you will receive more information at a later date. Please note that participating in the Planting Day is optional and not required for the carbon offset contribution.

### **Important notice: Health requirements for entering Australia (Yellow Fever)**

All delegates should note that Australia requires any person over one year of age to hold an international yellow fever vaccination certificate if, within the six days prior to their arrival in Australia, they have stayed overnight or longer in a declared yellow fever-infected country in Africa or South America.

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These countries include Angola, Benin, Bolivia, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Colombia, Cote d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast), Democratic Republic of Congo (formerly Zaire), Ecuador, French Guiana, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Liberia, Peru, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Sudan, and Venezuela.

However, conference delegates are advised to check the latest information available at

<http://www.health.gov.au/internet/wcms/publishing.nsf/Content/health-pubhlth-strateg-communic-factsheets-yellow.htm>.

- Jenny Pope on behalf of the IAIA08 planning team