MINUTES – IAFSS Committee Meeting – FINAL
Held in conjunction with the 12th IAFSS, Lund University, Lund, Sweden

Venue: Hollywood, Kårhuset
Date: Sunday June 11th 2017, 5 – 7 pm

Attendees:
Alexis Coppalle
Bogdan Dlugogorski
Rita Fahy
Charles Fleischmann
Jason Floyd
Edwin Galea
Michael Gollner
Tulla Hakkarinne
Anthony Hamins

Björn Karlsson
Margaret McNamee (Secretary)
Brian Meacham
Bart Merci
Guillermo Reim
Jinhua Sun
Jose Torero
Arnaud Trouvé
Patrick van Hees (Chair)

1. Apologies for absence and introduction of possible invited members
Apologies were received from Luke Bisby, Peter Johnson, W.C. Chow, Takeyoshi Tanaka, Chris Wieczorek and Ai Sekisawa.

The Chair noted that potential new members to the Committee (awaiting confirmation at the General Business meeting on Wednesday) have been invited to attend the presentations of the bids for IAFSS 2023 and will join for that point only.

2. Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting
Four sets of actions were identified at the previous full committee meeting which was held in conjunction with INTERFLAM: a) the need for a new secretariat, b) questions associated with publication of the proceedings, c) introduction of new awards, d) student membership. All these points are on the agenda for discussion later and were not given more time at this point.

3. Report on the Awards Committee (Anthony Hamins)
Hamins presented the work of the Awards committees and the result of their work, see Annex 2. It was noted that the final results have required a significant amount of work.

Annex 1: Minutes previous meeting
Annex 2: Awards presentation
ACTION: The Committee officially recognised Anthony and his team for their efforts.

4. Treasurers Report (Bart Merci)
Merci presented the present balance of accounts for the Association and an annual breakdown of the income and expenses for the past three years, see Annex 3.

There was a discussion of whether it might be advantageous to have not only bank accounts in pounds but also in other currencies. Torero gave an account of the reasoning behind a consolidation of accounts that occurred when Craig Beyler was Chairman. No change was proposed for the present.

Merci noted that he will leave as Treasurer after this period and was thanked for his efforts since 2014.

ACTION: Treasurer will need to be identified for the next period.

5. Secretary’s and Secretariat Report and Status (Margaret S. McNamee/Patrick van Hees)
van Hees gave a report of membership trends and breakdown, the Secretary report giving past meetings since 2014 and highlights of activities and finally a status report on the secretariat.

There was a discussion of the membership breakdown and our need to increase the involvement of student members. McNamee made a proposal that a task group be set up to look into membership and the relevance of the society. The task group should investigate why people choose to become or stay members and how to make the community more active between conferences. Further Meacham noted that there is a need for a strategic dialogue in the Committee to define the strategic framework for our Association, what is our Mission, Vision, Goal and how do we prioritise between different activities to reach identified goals?

ACTION: A new Task Group on strategic planning of the organisation, it’s mission and purpose including the identification of tasks and membership involvement will be proposed to the next Committee meeting on Wednesday.

Activities to find a replacement secretariat have been difficult and no final solution has been found. It was suggested that an interim solution be adopted for now and that negotiations should continue with IFE (and potentially other alternatives).

ACTION: The Chair will finalise negotiations of the interim solution and continue working with IFE and others to find a long term solution.

6. Report on Nominating Committee (Bogdan Dlugogorski)
Dlugogorski gave a report from the Nominating Committee and the challenges they had faced in defining the slate for the Management Committee 2017-2020. Existing Committee members were first asked whether they were interested in...
continuing to serve. In the case when Committee members intended to retire efforts were made to find suitable replacements from within the region in question to maintain regional balance. After the suggestion of a ballot, a question was sent by the Honorary Secretary asking for member nominations. As a member nomination was received a ballot was launched using Survey Monkey, which closed at the end of last week.

**ACTION:** The Committee thanks Gollner for his work in making this possible.

The Secretary asked that successful nominees (based on the result of the ballot) might be given prior notice that they will be proposed for the Committee on Wednesday, asking that they be available for the Committee meeting on Wednesday evening. This was agreed.

A suggestion was made that during future elections, a note is sent to members to request suggestions of nominations. It was mentioned this could be done without a change to the rules of the association. Dlugogorski said he hoped to incorporate that before the next symposium.

**ACTION:** The Secretary will notify all nominees of the provisional result of the ballot.

7. **Report from 12th Symposium (Arnaud Trouvé and Bart Merci)**

Trouvé gave a presentation of the activities of the Program Committee in organising the tracks for the Symposium and shepherding papers to acceptance, see Annex 5.

Merci and Trouvé noted that they both shepherded the papers through the acceptance process (both for IAFSS and Elsevier) AND put together the program of the conference which led to time bottlenecks.

It was suggested that for future conferences a second group of two should be responsible for the conference program so that those responsible for review and acceptance can concentrate only on that!

It was also suggested that the papers be accepted for presentation first so that the program can be made without stress. Then publication decisions are made, and while they should be similar, it is OK if one or two do not make it. That would reduce the stress significantly.

**ACTION:** One group of two should be responsible for the review and acceptance process, a separate set of two should be responsible for putting the final programme together.

**ACTION:** The concept of accepting papers for presentation, prior to final acceptance of papers, will be explored.

**ACTION:** The Committee officially thanked both the Program Committee and the Symposium Committee for their dedication and hard work.
8. **Arrangement of 13th Symposium 2017** (Beth Weckman)
   This point was moved to the Wednesday meeting.

   Merci gave a presentation of the development of submissions, reviews, acceptance rates, impact factors etc for the Fires Safety Journal for the past years, see Annex 6.

   There was a discussion of impact factors and what can effect these coupled to the need for researchers to publish in journals with high impact factors. This was not resolved but is a point for future discussions as the landscape for researchers in terms of how they are judged for future grants is constantly changing and the Association needs to be aware of this.

   It was noted that the work on preparing the Proceedings for the conference has gone very well. Elsevier has been very responsive to our needs as an organisation.

   **ACTION:** The Committee asked that their thanks be given to Elsevier for their collaboration on the Journal and most particularly on the Proceedings. Merci will extend these thanks as editor.

   **Annex 6:** Report

10. **IAFSS Website** (Michael Gollner)
    Gollner gave a presentation of the development and activities within the New Technology group including the website and other activities, see Annex 7.

    It was also suggested more task groups/committees be formed with members from the committee and external to address areas that we can expand on. Suggestion was taken and task groups to be introduced in next meeting, e.g. education committee.

    **ACTION:** It was proposed that the group change names to the Communications group which was accepted unanimously.

    **ACTION:** It was proposed that a policy be developed for social media which will be sent to the new Committee.

    **ACTION:** The Committee officially thanked the Communications Committee for their hard work!

11. **Newsletter** (Rita Fahy)
    The most recent newsletter (Number 41) was completed just before the 12th Symposium, and emailed to the members before the symposium started. This latest edition is 45 pages and included news from 30 universities, research centers and organizations. The input for the next newsletter is due September 2017 and the goal is to have the newsletter complete and circulated by early November.

    **ACTION:** It was noted that a policy for what can be included in the Newsletter should be developed and this will be suggested to the new Committee. It was also agreed that this policy is to be integrated with the social media policy.

   **Annex 7:** Report
12. **Presentation of Bids for the 14th Symposium (Asia/Oceania)**
   A bid to host the IAFSS Symposium in 2023 was made by representatives from Tsukuba and Brisbane, see Annex 8 and 9. A decision will be made at the meeting on Wednesday.

13. **AOB**
   It was noted that Harmathy has passed at 94 and his obituary will be included in the Minutes.

   The Chairman thanked all in attendance for their hard work and engagement for the society in the past three years and welcomed all to the end of the Symposium Welcome reception.

14. **Date of next meeting**
   Wednesday 14th June, 2017 in conjunction with the IAFSS Symposium which will be the first meeting in the new Committee.
MINUTES IAFSS Full Committee Meeting (FINAL)
Held in conjunction with
INTERFLAM, Royal Holloway College, Nr Windsor, UK

Venue: Luggage room
Date: 4 July, 6.00 - 7.30 pm local time
Teleconference access: Available

Attendance:
Luke Bisby (LB)  Margaret McNamee (MM)
Charley Fleischmann (CF)  Guillermo Rein (GR)
Jason Floyd (JF)  Patrick van Hees (PvH, Chairman)
George Hadjisophocleous (GH)  Chris Wieczorek (CW) (phone)
Tuula Hakkarainen (TH)

Attachments

1. Apologies for absence and introduction of invited members

The meeting was opened by the Chairman PvH.

Apologies were received by the secretary before the meeting from WK Chow, Alexis Coppale, Bogdan Dlugogorski, Rita Fahy, Ed Galea, Michael Gollner, Anthony Hamins, Yaping He, Björn Karlsson, Brian Meacham, Bart Merci, Al Sekzawa, Jinhua Sun, and Arnaud Trouve.

2. Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting

The only other business that was unfinished was connected to the Young Researcher Award which will be dealt with later in the agenda. The question was deferred to §13a.

PvH reminded the members that the Minutes of the Full Committee meeting are now always posted on the IAFSS website after a comment period of 6 weeks. These can be accessed by:
http://www.iafss.org/committees/committee-documents/

Further the Executive Committee minutes are posted on a Full Committee
members only part of the area. This can be accessed by:
http://www.iafss.org/committee-members/

The easy accessibility of the Minutes is a direct result of decisions made at
the Meeting of the Full Committee in Christchurch in support our goals to
become more and more transparent.

3. **Report from the Secretariat**

Carole Franks will not continue and has indicated that there needs to be an
alternative solution in the future for the Secretariat. Due to the nature of the
organisation (it is registered as a Charity in the UK) it is important that
there are UK members on the Board of Trustees and is easiest if the
Secretariat is in the UK although not legally required. A description of the
tasks of the Secretariat are given in Annex 1.

**ACTION:** The Chairman (PvH) will put forward a proposal for action for
the next meeting.

4. **Organisation of the 12th Symposium (reported by Prof van Hees) –
Status**

Preparations are moving forward as planned. Rooms booked, budgetry
planning underway etc.

5. **Report on the Program Committee (reported by Prof. Van Hees)**

The Call for Experts has gone out with good response. The Call for
Nomination of Keynote speakers has also been distributed and nominations
are presently being received.

The Call for Nominations for Awards has gone out and Nominations are
presently being made.

Workshop (WS) topics have been decided, majority of WS panellists have
been selected. Indeed TH reported that planning for the WS is a bit ahead
of schedule.

6. **Report on the Asia-Oceania Association for Fire Science and
Technology**

No report had been received.

It would be good to obtain the views of the conference concerning
publication of the proceedings. This has been the action of the local
organisers. This is something that appears to be different for each
Symposium.

7. **Printing of the proceeding (Prof Charley Fleischman)**

PvH opened this point and handed over to CF as Task Group leader for the

Annex 1

Annex 2: Task Group report
Task Group on Proceedings.

A report was distributed shortly prior to the meeting concerning the work of a Task Group to investigate publication of the proceedings in the future, see Annex 2. The process was started some 9 months ago. The starting point for the Task Group was that we should aim to have at least 90% of acceptable papers to be included in a proceedings, that the papers obtain an impact factor and that the process should require minimal new reviews given the existing rigorous reviewing process for the symposium.

Four publishers were approached: Elsevier, Sage, Springer, and Wiley. Elsevier was approached first due to their existing relationship with the Association. Initially Elsevier was not particularly interested in publishing the full proceedings. Ultimately two publishers were most interested in publishing the papers in special issues of their journals and were asked to provide a written proposal including costs associated with their proposal.

Elsevier has recently been through some major changes in the Editorial staff and the Publisher representative. Therefore they asked to revise their offer. The timing for offers was essentially closed but LB (one of three new Editors in chief) was allowed to provide details of the offer at the meeting.

It was noted at the meeting that it was never the intention of the Task Group to pitch different publishers against each other and the members the TG present at the meeting (CF, PvH and MM) expressed strong concerns about the ethical aspects of the turn of events. The process to obtain quotes has been conducted in an open manner with each publisher obtaining a written request for information concerning their willingness to work with the society in publishing the proceedings and obtaining an impact factor for all the papers. The late revision of the Elsevier offer after other offers had been presented to the Executive Committee was not solicited by the Task Group; but given the circumstances, the meeting determined that it would give Elsevier two weeks from the date of the meeting to submit a clear formal written offer (rather than by proxy) signed by the management.

The key points for offer on publishing the proceeding include:

- No cost for publishing the symposium papers in a special issue of the journal.
- Target of publishing 90% of the papers presented at the symposium in the special edition.
- No new technical review of the papers should be necessary apart from an administrative and editorial process and there should be a long term engagement.

Further LB admitted to being surprised about the terms of the existing agreement between Elsevier and the Association. Clearly this is a good opportunity event to revisit this agreement. In light of the changes in editorial and publishing staff this agreement should be revisited and a new agreement signed in line with a renewed commitment that is equally beneficial to both the publisher and the association. No time line was decided on this renewal of the agreement but this dialogue should be done...
in connection with that concerning the publication of the proceedings.

**ACTION:** LB will submit a formal offer from Elsevier within 2 weeks from this meeting to CF as the Task Group leader. The Task Group will consider this and make a new proposal for email decision within the Full Committee before the middle of August.

**ACTION:** The secretary (MM) will launch an email ballot from the Full Committee to accept the Task Group’s final recommendation for publishing the proceedings.

**ACTION:** The Chair will take responsibility to continue the dialogue with Elsevier concerning renewal of the agreement to move it towards something more mutually beneficial, in parallel to the decision on the proceedings.


There was no time to discuss the status of the Journal at this point. LB agreed to provide a PPT with an update, see Annex 3.

9. **IAFSS Website (Prof Michael Gollner)**

Michael was not able to participate in the call. Michael will be on leave in August and Nils Johansson (LTH) will assist in website issues. The Committee notes that the website is run in a very effective way.

10. **IAFSS Newsletter (Dr Rita Fahy)**

Rita was not able to participate in the call, no update was available but the chairman would contact Rita for the deadline of the next newsletter.

11. **European Symposia of IAFSS (Evaluation)**

There will be a Special Issue of Fire Technology for the 2nd European Conference. The question of whether there should be a 3rd European Symposium was not resolved. There have been a couple of interested parties but this will be something that is membership driven rather than Association driven.

The format of the conference was very interesting. It needs to be clear that a short presentation is needed from each participant and the 6 page papers have to be extended if they are to be included in e.g. a journal. This part needs better communication.

**ACTION:** A discussion of whether we should plan to hold a new European Symposium will be included on the agenda in Lund.

12. **Memberships drive**

PvH described that there are some problems with the student membership in that there are very few who transition to full members. Last year PvH sent a personal letter to all students who were expected to graduate urging them to become full members. The only replies that were received were
from those stating that they were still students and would like to retain their free membership. We need to be more active in terms of involving students in participating in different events. Could we organise a student social event? The chairmen informed that Lund was planning a PhD course before the next symposium on ethics.

**ACTION:** The committee should have a more robust discussion of student involvement in the Association in Lund.

13. **Any other business**

a. Young Scientist Award (Prof. Guillermo Rein)

The Committee supports the two awards should be awarded as suggested by the Task Group, see Annex 4.

**ACTION:** PvH will contact Anthony Hammins to inform him of these awards and to propose GR as coordinator for the Young Scientist awards.

**ACTION:** GR will partner with PvH in writing a description of the awards, i.e. short bio of Proulx and Magnusson as well a call for nominations.

b. Nominating committee – Status

This process will start soon. The chairman will contact the chair of the nominating committee for more information.

14. **Date (and time) of next meeting**

Next meeting is in conjunction with the LUND conference. Timing will be distributed closer to the event.
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** includes one award based on symposium attendees’ choice
# 2017 Award Selection Committees

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TREASURER’S REPORT

Bart Merci, Ghent University, Belgium
Presented at 12th IAFSS Symposium
Lund, June 2017
IAFSS YEARLY BALANCE

- 2005: £119,547
- 2006: £111,842
- 2007: £112,290
- 2008: £145,501
- 2009: £145,947
- 2010: £181,616
- 2011: £160,029
- 2012: £223,828
- 2013: £246,490
- 2014: £250,904
- 2015: £281,707
- 2016: £324,331*

*: not audited yet
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2014 BREAKDOWN

– Income:
  – Membership (£9,331)
  – Proceedings Sales (£618)
  – Interest on cash (£2)

– Expenses:
  – Operating Expenses (£17,527)
  – SurveyMonkey (£176)
## 2015 Financial Summary

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2015 BREAKDOWN

- **Income:**
  - Membership (£9,560)
  - IAFSS Symposium Christchurch (£49,734)

- **Expenses:**
  - 2014 Operating Expenses (£17,527)*
  - Charge on 2014 Operating Expenses (UBS) (£25)
  - 2015 Operating Expenses (£9,677)
  - SurveyMonkey (£218)
  - AOSFST Awards (US$1500) (£1,013)
  - ESFSS Awards (US$1500) (£1,038)

* this should have been £7677 (error by Treasurer; Interscience reimbursed £9850 in 2016).
2014 IAFSS SYMPOSIUM (CHRISTCHURCH, NZ)

- Symposium Revenue: NZ$252017.35
- Symposium Expenses: NZ$141822.68
- Total for IAFSS: NZ$110194.67
## 2016 FINANCIAL SUMMARY*

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*: results not audited
2016 BREAKDOWN*

- Income:
  - Membership (£7,555)
  - Interscience reimbursement (£9,850)

- Expenses:
  - 2016 Operating Expenses (£10,625)
  - SurveyMonkey (£240)

*: results not audited yet.
MANY THANKS TO OUR AUDITORS

– Anna Stec – University of Central Lancashire
– Daniel Alvéar – Universidad de Cantabria
MANY THANKS TO OUR SECRETARIAT

– Carole Franks, Interscience Communications Ltd.
Membership data
IAFSS
Membership trends (see also MG)

April, 2017

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Students 8%
Life 38%
Full Members 54%
Membership trends - observations

• Rather stable with respect to annual paying members
  – Quite often 3-4 reminders to be sent which is a burden for the secretariat
• Slightly increasing life time members
• Very fluctuating student members
  – Most student members abandon after their studies despite personal email and reminders. Only 5-10 become member
  – A large amount of work for the secretariat to keep track on them and to check if they are eligible. Many examples for fraud (access to journals?)
Distribution per region

**Life Time**
- Americas: 18%
- Asia/Oc: 25%
- EU/Africa: 50%
- Other: 32%

**Annual Paying**
- Americas: 25%
- Asia/Oc: 19%
- Eu/Africa: 56%

**Students**
- Americas: 17%
- Asia/Oc: 29%
- Eu/Af: 54%
## Distribution per country (top 10)

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General Observations

- Asia/Oceania has a large part of long life members but is represented less in yearly paying.
- Europe/Africa has the largest percentage in general
- Largest part of the Americas is the US.
- Africa and South America underrepresented.
- Request have been made
Secretary Report
Activities since Christchurch

• 2014 – one Executive Committee meeting
• 2015 – one IAFSS Management Committee meeting
  (in conjunction with AOFST)
  – four Executive Committee meetings
• 2016 – one IAFSS Management Committee meeting
  (in conjunction with Interflam)
  – four Executive Committee meetings
• 2017 – two IAFSS Management Committee meetings
  (in conjunction with IAFSS Symposium)
  – one Executive Committee meeting prior to Symposium in Lund
Highlights

• Agreement with Elsevier on publication of the IAFSS Symposium proceedings
• Ballot concerning rotation period for conference resolved
• Definition of various roles in the Committee and efforts to maintain better distribution of labor in the committee
• Membership drive and payment schemes discussed
• 2nd European IAFSS Symposium run (2015)
• Guidance document for obtaining IAFSS Support drafted and launched on website
• Activities to secure new Secretariat
Secretariat
IAFSS Status
– proposal for decision on Wednesday
Short History

• Interscience took over from SFPE in the 90’s
• The secretariat cost have been around 10 k£ as an average depending e.g. on number of members and activities (conferences).
• Main work content was: communication, membership registration, financial accounting of daily costs and income as well as reporting to the Trust Foundation.
• Interscience has been also maintained “corporate memory” for our association keeping track on decision.
• Interscience did not update website and did not take minutes of meetings.
Actual situation

- Secretariat was run by the Honorary Secretary and the local Symposium secretariat (Patrick, Daniel, Håkan) which included communication to members and answering emails, etc.

- The economical part was covered by the Treasurer (Bart) and with some help of Carole (who still will help us in urgent cases)

- The membership registration was stopped mainly to be able to go over to a more automated system linking Paypal with our membership register. It is a good time to do this now

- So there was a working secretariat all the time apart from membership registration and it gave us and especially me a good idea the work load for the possible next secretariat
Status search new secretariat - 1

• From April 1, 2017 Interscience could no longer provide the secretarial services due to Carole retirement. Our wish list was to obtain the same service but find a long-term solution with a solid partner.

• This was indicated at the latest Committee meeting at Interflam 2016 and SFPE and EGOLF were mentioned as alternatives in the discussion.

• Proposals that have been investigated
  – EGOLF turned out to be a single person close to retirement (hourly cost €65 plus VAT (20% in France))
  – SFPE took long time to send in a quote (early January).
A proposal from SFPE was discussed earlier this year by the Exec. Comm. which was not approved for several reasons, major one was the cost around 30,000 US$ and move to the US. Other reasons were also taken up at the meeting.

Further contact were also suddenly proposed at the Exec. Comm. Meeting and later:

- IFE 36k£ (1 full time adm., 50% manager, IFE is a charity too – no official offer – ball park figure)
- Contact with sprinkler associations (dropped off)
- Recently, IAWF (interested but no offer yet, also needs move to US)
- Most recent contact was with one of Caroles colleagues who started her own free lance business (a cost per hour is available 25£)
Summary

• SFPE: Further contacts confirmed most of the costs and the need of move to the US. I estimate some considerable problems with moving our funds (tax) and a large legal process.

• IFE: is open to discuss further a quotation on hourly cost basis and would be a good situation as they are a charity too but we need to reduce the cost or increase membership fees.

• IAWF: still pending with quote

• An interim solution after the conference is to establish an agreement with Sue Owen to help us with the financial reporting and charity reporting.

• Most of the work related to the work now done was in fact related to the conference and some accounting.
Discussion points

• ? Move to US
• ? How much economy can we afford putting into the secretariat – 10 k£ has been affordable
• ? Do we need a win – win situation with a larger situation or can we take single persons company.
• ?
My views after all contacts

• Keep the UK charity level – no move to US (tax, legal etc., organisational)

• Convince IFE for a win-win situation and a budget around 10k£

• Have an interim solution with Sue Owen (until agreement with IFE) or a more long-term agreement (if no agreement with IFE)
12th IAFSS Symposium
Report on Program

Management Committee Meeting, Lund University – June 11, 2017

Bart Merci, Arnaud Trouvé
Program

Structure: 10 Tracks

1. Material Behavior in Fires (including Ignition, Pyrolysis, Flame Spread, Flame Retardants, Smouldering)
2. Fire Dynamics (including Compartment Fires, Pool Fires, Fire Plumes)
3. Fire Emissions and Toxicity
4. Tunnel Fires
5. Structures in Fire
6. Fire Suppression
7. Wildland Fires
8. Explosions and Industrial Fires
9. Evacuation and Human Behavior
10. Other Topics (including Fire Safety Engineering, Environmental Fire Impact, Sustainability, Fire Forensics)
Program

Program Committee: 34 members (AM: 11; AO: 9; EU: 14)

1. Track 1 (Material Behavior in Fires): 5 leaders
2. Track 2 (Fire Dynamics): 4 leaders
3. Track 3 (Fire Emissions and Toxicity): 2 leaders
4. Track 4 (Tunnel Fires): 3 leaders
5. Track 5 (Structures in Fire): 3 leaders
6. Track 6 (Fire Suppression): 3 leaders
7. Track 7 (Wildland Fires): 3 leaders
8. Track 8 (Explosions and Industrial Fires): 2 leaders
9. Track 9 (Evacuation and Human Behavior): 3 leaders
10. Track 10 (Other Topics): 4 leaders
Program

Review

• First review step on EasyChair: preliminary accept/reject decision (January)
  ➢ Database: 279 reviewers
  ➢ 3 full reviews/submitted paper
  ➢ 109 submissions (out of a total of 266) were accepted during the first review step

• Second review step on Elsevier/FISJ website: final accept decision (March-April)
  ➢ 1 light review by one of the Track leaders
    – Check response to Reviewers’ comments made in first review step
  ➢ Additional light review by L. Bisby/E. Weckman or A. Trouvé/B. Merci

Merci
Program

Review

- Why *light* review in second review step? Constraints:
  - Decision for oral presentation = decision for publication
  - Timing: decisions have to be notified to authors no later than 3 months prior to Symposium

- 4 submissions (out of a total of 266) were rejected during the second review step
Program

- **Submitted manuscripts:** 266 papers (205 @ 11\textsuperscript{th} IAFSS) + 10

1. Track 1 (Material Behavior in Fires): 51
2. Track 2 (Fire Dynamics): 57
3. Track 3 (Fire Emissions and Toxicity): 7
4. Track 4 (Tunnel Fires): 14
5. Track 5 (Structures in Fire): 22
6. Track 6 (Fire Suppression): 24
7. Track 7 (Wildland Fires): 29
8. Track 8 (Explosions and Industrial Fires): 8
9. Track 9 (Evacuation and Human Behavior): 25
10. Track 10 (Other Topics): 29
11. Invited papers: 10 = 6 (plenary) + 2 (Proulx/Magnusson) + 2 (Best Thesis)
Program

- Accepted manuscripts: 109 papers (266, accept rate: 41%) + 10
  1. Track 1 (Material Behavior in Fires): 18 (51)
  2. Track 2 (Fire Dynamics): 19 (57)
  3. Track 3 (Fire Emissions and Toxicity): 4 (7)
  4. Track 4 (Tunnel Fires): 5 (14)
  5. Track 5 (Structures in Fire): 10 (22)
  6. Track 6 (Fire Suppression): 17 (24)
  7. Track 7 (Wildland Fires): 16 (29)
  8. Track 8 (Explosions and Industrial Fires): 2 (8)
 10. Track 10 (Other Topics): 9 (29)
 11. Invited papers: 10 = 6 (Plenary) + 2 (Proulx/Magnusson) + 2 (Best Thesis)
Program

- **Submitted manuscripts:** 266 papers
  - AM: 52 (19%)
  - AO: 98 (37%)
  - EU: 116 (44%)

- **Accepted manuscripts:** 109 papers
  - AM: 31 (28%, acceptance rate: 60%)
  - AO: 27 (25%, acceptance rate: 28%)
  - EU: 51 (47%, acceptance rate: 44%)
Program

- Consolidated structure of final program

1. Material Behavior in Fires
2. Fire Dynamics
3. Fire Emissions and Toxicity
4. Tunnel Fires
5. Structures in Fire
6. Fire Suppression
7. Wildland Fires
8. Explosions and Industrial Fires
9. Evacuation and Human Behavior
10. Fire Safety Engineering
Program

- Format

  - 4.5 days
  - 25 minutes time slots
  - Wednesday IAFSS Membership Business meeting and Management Committee meeting
  - Thursday Awards ceremony + banquet
  - Tuesday/ Thursday poster sessions
Fire Safety Journal

Bart Merci
2017-06-06
Aims and Scope

Fire Safety Journal is the leading publication dealing with all aspects of fire safety engineering. Its scope is purposefully wide, as it is deemed important to encourage papers from all sources within this multidisciplinary subject, thus providing a forum for its further development as a distinct engineering discipline. This is an essential step towards gaining a status equal to that enjoyed by the other engineering disciplines. It is impossible to give a comprehensive list of topics which are considered acceptable and the following list is intended for guidance only:

- Fire chemistry and physics
- Fire dynamics (including gas explosions)
- Active fire protection systems, including detection and suppression
- Passive fire protection methods
- People/fire interactions (physical, physiological and psychological)
- Fire safety management
- Assessment and quantification of fire risk (including acceptability of risk)
- Fire investigation
- Fire safety design (including consumer items, industrial plant, transportation, buildings)
- Fire safety legislation
- Fire safety education.

Original contributions relating to any of the above topics are invited, particularly if they incorporate a quantitative approach to the subject in question.
Editors

Luke Bisby
University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, Scotland, UK

Ann Jeffers
Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, Ann Arbor, Michigan, USA

Bart Merci
Dept. of Flow, Heat and Combustion Mechanics, Universiteit Gent, Belgium
Impact Factor

The Impact Factor measures the average number of citations received in a particular year by papers published in the journal during the two preceding years. © 2016 Journal Citation Report ® (Clarivate Analytics, 2017)
Number of Impact Factor source items compared

Traditionally Thomson Reuters (now Clarivate Analytics) counts all Research Articles, Notes (including Short Communications), Reviews (including Mini-Reviews), and full-length Proceedings Papers as source items. This chart compares the volume of items of comparison journals that are counted in the Impact Factor calculation.

Journals:  
- Fire Safety J  
- J Fire Sci  
- Fire Technol  
- Combust Flame

2015 Journal Citation Reports (Regd.) (Thomson Reuters, 2016)  
Graph contains data upto 2015
Total number of citations for all articles ever published

![Graph showing the total number of citations for various journals from 2011 to 2015.](image)

- **Journals**: Combust Flame, Fire Safety J, Fire Technol, J Fire Sci
- **Data Source**: 2015 Journal Citation Reports (Regd.) (Thomson Reuters, 2016)
- **Graph Contains Data Upto**: 2015
Submitted manuscripts & decisions made

Rejection Rate

Updated last 2017-06-06

Source = EES report 18a1(Submitted), 18b1(Accepted/Rejected) and EVISE data warehouse
Number of published articles

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Updated last 2017-06-06  
Source = Custom Dashboard 09
Geographical breakdown of accepted articles

No. of articles by region of the corresponding author

Top 5 countries (2016)

AFR = Africa; ASIA = Asia; OCE = Oceania; EU = Europe; LAC = Latin America & Caribbean; NA = North America

Number of accepted articles by region of the corresponding author

Updated last: 2017-06-06
Source = Journal report 34a
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12th IAFSS Symposium Proceedings

Special IAFSS issue
‘Fire Safety Science: Proceedings of the 12th International Symposium’

The IAFSS will publish a Special Issue with papers from the IAFSS Symposium in the Fire Safety Journal. Some of the topics covered by the special issue are:

a) Fire Dynamics  
   b) Material Behavior in Fires  
   c) Evacuation and Human Behavior  
   d) Fire suppression  
   e) Structures in Fire  
   f) Wildland Fires

All IAFSS members will have free access to the proceedings through the member portal.

Guest editors:  
Bart Merci, Arnaud Trouvé, Beth Weckman and Luke Bisby

Papers in the SI will be published online on ScienceDirect as soon as possible after acceptance and the final SI will be compiled once the last papers have been accepted and the authors have approved the proofs.

There will be no cost for publishing the symposium papers in a special issue of the journal.
Most of the manuscript PDF’s accepted for the SI have been sent to the IAFSS for inclusion on their conference USB stick along with the abstracts. Note: Not all PDF’s on the USB stick are the final articles as not all articles were ready on time for inclusion.

The PDF’s are intended for conference delegates only and are not to be shared or hosted online e.g. on ResearchGate or other sites intended for mass distribution.

All IAFSS members will have free access to the proceedings through the member portal.

Furthermore, once an author's paper has been published online in its final format – each corresponding author will receive a Sharelink (short, customized link) which they can share with their colleagues via email or social media. Anyone clicking on this link within the first 50 days will have free access to the paper https://www.elsevier.com/authors/journalauthors/share-link.
Average editorial speed for all submitted manuscripts

Here we can view the milestones for time measurements:

**First Decision:** Average time from submission until decision of first assigned editor of original submission.

**Total Author revision time:** Time the author takes to revise his/her article on the basis of comments made by the reviewers(s). If there are several rounds of revisions, these are all added up to calculate the total revision time.

**Final Disposition:** Average time from submission until final decision.

Updated last 2017-06-06  
Source = 18b1 and EVISE data warehouse.
**Publication speed**

![Bar chart showing publication speed with data points for each year from 2013 to 2017 YTD.]

**Citable web publication time:** average time from submission of an article to its appearing online in a citeable and downloadable format.

**Publication (printed issue):** average total time from submission of an article to despatch of the issue containing that article from the warehouse.

*Updated last 2017-06-06*  
*Source = journal report 11a*
Submission to acceptance compared (2012-2016)

Complete data is not always available for comparison journals and relies on responses to the survey.
Full text usage on ScienceDirect per year

Articles published in the journal are made available online via the ScienceDirect platform. Elsevier tracks the number of full text downloads received by each journal. Although not a guarantee that the article was read, it gives a good indication of the trend in usage.

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SD source = tableau report, JBS source = custom report, CK source = CK OBIEE dashboard
### ScienceDirect usage, Top 5 countries each year

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Each year potentially has a different top 5, hence the reason there could be more than 5 countries listed. Countries outside the top 5 for that year appear with 0.

Latest month: March

Source = custom SD report
Fire Safety Journal – Community Engagement

Mendeley group – Fire Safety

We want to engage more with the Fire Safety Community and create a platform for members to discuss articles, share ideas and comments. Everyone welcome to join.

https://www.mendeley.com/community/fire-safety-journal-1/

The group is new and has only recently been launched, currently there are 40 members.
Fire Safety Journal initiatives

Editor-in-Chief’s Featured Article
One article from each issue will be selected as the “Editor-in-Chief’s Featured Article.” These articles are made freely available for a period of 6 months. With this initiative, we are pleased to highlight and share some of the current research results appearing in our Journal that we feel would be of interest to our broader scientific community.

Editor-in-Chief’s Latest Featured Article
- An experimental study of full-scale open floor plan enclosure fires

Authors: J.P. Hidalgo, A. Cowlard, C. Abecasis-Empis, C. Maluk, A.H. Majdalania, S. Kahrmann, R. Hilditch, M. Krajcovic, J.L. Torero

Email that is sent out with the most recent Featured articles

Featured Articles Selected by the Editors

We are pleased to highlight and share some of the current research results that have been published in Fire Safety Journal. The Editors selected the papers below, one paper per volume, as they feel they would be of interest to our broader scientific community.

Scaling of wood pallet fires
Volume 86, March 2017, Pages 96-103
Ying Zhen Li, Hakur Ingason

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We hope you enjoy reading those papers, which are freely available until 29th November, 2017.

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August 2015
“New Technologies Committee”
Update

Michael Gollner
University of Maryland
Team and Responsibilities

• Michael Gollner,
  – Chair, Website, Surveys, Social Media
• Terry Fay
  – Tech Guru, Publications Archive
• Nils Johannson
  – Website
• Xinyan Huang
  – Upcoming Events/Calendar
• We need more help!
  – Please use webmaster@iafss.org
Website

- News
- Conference List
- Publication Archive
- Journal Access
- Links
- Resources (few)
- Job postings
- Fire ReSearch Engine
- Member Registration (Under construction)
What pages do people visit?

- Homepage (22,922)
- 12th Symposium (9,788)
- Publications (3,548)
- Membership (2,722)
- Upcoming Events (1,919)
Publication Activity

• Fire Safety Science
  – Papers 1952 – 2014
  – 12,973 citations
  – 196 citations/year
  – 12 cites/paper

• Papers 2014 – 2017 (3 year citation period)
  – 352 citations
  – 117 cites/year
  – 2.59 cites/paper
  – Approximate, using Google Scholar and Harzings Publish or Perish software, version 5
Other Activities

• SurveyMonkey
  – Symposium Survey
  – Printing Survey
  – Management Committee Elections

• Assistance with publications and archive
  – Helped setup process for FSJ

• Assistance with newsletter, other information to members
Social Media

• Twitter – 470 followers
• LinkedIn 1,833 members
• Facebook – 641 likes
  – Post jobs, major IAFSS news, etc.
  – In general, just spreading the word of what is posted on the website
Busy Year

- Domain name had to be captured from old member (2 year process)
- Server died, several times
- Website hacked, twice
- Many updates to publication archive
- Lost secretariat – working on new membership registration system
  - This is a huge endeavor and will be coupled with purchase of a new host. Final word came after I no longer had time, but will try as a summer project
IAFSS Membership
April 2017

- Annual: 345
- Life: 50
- Students: 238
- Total: 633

April, 2017

Graph showing membership trends from 2010 to 2017.
Questions and Suggestions: Comm.

• Should be “Communications Committee”
  – Website, Social Media, Surveys, Member Contact, etc. Our role has expanded

• Social media can be powerful tool to advertise
  – Must have guideline of what/how to post
    • Do we post news and other things? Who is responsible?

• We need additional members
  – Social Media, Programmers, Writers
  – Need proactive volunteers to help. Few have time

• There are many resources that can be added
  – They have been removed over time, such as education resources. NEVER UPDATED!

• New registration system is a big task
General Suggestions

• What is our mission as an organization?
  – We need a clear message. Do we just host a conference?
  – It is hard to advertise and promote.
  – Are we becoming irrelevant?

• I suggest student memberships be paid
  – SMALL fee ($10?) to have members make commitment
  – Most join for journal access and never continue

• The management committee rarely participates
  – I recommend forming committees and *all persons serve on 1 or more*
  – It should be a “*working board*”. Working is required.
  – We should use the management committee.
  – There are so many things going on and we do not have enough help.
Application for the IAFSS 2023 Symposium

Tsukuba, JAPAN
Japan

Japan is a small island state located in East Asia, see fig. 1. The population of Japan is approximately 130 million. Total land area is 377,900 km². Japan consists of 5 main groups of islands; Hokkaido, Honshu, Shikoku, Kyushu, and Okinawa.

Japan has four seasons and each season has a different climate. It is popular for us to enjoy seasonal food, events and festivals.

Host Organization

Japan Association of Fire Science and Engineering (JAFSE) will host the IAFSS 2023 Symposium. Support organizations are also shown below. In fact, almost all fire researchers, engineers and practitioners in Japan are members of JAFSE.

JAFSE was founded in 1950. Founders of JAFSE were top scientists and engineers who experienced the Great Kanto Earthquake in 1923 and other fire disasters. They hoped to apply the research results of their own to preventing fires and reducing damages from them.

Today, the number of JAFSE members is about 1,300. The main activities are publishing the bulletin of JAFSE and journal “KASAI”, holding an annual conference, where roughly 150 research presentations are done every year. JAFSE also organizes academic seminars for public on the timely topics. Research activities are done by over 10 WGs under the academic promotion committee.

In the past, the 2nd IAFSS Symposium (1988) and the 4th AOFST (2000) were organized by the executive committee using JAFSE as a platform.
Support organizations

National Research Institutes: Building Research Institute, National Institute of Land and Infrastructure Management, National Research Institute of Fire and Disaster, etc.

Universities: Tokyo Univ. of Science, Kyoto Univ., the Univ. of Tokyo, Waseda Univ., etc.

Professional Communities: SFPE Japan Chapter, etc.

Location

Tsukuba City is located approx. 50 km from Tokyo, only 45 min. by Tsukuba Express line (express railway) and 60 min. by car, which is an excellent accessibility from the central area of Tokyo.

Tsukuba City is easy to access from Overseas. There are three international airports, Narita, Haneda and Ibaraki, see fig. 2. From Narita international airport, it takes 55 min. by high-speed bus almost every hour.

The topography is rather flat covered with rich nature, such as Mt. Tsukuba at the north which is familiar to many people, and Lake Kasumigaura at the east which is the second largest lake in Japan. The climate is relatively warm throughout the year, which makes a very comfortable environment.

Tsukuba Science Expo was held in 1985. So, Tsukuba is well known as a Science City. There are many national or private research institutes, and Univ. of Tsukuba.

Fig. 2 Transportation from Airports and Tokyo area
In and around Tsukuba, there are many research institute of fire, such as Building Research Institute, National Institute of Land and Infrastructure Management, National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology, Forest Research and Management Organization, National Research Institute of Police Science, Tokyo Univ. of Science, Tsukuba Research Center of Sumitomo Forestry Co., etc. They conduct research actively on not only general fire issues but also industrial fires, wooden buildings, forensic science and so on.

**Previous events**

The 10th Asia-Oceania Symposium on Fire Science and Technology (AOSFST2015) was held on October 5-7, 2015 in Tsukuba. The number of attendance was about 250 from 15 countries. More than half of attendance were from overseas.

ISO TC92 plenary meeting was held on March 26-31, 2017 in Tsukuba. The number of attendance was about 100 from 23 countries.

**Time**

June or October 2023 (proposed)

**Conference venue**

The Symposium will be held at the Tsukuba International Congress Center (EPOCHAL TSUKUBA), located in the central area of Tsukuba City. EPOCHAL is operated by the Science and Technology Promotion Foundation of Ibaraki.

The Main Convention Hall (fig.3), which can accommodate up to 1,258 people. The other large meeting spaces are the Multi-purpose Hall (holds 528 people), Conference Room101-102 (holds 529 people, fig.4), Convention Hall 200 (holds 200 people) and Convention Hall 300 (holds 324 people), see fig.5 & 6. So, more than 3 parallel sessions are possible. Conference Room 201, 202 (holds 200 people each) may be used for poster sessions.

At AOSFST2015, Convention Hall 200 and Conference Room 201,202 were used for oral presentations and poster sessions were hold at foyer on the 2nd floor.
There are also many meeting rooms, a rooftop garden, a restaurant, and other facilities that can be used for a wide variety of purposes. There are many kinds of restaurant near the venue.

Fig. 3 Main Convention Hall

Fig. 4 Conference Room 101

Fig. 5 Diagram of Tsukuba International Congress Center
Accommodation

There are many hotels in Tsukuba including Japanese type, see fig.7. Most of them are located near the conference venue within walking distance. The total number of rooms are enough to accommodate the participants of the Symposium. The room rate is about 8,000 - 15,000 JPY (72 - 136 USD) /night; breakfast and taxes are not included. It is cheaper than Tokyo area.

If you want, it is possible to stay in Tokyo and take a train to Tsukuba every day. It takes about an hour for travelling.
Activities and attractions

Tsukuba City was built in order to ease congestion of Tokyo and to conduct high-level research and education by transferring national research and development, and educational institutions systematically. The city is now the largest science technology accumulation site in Japan, where more than 300 public and private institutions and enterprises are located. Many foreigners such as researchers and exchange students who seek for high-level experiences and opportunities gather in Tsukuba.

![Bird's-eye view of the central area](image1)

![Tsukuba Koen Dori](image2)

Tsukuba City was designed to be and is assessed to be one of the most convenient and suitable cities for child-raising in Japan. Surrounded by the richly green environment, there are 146 parks in the city connected with a 48 km "pedestrian-only path" that assures the safety of citizens and the beautiful scenery.

There are various city facilities including an art museum, a science museum, a library, a concert hall, swimming pools and sport arena along the Tsukuba Koen Dori (Tsukuba Park Street), the central area of the path. (see. Fig.8 & 9)

Most of research institutes and science facilities open to public for study and observation. (Reservation may be required.) For visiting major science facilities, it is easy to take “Science tour bus” which operate every weekend.

There are many shops and restaurants. As well as Japanese food, there are a lot of restaurant and bars where you can enjoy the dish of all the countries of the world and liquor.
Summary

Tsukuba is the most suitable place to host the IAFSS 2023 Symposium in Asia/Oceania region. The access from overseas is easy and it is convenient to move by train or bus from airport. The research and educational organizations about the fire safety and science in Japan are gathered up and wish to let this symposium succeed heartily. It will be expected that the number of participants of the Symposium from the world is more than the any past one.
Australia and Brisbane’s proposal to be selected to host the

14th International Association for Fire Safety Science Symposium – IAFSS 2023
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Executive Summary -
Why Brisbane, Australia?
1 Executive summary – Why Brisbane, Australia?

Brisbane offers international delegates and congress organisers the best of both worlds – a world-class convention infrastructure in a dynamic, compact, affordable and welcoming city that offers visitors an authentic taste of Australia.

Equally important is the support that the International Association for Fire Safety Science (IAFSS) will receive in Brisbane. Brisbane has a unique structure of local convention partners who have come together to demonstrate total support and commitment to the success of the 14th IAFSS Symposium 2023 in Brisbane.

Leaders in Fire Safety Research – Australia, along with New Zealand, have led numerous advances in Fire Safety Engineering and are committed to regional and worldwide growth in Fire Safety Engineering and Science for the future.

A committed host organisation – The School of Civil Engineering at the University of Queensland is committed to ensuring a successful IAFSS in Brisbane in 2023, which would be led by the Fire Safety Engineering Team.

City financial support – Australia’s bid is supported by local and state government, evidenced by a cash support commitment of AUD$20,000 should Brisbane be confirmed as the host for the 14th IAFSS Symposium 2023, the International Association for Fire Safety Science (IAFSS).

Australia – a unique experience – Australia is a mature, politically and economically stable country, ranked first in the OECD Better Life Index, and rated 9th on the 2015 Global Peace Index out of 162 countries. It is culturally rich, with a 60,000 year history of ancient Indigenous cultures and a multicultural population base of 23 million. Its unique diversity of landscape abounds in natural beauty, contrasting colours and dramatic scenery.

Brisbane’s appeal – Brisbane is a vibrant, friendly, lifestyle city, home to leading medical research and a thriving industry hub, in the heart of Australia’s premier tourist region and host to the 2014 G20 Leaders Summit. Brisbane is Australia’s powerhouse city and capital of Queensland with a worldwide reputation as a leader in science and technology.

Asia Pacific hub – Brisbane is the Asia Pacific hub for world leading science, medicine and technology industries, plus the finance, business and investment capital of Queensland. The City’s location on Australia’s east coast provides direct access to the Asia Pacific region and easy connectivity to other Australian cities and regions.

Air access – Brisbane’s award winning airport and superior infrastructure provides a smooth and warm welcome to Brisbane for visiting delegates. Brisbane’s International Terminal is serviced by 23 international carriers, offering over 300 direct flights to 28 international destinations each week. With excellent access to the Asia Pacific, Europe, and USA, delegates are offered the optimum in flexible travel itineraries. Operating 24 hours a day, Brisbane Airport is just a 20 minute drive from the city and Convention Centre.

Unique convention precinct – Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre (BCEC) is ideally located in the unique riverside cultural and lifestyle precinct
at South Bank. Home to Australia’s newest and largest Gallery of Modern Art, more than 70 cafes and restaurants and stylish shops, South Bank is an inner city oasis with green spaces, riverfront parkland, rainforest pockets and Australia’s only city-based sand and swimming beach.

**Australia’s most awarded convention centre** – The Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre (BCEC) is a world-class venue providing superb flexibility and versatility with an impressive portfolio of meeting rooms and event spaces with capacity for plenary sessions of up to 8,000 delegates. It is officially rated World’s Best Convention Centre 2016 by the Association Internationale des Palais de Congres (AIPC).

**Affordable and accessible accommodation** – There are 230 hotels and over 13,000 rooms in Brisbane. A 305 room hotel is directly linked to the Centre and a 160 room hotel is located adjacent to the Centre, while 48 of the 230 hotels are within 2km or short walking distance of the Centre. Hotels are very affordable by world standards and range from five star to serviced apartments and budget type accommodation. Brisbane has an additional nine hotels currently under development.

**Optimum climate** – Brisbane is Australia’s only subtropical capital city with an average daily summer temperature of 27 degrees Celsius and average daily winter temperature of 21 degrees Celsius, ideal for pre and post touring activities and social and leisure activities. Brisbane has more sunny days than Florida and warmer winter days than the Bahamas and offers an idyllic climate during International Association for Fire Safety Science (IAFSS) preferred Congress timing in February 2023.

**Local transport** – Brisbane has an efficient, convenient and easily accessible transport network of buses, trains, taxis and the city’s high speed scenic river catamaran service. A special travel ‘Go Card’ enables seamless travel across a variety of transport options. The Centre is central to a number of major transport hubs.

**Value adds for delegates** – Brisbane has an efficient and accessible transport network, and the Centre is central to a number of major transport hubs. The City of Brisbane can offer your delegates discounted Airtrain tickets and free CityHopper ferries, CityLoop buses and CityCycles. Delegates also have free access to galleries and museums within the convention precinct of South Bank, and discounts to restaurants, bars and retailers. The Brisbane Greeters Program also offers free tours around the city in over 20 languages.

**Outstanding international attractions** – Brisbane’s ideal location as the capital of Australia’s premier tourist region presents the ideal opportunity for delegates to enjoy a microcosm of Australia’s iconic experiences. World heritage listed rainforests, amazing beaches, islands, wineries and the internationally famous Australia Zoo – home of the crocodile hunter – are all easily accessible within an hour of the city. You can even do day trips to the Great Barrier Reef from Brisbane.
2. Proposed host organisation: University of Queensland
2 Proposed Host Organisation: The University of Queensland

2.1 Fire Safety in Australia

Fire Safety Engineering and Science is key for ensuring Australia’s rapid and sustainable growth within a wide range of industries; from the built environment to the aeronautics industry. The use of novel materials, innovative manufacturing processes, and ground-breaking designs continue to push the boundaries of engineering and science. This scenario of continuous disruptive innovation underpins the introduction of intrinsic risks, often not contemplated by current design nor regulatory frameworks. Australia’s resilience is evidenced by the synergy between academia, research institutions, practitioners, and authorities having jurisdiction, in promoting sustainable industry growth.

Australia, along with New Zealand, have lead numerous advances in Fire Safety Engineering and Science. More recently, this trend has reflected by new educational programs and numerous academia-industry engagements. It is expected that current efforts will propel regional and worldwide growth of Fire Safety Engineering and Science for the upcoming decades.

2.2 School of Civil Engineering, The University of Queensland

The University of Queensland

Founded in 1909, The University of Queensland is one of Australia’s leading research and teaching institutions; consistently ranking among top 50 universities making contribution in diverse fields worldwide making significant contributions in fields such as engineering, biology, medicine, social sciences, and agriculture. The St. Lucia campus is located four kilometres south of Brisbane’s central business district; only five ferry stops along the breath-taking Brisbane River. The University of Queensland continually builds on its global reputation in key areas of national and international significance such as energy, sustainability, water, health, food security and social equity through an emphasis on high-quality, interdisciplinary global collaboration with public and private organisations. The University employs 6,703 full-time equivalent staff serving a student population of 51,070, including 14,748 postgraduate students.
Faculty of Engineering, Architecture, and Engineering Technology

Located in the St Lucia campus, the Faculty of Engineering, Architecture, and Information Technology houses the Schools of Architecture, Chemical Engineering, Civil Engineering, Information Technology and Electrical Engineering, and Mechanical and Mining Engineering. The Schools have proud traditions of innovation and leadership in education and research. The undergraduate and postgraduate programs in engineering, architecture and information technology give game-changing graduates the skills and knowledge to make an impact worldwide. Students have direct access to researchers, teachers, and industry leaders at the cutting edge of future technologies, and together are creating change by helping to improve communities around the world. The School of Civil Engineering is a world leading Civil Engineering school with state-of-the-art teaching and research facilities. In recent years the School has experienced rapid growth of resources and academics.

Figure 1: The University of Queensland St Lucia campus located 4 km south of Brisbane’s central business district; five ferry stops along the breath-taking Brisbane River.

Figure 2: The Advanced Engineering Building (AEB) is home to the School of Civil Engineering at The University of Queensland. The building opened in 2013.
2.3 Fire Safety Engineering at The University of Queensland

In 2012, Professor Jose L. Torero, set the initial efforts towards establishing a Fire Safety Engineering educational program and research group. Currently the fire academic team is also supported by lecturers (assistant professors) Dr Andres Osorio, Dr Cristian Maluk, and Dr Juan P. Hidalgo. The fire team now incorporates 45+ individuals including technical staff, postdoctoral researchers, PhD students, and undergraduate researchers. Continuing with prior academic growth in Fire Safety Engineering and evidencing continues support, The School of Civil Engineering is currently looking to fill a new position in the area of Fire Safety Engineering.

The Fire Safety Engineering program at The University of Queensland has abruptly grown since it was first conceived; at present offering Fire Safety Engineering degrees in the form of a Bachelor (Honours) and Master of Engineering (BE-ME), Graduate and Master of Engineering (GE-ME), and Graduate Certificate. Moreover, The University of Queensland has become the only Australian partner university of the International Master of Science in Fire Safety Engineering (IMFSE), along world top Universities in the discipline such as Ghent University, Lund University, The University of Edinburgh. In addition, the Fire Safety Engineering research group has developed close collaborations with industry and government partners. The University of Queensland hosts one of sixteen Society of Fire Protection Engineers Student Chapters, and the only one in Australia. The mission of this student-led activity is to promote active engagement between students and professionals in the industry.

2.4 Departmental Commitment and Event Support Staff

Organisational leadership will be driven by the University of Queensland’s Fire Safety Engineering Team. This commitment will be led by the following committee members:

- Dr. Andres Osorio – Lecturer, School of Civil Engineering, University of Queensland
- Dr. Cristian Maluk Zedan – Lecturer, School of Civil Engineering, University of Queensland
- Dr. Juan Hidalgo – Timber Engineering Lecturer, School of Civil Engineering, University of Queensland.

Pending confirmation of a successful bid, the University of Queensland’s School of Civil Engineering is willing to contribute AUD$5,000 towards sponsorship of the Symposium in Brisbane.

2.5 Commitment of the Local and National Fire Community

The committee organising the University of Queensland bid for the 2023 IAFSS International Symposium has been in contact with the Australian fire
safety and wider engineering community. The Australian fire community recognises the importance of hosting this event, and recognises the opportunities for continued development of professionals in the field.

Supporters of the University of Queensland bid consist of partner from industry, government, and academic institutions in Australia and New Zealand. Their support has manifested in the form of official letters of support from Institutions such as the Society of Fire Safety of Engineers Australia, the Australian Branch of the Institution of Fire Engineers, the Queensland Fire and Emergency Services, AECOM, Arup, Lendlease, Nullifire, Xlam. The universities supporting The University of Queensland bid are the Victoria University, Western Sydney University, Murdoch University, University of Canterbury, Griffith University, and the Queensland University of Technology. Please refer to Appendix 1 for letters of support.

In addition, the city of Brisbane, through its Convention Bureau, Brisbane Marketing, emphatically support the 14th IAFSS Symposium, and have committed AUD$20,000 in cash support should Brisbane be selected as host city. Please refer to Section 4 ‘Financial feasibility and support’ below for more details.

Discussions with various companies and organisations mentioned above regarding sponsorship of IAFSS have already commenced and would be pursued should the event be confirmed for Brisbane.
3. Financial support
3 Financial support

The University of Queensland, the city of Brisbane, Brisbane Marketing and the Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre emphatically support the 14th IAFSS Symposium 2023 in Brisbane. A team approach to marketing is offered to ensure the conference is well attended by both national and international delegates.

3.1 Brisbane financial and in–kind support package

The city of Brisbane, and partners wish to demonstrate the strength of their commitment to the 14th IAFSS Symposium 2023. The support indicated on the table below includes a commitment of AUD$20,000 should Brisbane be selected as host city.

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3.2 Brisbane City Conference & Accommodation Bid Fund

The Brisbane City Conference & Accommodation Bid Fund (Bid Fund) is testament to how the city of Brisbane works together. The Bid Fund represents a collective pooling of monies by: Brisbane Marketing; Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre; the city’s hotel sector; and key convention partners, who work together to enhance the city’s support for major international meetings.

AUD$20,000 is offered for the conference if Brisbane is selected as host city. This money is to be spent in agreement with the Brisbane bid team on travel scholarships, keynote speaker attendance, marketing and/or other agreed initiatives to enhance this meeting.
The offer from the Brisbane City Conference & Accommodation Bid Fund is based upon information you or your committee have provided during the bid process to date, specifically:

- Attendee numbers are estimated at 400 registered delegates
- Meeting duration is based on a total of 5 days
- The meeting will be held in Brisbane at the Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre with accommodation provided by Bid Fund partners as required.
Australia and Brisbane – a delegate friendly city
4. Australia and Brisbane – a delegate friendly city

4.1 Australia – a truly unique experience

There’s nowhere else on earth like Australia. Rich in spirit, diversity and dramatic landscapes, it’s the world’s smallest continent and largest island, its shores bathed by three oceans stretching from the tropics to Antarctica.

With a 60,000 year history steeped in Indigenous culture and a modern forward looking population of 23 million, Australia is a country of contrasts with a dynamic and exciting future. Ranked first in the OECD Better Life Index, Australians enjoy the highest quality of life in the world.

A sophisticated country of world-class cities, ground breaking medical and scientific research, strong business credentials, vast natural resources and unique attractions, Australia is the natural choice for both business and leisure.

Australia is home to some of the world’s most iconic natural attractions including 16 world heritage sites, the magical waters of the Great Barrier Reef – the world’s most extensive coral system, Kakadu National Park and its 20,000 square kilometres of wilderness, Australia’s most recognisable icon, Uluru rising out of the vast Red Centre, and 30,000 kilometres of spectacular coastline.

4.2 Brisbane: Australia’s New World City

Australia’s New World City, Brisbane is the third largest city in Australia and the capital of the State of Queensland.

Brisbane enjoys a deserved reputation as an innovative, modern city with a vibrant edge, as well as a worldwide reputation as a leader in science and technology. The city is also regarded as a shopping, cultural and events destination with boutique and flagship shopping precincts and access to Indigenous cultural experiences.

In 2014, Brisbane hosted the very successful G20 Leaders Summit, cementing its reputation as a serious business and political player on the world stage.

4.3 Brisbane – a delegate friendly city

Brisbane proudly extends a characteristically warm welcome to visitors, inviting them to be a part of its colourful lifestyle embracing the arts, business and leisure. It is a city in which international visitors immediately feel at ease. Conference delegates are greeted with the eagerness and friendliness of a smaller world city, while offering all the sophistication of larger global destinations. Delegates will feel very much at home and the meeting will become part of the fabric of the city itself.
Brisbane is also regarded as a fine dining destination with Australian-renowned chefs in the city’s world-class restaurants dishing up innovative cuisine using the freshest Queensland and Australian produce. Eclectic nightlife and a prolific live music scene, which has been the incubator for many international music acts, ensure an endless array of entertainment options.

World-class restaurants, a diverse nightlife to suit all tastes with a burgeoning music scene, stylish shops and urban art spaces all add appeal to the city.

A modern, dynamic, vibrant and lifestyle city with direct access to Australia’s top tourist attractions, Brisbane is perfectly positioned for pre and post touring as visitors can easily access natural encounters with Australian native animals such as koalas, kangaroos and wild dolphins; world-class resort beaches such as the Gold Coast and Sunshine Coast; and the Great Barrier Reef, which can be accessed from the city on a day trip.

### 4.4 Climate

‘Beautiful one day, perfect the next’ – that is what they say about Queensland which boasts an enjoyable subtropical climate year round with average summer temperatures of 27 degrees Celsius (December – February) and average winter temperatures of 21 degrees Celsius (June – August). With more than 300 sun-filled days a year, Brisbane the capital of Queensland is a reliable destination for outdoor functions, events and activities that can be built into your conference program.

### 4.5 A growth city: upcoming infrastructure and development

Brisbane is the largest capital city in close proximity to the Asia Pacific Rim and is recognised as a commercial hub for the region. In 2015, Brisbane attracted one million international visitors for the first time. Of these, Chinese visitors increased 25.9 percent to 165,000, Japanese visitors rose to 5.3 percent to 27,000 and Indian visitors increased 62% to 27,000 (National Visitor Survey, year ended June 2015).

**Queen’s Wharf Precinct development**

Brisbane has several major tourism and lifestyle infrastructure developments underway that will revolutionise the city’s appeal and tourism offering, which would be of interest to the Asia Pacific market and can be showcased to delegates. Chief amongst these is the Queen’s Wharf Precinct development, an exciting new proposition for Brisbane that will dramatically transform the city’s waterfront.
The Queen’s Wharf Precinct is being developed by the Destination Brisbane Consortium (DBC), a partnership between Australian based Echo Entertainment Group, and pre-eminent Hong Kong based organisations Chow Tai Fook Enterprises Limited (CTF) and Far East Consortium Pty Limited (FEC).

The DBC proposal is designed to deliver a whole of precinct solution that will offer the very best for Queenslanders and millions of visitors from around Australia and the world.

The proposed multi–billion dollar development will include:

- An iconic world-class integrated resort and entertainment precinct adjacent to the CBD and riverfront, connected to South Bank
- More than 1,100 new premium hotel rooms to operate under five new brands to Brisbane including The Ritz-Carlton and Rosewood Hotels & Resorts
- Signature three tower ‘Arc’ building including a spectacular feature Sky Deck with restaurants and bars
- Over 50 restaurants and bars ranging from hatted fine dining to pop-up cafes
- World-class gaming facilities in a new purpose built casino
- Premium retail outlets and department stores
- Public parklands and infrastructure including an Indigenous heritage walk and new pedestrian and cycle bridge to South Bank
- Significant event spaces catering for up to 60,000 people
- Tourism attractions including a light and water river show.

The Queen’s Wharf Precinct will commence construction in 2017 with a staged delivery of infrastructure between 2018 and 2022.

Howard Smith Wharves development

In addition to Queen’s Wharf, a strong growth in precinct development and new hotel infrastructure under development in the city will add to the advancement of the city and appeal of the destination to tourists and business investors. An additional major infrastructure build due for completion by mid-2018 includes the Howard Smith Wharves redevelopment, another waterfront precinct that will transform the 3.4 hectare heritage site with an Art Series hotel comprising 160 rooms, a
1500m² conference centre, function and dining areas and riverside public spaces.

4.6 Affordable convention city

Brisbane’s prices are among the most competitive in the world today. The Economist Magazine’s Intelligence Unit has developed an annual business trip index for 127 cities world-wide ranking the best destinations for business travel.

It is often the day to day costs that impact on delegates the most – the below table shows a recent comparison of delegate living costs between Brisbane, Melbourne and Sydney, as well as other cities internationally.

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Source: Runzheimer Guide to Travel Prices; May 2016 (Average total per diem including three meals and first class accommodation)
4.7 Safe, secure and stable destination

Brisbane is acknowledged as a safe destination, enjoying a stable economic and social environment as well as a level of confidence that can be achieved in smaller, medium sized cities. Brisbane ranks below the national and international average for tourist related crimes. As a Crime Prevention Measure the Queensland Police have established a Tourist Oriented Policing Unit which provides visitors with helpful information relating to travel hints and personal safety.

Australia as a country is an extremely safe destination for international visitors. This is demonstrated by the lack of any major police presence on Brisbane’s streets, and the fact that Australia is rated 9th on the 2015 Global Peace Index out of 162 countries.

4.8 Environmental sustainability

Management of the environment is a priority issue in Australia and Brisbane. Brisbane has set a goal to become carbon neutral by 2026 and Brisbane City Council is implementing a number of initiatives to reach this goal including:

- Establishment of the Brisbane Climate Change and Energy Taskforce to oversee the reduction of Brisbane’s carbon footprint.
- Free advice provided to all Brisbane residents to reduce their power and water usage and lower home emissions.
- Funding of up to $50,000 to local non-profit community groups for the installation of energy and water saving devices.
- Substantial grants which are available to developers who build new best–practice green office buildings in Brisbane.
- Implementation of carbon sequestration schemes, including establishment of a regional carbon sink. The sink will be created on both public and private land and will eventually cover 400,000 hectares. This is being created in partnership with other councils in the region, community bush care groups, private landowners and state and federal government.
5. On-the-ground delegate support
5 On-the-ground delegate support

Creating a successful conference is very much about the delegate experience on-the-ground. Brisbane Marketing has a range of free and custom-made support services designed to ensure delegates have an enjoyable stay in Brisbane and experience our friendly hospitality, making the 2023 conference one they will never forget.

5.1 South Bank Concierge program

The 14th IAFSS Symposium 2023 delegates will have access to the South Bank Concierge program, a specialised passport for Brisbane conference delegates unlocking exclusive opportunities to entertainment, dining and retail offers and packages in the South Bank precinct Brisbane’s epicentre of dining, arts, culture and leisure conveniently located adjacent to the BCEC.

The South Bank Concierge program is a complimentary service providing conference organisers with a variety of materials and special offers ensuring your delegates have a wonderful time whilst in Brisbane. The program includes conference exclusives for delegates including 10% off at participating retailers, competitions and giveaways, and the ability to book VIP event tickets and gain VIP access deals.

Delegates can also plan itineraries and utilise useful website apps to access all of the great offers across the 70 restaurants, cafes, bars and boutiques, as well as fabulous experiences and discounted tickets from precinct partners.

5.2 Brisbane Greeters program

Delegates can access the Brisbane Greeters program which provides free city tours hosted by local guides passionate about sharing their knowledge of Brisbane. These unique and intimate tours are an ideal way for delegates to discover Brisbane’s key sites providing a personal experience of the city, revealing hidden secrets and lesser known areas which visitors might not otherwise have the opportunity to experience. Delegates can choose from suggested tour formats which include arts and culture, wining and dining, heritage and architecture, and sites and attractions, with tours available in over 20 languages.

5.3 Visitor Information & Booking Centre tour desk

A complimentary onsite Visitor Information & Booking Centre booth can be arranged at BCEC during the 2023 conference to provide delegates with valuable city information and an instant booking service for additional tours, accommodation, events and entertainment throughout the Brisbane, Moreton Bay and Islands, Scenic Rim and Ipswich and Country Valleys areas. The booth can be arranged for part or the full duration of the conference and can include brochures, maps, collateral or general tourist advice information.
5.4 Tailored leisure touring itineraries

Brisbane Marketing, through the Visitor Information & Booking Centre (VIC), can work with International Association for Fire Safety Science (IAFSS) to develop tailored local pre and post leisure touring itineraries, VIP social events and partner programs to take advantage of Brisbane’s unique tourist attractions and iconic Australian experiences to provide delegates with a truly memorable conference experience.

5.5 Travel and transport support

Brisbane Marketing can provide travel and transport deals for delegates travelling to Brisbane for the 14th IAFSS Symposium 2023 to ensure delegates’ transfers are cost-effective and provide easy access to and around the city.

Booking flights to Brisbane is made easy with Qantas and Virgin Australia’s online booking accounts which can be linked to your conference website. The Qantas service enables meeting planners to access bonus airfares when key ticket sales are met and discounted international fares for individual delegates through the online booking account upon request. Virgin Australia can offer a personalised promotion code for your conference enabling delegates to receive a 10% discount off fares on Virgin Australia flights.

To ensure ease of delegate arrival into our city, delegates can be greeted with a warm Aussie welcome at the Brisbane International Airport with a welcome desk and signage to provide arrival assistance and information.

Reduced fares on the Brisbane Airtrain, an easy and fast direct rail service from the airport to five inner-city locations in just 20 minutes, can also be arranged by Brisbane Marketing for all delegates, offering a current saving of 20% on return fares (fares may be subject to changes by 2023).

Once delegates arrive in the city they will also have access to free transport services on the CityLoop, a CBD bus service, and the CityHopper, a ferry service stopping at inner-city locations along the Brisbane River.

Brisbane Marketing can also facilitate a special discounted conference delegate GoAccess pass for delegates during the conference which covers all modes of local public transport (train, bus, CityCats and ferries), for a low rate of AUD$12 for a 3 day pass including train travel to the Gold Coast and Sunshine Coasts – ideal for any pre or post conference touring (fares may be subject to change by 2023).

5.6 Visitor support tools

A provision of complimentary Brisbane visitor guides and Brisbane maps can be supplied to 14th IAFSS Symposium 2023 for inclusion in delegate satchels to assist delegates navigating and exploring the city. Delegates can also access a number of recommended useful Brisbane apps to assist with travel, dining, entertainment and weather information.
Brisbane Marketing can also provide a link on the 14th IAFSS Symposium 2023 website to the Brisbane tourism websites for your delegates to explore what’s on offer in Brisbane as well as a list of major events scheduled to take place in Brisbane during February 2023 for additional delegate entertainment options.
6. City marketing support
6 City marketing support

As part of Brisbane’s economic development board and official Convention Bureau for the city, Brisbane Marketing understands that effective marketing support for the 14th IAFSS Symposium 2023 will be essential to ensuring the conference continues to build on its success and is able to attract the maximum number of delegates from both Australia and abroad.

The following range of comprehensive in-kind marketing and conference support services valued at AUD$3,845 is offered to International Association for Fire Safety Science (IAFSS) to help promote the 14th IAFSS Symposium 2023 in 2023 and enhance your delegates’ experience during their stay in Brisbane.

6.1 Dedicated conference promotion specialist

Brisbane Marketing has a dedicated marketing and promotion specialist who can provide advice and assistance on effective marketing strategies, conference promotion activities and delegate attraction initiatives to best utilise this funding and ensure the conference attracts the maximum number of delegates.

6.2 Marketing tools and promotional collateral

Brisbane Marketing will provide the International Association for Fire Safety Science (IAFSS) with access to the Convention Support Toolkit, a comprehensive online toolkit which brings together all the resources event organisers need to maximise delegate attendance and create an outstanding conference experience. The toolkit includes event planning resources, marketing collateral templates (detailed below), image and copy libraries, Brisbane mobile apps, pre and post touring opportunities, and essential Brisbane marketing materials.

Brisbane Marketing’s comprehensive suite of marketing collateral includes creative templates for postcards, posters, flyers and brochures that are able to be tailored to promote Brisbane as the destination for the 14th IAFSS Symposium 2023 in 2023. Brisbane Marketing can also assist in ensuring this tailored collateral reaches specific target markets through advertisements in key professional publications and websites, targeted email and direct mail campaigns, and search-engine optimisation and search-engine advertising.

6.3 Promotion at preceding events

In order to generate awareness and interest for the 14th IAFSS Symposium 2023, Brisbane Marketing can assist in the development of conference promotion and marketing initiatives in the lead up to the 2023 conference. Such activities may include a Brisbane-themed booth at preceding industry events to provide delegates with information about tourist attractions and experiences in Brisbane and Australia.
Brisbane Marketing can also provide portable Brisbane display stands, posters, banners, destination videos and images, and promotional giveaways such as branded clip-on koalas can be used to excite and entice delegates to attend the 2023 conference in Brisbane.

6.4 Tailored destination videos

Brisbane Marketing has a wide range of promotional videos and footage which showcase Brisbane’s appeal as an international conference destination. These videos can be tailored specifically for the 14th IAFSS Symposium 2023 including insertion of the conference logo and event information to ensure Brisbane and the 2023 conference are well positioned to attract the maximum number of delegates.

6.5 Media support

Brisbane Marketing can assist with raising the awareness and profile of the 14th IAFSS Symposium 2023 through the production of media releases in the lead–up to the conference which can be submitted to relevant industry print and online publications.

Brisbane Marketing’s broad social media networks can also be used to promote the 2023 conference and attract and welcome delegates to the city.

# The financial support provided from the Brisbane City Conference & Accommodation Bid Fund may be used to fund these activities
7. Spouse program opportunities
7 Spouse program opportunities

Experience a range of iconic Australian experiences from adventure to culture, nature to relaxation. Partners can choose one or all of the below activities to enjoy in and around Brisbane whilst visiting the city for the 14th IAFSS Symposium 2023 in 2023.

Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary
Cuddle a koala and hand-feed kangaroos just minutes from Brisbane city at Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary, the world’s first and largest koala sanctuary. Get up close and personal with Australia’s unique wildlife including over 130 koalas. Travel to the sanctuary via an enjoyable river cruise from South Bank.

Tangalooma Day Trip
For the quintessential sun, surf and sand experience, located an hour boat cruise from Brisbane visitors can enjoy a day trip to Tangalooma Island Resort. Cruise through the picturesque Moreton Bay Marine Park to the beautiful Moreton Island, the third largest sand island in the world. Tangalooma offers over 80 land and water activities to enjoy including snorkelling the ship wrecks, sand tobogganing, 4WD through the National Park, quad bike rides, and the unforgettable experience of hand-feeding wild dolphins at sunset.

Beach and Rainforest Day Trip
The Gold Coast and Surfers Paradise are Australia’s premier tourist destinations and Mount Tamborine is our most popular local hinterland destination. Experience the best of Australia in a day trip, located only one hour from Brisbane. Enjoy the experience of beautiful beaches in the morning, lunch in the boutique vineyards, and a walk through the lush rainforest in the afternoon. Enjoy a swim and shop at Surfers Paradise before climbing the mountain to Tamborine for a restaurant lunch, wine tastings, stroll through Gallery Walk (exploring the arts and craft shops, hand-made jewellery, brewery and cheese shop) before ending the day with a relaxing walk through the rainforest to Curtis Falls.

Mirrabooka Indigenous Experience
Experience the spiritual wonder of an ancient culture through traditional dance, music and storytelling on the inner-city banks of the Brisbane River. Meet the local Brisbane Indigenous Tribe Riverlife Mirrabooka and share in rich Aboriginal culture presented by the Yuggera Aboriginal dancers. Develop an awareness of the diverse aspects of contemporary Aboriginal culture by witnessing and participating in traditional song and dance passed down over many generations, primitive fire starting techniques, playing of Aboriginal musical instruments (such as didgeridoos) and listening to Indigenous educational talks that offer an insight into Aboriginal life and history of this ancient land.

Australia Zoo
Undoubtedly a highlight of any visit to Queensland is a trip to Australia Zoo. Made famous by the antics of Steve and Terri Irwin and their global documentaries ‘The Crocodile Hunter’, the zoo is a living legacy to Steve and his wildlife conservation efforts. Visitors can experience live shows in the Crocoseum, as well as a large range of Australian, Asian and African animals.
Great Barrier Reef Day Trip
Experience the wonder of the World Heritage listed Great Barrier Reef in a day with a short one hour flight with Seair from Redcliffe, Brisbane to Lady Elliot Island. Visitors can enjoy the short private flight; a full seafood buffet lunch and beverages on the island, followed by an afternoon snorkeling and diving the iconic reef or exploring the island at leisure.

Guided City Walking Tour and South Bank Cultural Precinct
For a cost effective program option visitors can experience a free guided city walking tour with passionate and knowledgeable locals, The Brisbane Greeters. Discover hidden secrets of the city and experience a first-hand look at Brisbane with tours available across a range of topics such as art and culture, food and wine, indigenous culture or river history. Enjoy a guided tour through the inner-city South Bank Parklands, home to Street's Beach and Australia's most visited major cultural attractions, then explore the cultural precinct with spectacular exhibitions at the Queensland Art Gallery | Gallery of Modern Art, and Queensland Museum. Greeter's tours are available in over 25 languages.

Partners Pamper Day
Partners can enjoy a relaxing day out commencing with an exquisite high tea at Stamford Plaza, followed by a trip out to Sirromet winery for a wine tasting tour and lunch overlooking the scenic countryside. Or try your hand at learning some culinary skills at James Street Cooking School and enjoy your hand-made feast of fresh Australian seafood and produce afterwards. Alternatively enjoy being pampered with a relaxing massage or mud therapy treatment at the luxurious Stephanies Spa Retreat, or shop until you drop in our premier shopping precinct in the Queen Street Mall with VIP private experiences such as a pearl lesson at Paspali Pearls or a luggage packing class at Louis Vuitton.
8. Brisbane experience - testimonials
8 Brisbane experience – testimonials

“There from all of the G20 Taskforce, thank you to everyone at BCEC for the role you played in helping to develop a truly special, world-class event. When World Leaders and other international influences talk about the success of the Brisbane G20 Leaders Summit, it will be BCEC that everyone will remember.” Bernadette Welsh – Head of the G20 Taskforce (7,000 delegates)

“Why Brisbane? The Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre is world-class and easily outshines any of the previous venues for the Congress. Other reasons for choosing Brisbane – the proximity of the South Bank Parklands and the wide range of accommodation offered in the CBD and elsewhere. The easy access to the South Brisbane Station makes the possibility of a family holiday coupled with attendance at an international conference, an attractive proposition.

With my experience of the support provided by the Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre, Brisbane Marketing Convention Bureau, I strongly recommend Brisbane for your next convention”. Associate Professor John MacMillan – Convenor, World Congress of Human Genetics (1,500 delegates)

“The staff members at the Convention Bureau and the Convention Centre are by far the most professional and enthusiastic that I have ever dealt with. The city as a whole understands and appreciates the convention business…I have no hesitation in running a meeting in Brisbane”. Gwynn Dominguez, IADR Director of Meetings, USA – International Association of Dental Research (3,000 delegates)

“Choosing Brisbane meant we could deliver a professionally run meeting in a vibrant city setting – a venue in central Brisbane, accessible to the major hotels, shops and restaurants with the surroundings of the South Bank Parklands. Many delegates commented on the quality of the BCEC venue, its comfortable environment and how suitable it is for networking sessions.” Associate Professor Mary Garson – Convenor, IUPAC World Chemistry Congress (1,100 delegates)

“All of you are beyond fantastic. We received outstanding excellent service. In working on 11 conventions for Rotary, I must say this was the smoothest convention we’ve had and your team and facility are huge contributors to this success.” Ms Shari Wilson, Manager Meetings Logistics, International Meetings – Rotary International (15,000 delegates)
9. Congress venue
9 Congress venue

9.1 Unique convention and cultural precinct

Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre is ideally located in South Bank, a unique riverside urban arts and lifestyle precinct adjacent to the CBD, home to Australia’s newest and largest Gallery of Modern Art, opera companies, symphony orchestras, performing arts and more than 70 sidewalk cafes and restaurants and a wide selection of stylish shops.

South Bank is a ‘green’ oasis with riverfront parkland, green spaces, rainforest pockets and Australia’s only inner city sand and swimming beach.

During their visit delegates can take a brief time out from their conference to experience South Bank’s many attractions.

9.2 Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre

The Centre is Australia’s most awarded convention centre and is officially ranked among the top three convention centres worldwide by the Association Internationale des Palais de Congres (AIPC).

A world-class venue, the Centre provides superb flexibility and versatility and offers a comprehensive range of fully integrated in-house services all under the one roof and delivered by our team of experienced professionals whose commitment to excellence extends across all events.

An impressive portfolio of meeting rooms and event spaces meets the challenge of all events of any complexity or size, accommodating plenary needs of 400 or 4,000, with the capacity to extend to 8,000. Availability and a full quotation is provided in Appendix 2.
9.3 Plenary, poster session and welcome reception requirements

The Centre’s Boulevard Auditorium, with capacity to comfortably host over 400 delegates, is perfectly suited to stage the 14th IAFSS Symposium Plenary. Offered with complimentary use of the Boulevard Auditorium Foyer located directly in front of the auditorium’s main entrance, allows for direct delegate access to the Symposium’s poster sessions and welcome reception. We recommend the use of the Boulevard Auditorium and its accompanying Boulevard Auditorium Foyer for the:

- Plenary Sessions
- Poster Sessions
- Delegate Welcome Reception

9.4 Concurrent workshop sessions

On Boulevard Level and conveniently located adjacent to the Boulevard Auditorium, we recommend the use of three meeting rooms, each with capacity to comfortably host 130 delegates, to meet the Symposium’s workshop session needs.

9.5 Symposium banquet

For the Symposium’s banquet, we recommend use of the Plaza Terrace Room. With capacity to hold over 600 delegates, the Plaza Terrace Room will allow for a comfortable yet intimate banquet setting. In the past we have themed our Plaza Terrace Room into a myriad of places – Underwater World, the great Aussie Outback, Steel City and New York’s Manhattan skyline to name a few, creating a magical setting for the Symposium’s banquet.

9.6 Special location catering – offsite

The riverside location of the South Bank Precinct, home to the Convention Centre, presents a number of very special venues offering an array of moods, styles and settings for every occasion for your conference delegates.

Beachside barbecues and riverside cocktails with the lights of the city skyline as a backdrop or dinner under the subtropical stars, are all catered for by our award-winning team of Chefs and service staff, be it for 20 or 20,000.

9.7 Dedicated event management

An experienced professional Event Planning Manager and Audio Visual Project Manager will be assigned to the 14th IAFSS Symposium 2023, to assist and guide in the planning of your event.
A key element in the overall success of your event rests with what the Centre describes as its best asset – its staff. From the first moment of contact to the closing ceremony you will encounter a streamlined communication process, which delivers an unforgettable experience for both organisers and delegates.

9.8 Award-winning food & beverage

Officially recognised as Australia's Best Function/Convention Centre Caterer, the Centre’s Chefs have earned a world-wide reputation for inventive, contemporary cuisine with restaurant style presentation.

- Maximum flexibility of food choices across different event types.
- Customised menus to suit all budgets and all requirements.
- Extensive experience in special cultural and dietary requirements.

9.9 Presentation technology and event production (AV)

With the largest in-house production operation in Australia, the Centre’s very own Audio Visual & Production Services team are committed to providing the best creative and collaborative experience for our clients. With more than 20 years venue experience, there is no challenge that our team has not tackled with outstanding success.

The Audio Visual Production Services Department is a unique and integral part of our event delivery process. Our team of specialists are on hand to assist you with all technical, design and planning phases of your event, working closely with you and our highly skilled technical team on the ground to produce a memorable event of the highest quality.

The Centre’s Creative Hub specialises in pre and post production services, content management across our 3 dedicated Speakers’ Presentation Centres and secure networking. Along with a vast inventory of vision, audio and lighting systems integrated into each event space, we are able to minimise labour expenditure and maximise delegate engagement.

9.10 Value adds – free conference app & wifi

At BCEC we are committed to delivering the best possible venue experience, and are delighted to offer a conference app that comes preloaded with fully integrated way-finding and venue features.

The BCEC free app is a fully functional app that is personalised to match your conference branding. On top of the preloaded content, you are then able to choose from a selection of event content options free of charge, allowing you to easily manage and upload conference specific content.

BCEC also offers free wireless access throughout the Centre for all delegates at no additional charge.
9.11 Information Technology

The Centre provides an extensive range of IT equipment and services to meet all client needs including:

- reliable access scalable from 256Kbps to over 90Mbps
- specialist IT support wireless networking
- internet services including an internet café
- 2,000 networking points throughout the Centre
- project manager
- Computer and network hire with Gigabit fibre optic backbone to all areas.

9.12 In-house Security

The Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre Management is fully committed to providing a safe and secure environment for all events at the Centre.

- 24/7 security presence
- trained and experienced in–house security officers
- surveillance cameras
- risk assessment on events
- direct liaison with Queensland Police Service
- Smart card technology.

9.13 Environmental Responsibility

At the BCEC, we are committed to responsibly managing both our direct and indirect environmental impacts and the long–term sustainability of our business.

The Centre was a founding member of Australia’s Greenhouse Challenge and has achieved Gold Certification through EarthCheck, the world’s most recognised environmental benchmarking and certification program, for its commitment to the environment.

We have reduced our greenhouse gas emissions by the introduction of a number of operational and building performance initiatives. We have achieved a reduction in energy consumption of 6.5% and a reduction in water consumption of 21.6%.

The Centre has also made a major commitment to the environment by purchasing 100% Green Power for the operation of the Administration Office of the Centre.

The team is very experienced and adept in working with clients to reduce waste and energy consumption while also working to create an event that will be successful and memorable for all attendees.
9.14 Demonstrated success

The BCEC is Australia’s most awarded convention centre, including having been ranked among the top three convention centres in the world by the Association Internationale des Palais de Congres (AIPC) on three separate occasions, officially recognised as Australia’s Best Function/Convention Centre and named ‘Worldwide Convention Centre Team of the Year’ by the leading international publication Conference & Incentive Travel.

Since opening, the Centre has won over 160 industry awards including three industry Hall of Fame Awards. In 2015, BCEC was awarded two of the major national categories at the Meetings & Events Australia (MEA):

- “Meeting Venue – 500 delegates or more” – confirming BCEC as Australia’s best meetings venue for the second year in succession.
- “Association or Government Meeting of The Year” – for the successful hosting of the 2014 G20 Leaders Summit.
10. Air access and transport
10 Air access and transport

There are 68,800 arrival seats into Brisbane per week, over half of which bring passengers through Asia as the transfer hub from major European destinations. Direct flights arrive several times a day from Asia, the Middle East, United States, New Zealand and the Pacific.

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10.1 Airlines Servicing Brisbane

Twenty eight airlines fly directly into and out of Brisbane Airport:

1. Air Canada  15. Hawaiian Airlines
3. Air Niugini  17. Jetstar Airways
5. Aircalin  19. Nauru Air
6. Alliance Airlines  20. Philippine Airlines
7. Cathay Pacific Airways  21. Qantas
8. China Airlines  22. QantasLink
9. China Eastern Airlines  23. Regional Express
12. Etihad Airways  26. Thai Airways
13. EVA Air  27. Tiger Airways
14. Fiji Airways  28. Virgin Australia
29 International Destinations Direct From Brisbane Airport

Global Connections via Major International Hubs
10.2 Brisbane International Airport

Brisbane’s award-winning International Airport is located just 13 kilometres or 20 minutes from the city centre and from the Convention Centre. With superior airport infrastructure and operating 24 hours a day, Brisbane Airport directly services 28 international destinations each week and 42 domestic destinations. The airport accommodates some 22 million travellers each year, including 5.1 million international passengers.

Australia’s fastest growing airport, Brisbane Airport is investing $3.8 billion on infrastructure over the next decade. Current projects include a $45 million international terminal upgrade (completed in 2015), $100 million domestic terminal upgrade and Australia’s largest aviation project – the $1.35 billion second runway due to be completed in 2020.

The airport is serviced by Brisbane’s airport rail link, Airtrain, which provides a cost effective and efficient service to travellers transferring to the City and the Convention Centre.

In 2015, Brisbane Airport was named Australia’s best for quality of service for the 11th consecutive year by Australia’s Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC), named ‘Capital City Airport of the Year’ by the Australian Airports Association, and ranked 3rd ‘Best Airport in the World’ servicing 20–30 million passengers by Skytrax World Airport Awards.

10.3 Visa – entry to Australia for delegates

Australia’s Electronic Travel Authority (ETA) system is among the worlds most advanced and streamlined travel visa authorisation systems. Recent innovative enhancements to ETA arrangements allow for a traveller to apply for visa information over the Internet.

The ETA is a stored electronic authority for travel to Australia for the short–term visitor. It replaces the passport visa label or stamp in a passport and removes the need for application forms. ETA visas are issued within seconds of being requested through computer links between Department of Immigration and Border Protection (DIBP), travel agents, airlines and specialist service providers around the world, ensuring delegates know their visas are in order before leaving their home country.

10.4 Visa support services for conferences

The Australian Government, through the Department of Immigration and Boarder Protection is committed to making conferences in Australia problem-free. DIBP has set up the International Event Co-ordinator Network (IECN), which provides advice and support on visa issues, while also acting as a conduit for information between event organisers and the Australian diplomatic missions who will then process visa applications for their guests. The IECN is a designated group of experienced immigration employees who provide visa information to event organisers and their delegates. The role involves:
• Alerting event organisers to Australia’s immigration requirements and, where necessary, providing briefings on those visa requirements.

• Collecting and passing information to overseas posts about upcoming events and prospective overseas visitors at the earliest possible time – enabling more informed and timely decisions by overseas posts.

• Resolving any discrepancies in information provided by visa applicants who may be of concern.

• Explaining the decision-making process to event organisers, particularly in the event of the refusal of a visa to a prospective delegate.

10.5 Conference airport facilities – first impressions

Brisbane International Airport is the gateway for tens of thousands of delegates attending conferences in Brisbane and South East Queensland and the airport is constantly upgrading services to greater levels of convenience and more flexibility for business travellers, providing an impressive entry point for visitors.

• Brisbane Airport Corporation works directly with organisers of major conferences and events to enhance the first impressions of these visitors from the moment of arrival.

• Welcome Banner – The opportunity exists for an approved banner to be hung in the Customs Arrivals Hall to welcome delegates to specific conferences or events. Delegates see the banner from the time they pass through Passport Control into the baggage collection area of the Hall until they clear all Customs and Quarantine processes.

• Display Stands – An area on arrivals Level 2 can be allocated for the use of a corporate display or delegate welcoming counter. Displays need to be approved and must meet size limits.

• Delegate Folders – BAC will provide special delegate folders for distribution. The delegate folders include a copy of Your Guide – Brisbane International Airport’s own guide to Brisbane and the region including arrival and departure information. The folder also includes a range of special discount vouchers for delegates to use at the International Airport on their departure.

10.6 Local transport

The Centre’s central city location is convenient for visitors with easy and direct access to an efficient and integrated citywide transport network of buses, trains, taxis and the river’s high speed regular catamaran service.

• The city to airport Airtrain and City Train operate from the South Brisbane Train Station, adjacent to the Convention Centre.

• There are two bus stations within the South Bank Precinct and a drop off bay alongside the Centre is available for chartered buses.
- There is a dedicated taxi rank located at the Centre's Main Entrance.
- Brisbane’s Go Card enables seamless travel across bus, train and ferry services.
- Brisbane is a compact, connected city ideal for walking and getting around via the many scenic river and bridge walks.
11. Accommodation
11 Accommodation

Delegate friendly Brisbane offers a wide range of conveniently located, quality accommodation at highly competitive rates by world standards. With more than five million visitors to Brisbane each year the City has over 13,000 hotel rooms from five star hotels to serviced apartments and budget accommodation.

There are 48 hotels within two kilometres of the Convention Centre, including two hotels directly adjacent to the Centre. A further nine hotel development projects are currently underway with opening dates between 2016 and 2018, including a new luxury boutique Emporium Hotel at South Bank (open 2016) and Australia’s only W Hotel (open 2018).

BCEC Management works closely with General Managers of Brisbane Hotels in a partnership – gold level conventions – which enables the Centre to assist in the confirmation of required accommodation blocks for forthcoming conventions.

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Recreation and pre and post touring
12 Recreation and pre and post touring

12.1 Around Brisbane

Arts, Culture & Heritage

Brisbane offers a range of cultural and historical attractions for visitors – from learning local indigenous culture to discovering the stories of Brisbane's rich history and enjoying the arts and cultural attractions of the inner-city South Bank precinct.

South Bank Cultural Precinct – Located in the picturesque riverside inner-city precinct take in world-class exhibitions at Australia's most visited major cultural attraction the Gallery of Modern Art and Queensland Art Gallery. The precinct is also home to the Queensland Museum and Queensland Maritime Museum all within the one walkable area.

Brisbane Greeters Tours – Explore the hidden secrets of the city with a free walking tour with our passionate and knowledgeable local Brisbane Greeters, part of the global greet network. A range of tour topics are available including history, arts and culture, architecture, indigenous heritage or wining and dining, with tours available in over 20 languages.

Riverlife Mirrabooka - Meet the local Yuggera Aboriginal tribe and share in a rich Indigenous cultural experience as they share their history of the first Australians through traditional storytelling, dance and music with Aboriginal instruments such as the didgeridoo.

Australian Outback Spectacular - Discover the Australian Outback spirit with a unique and exciting evening dinner show filled with outback music, drama and action from talented performers and an array of Australian animals whilst enjoying a gourmet BBQ dinner.

Outdoor adventures

For the energetic and adventure lovers Brisbane offers a wide number of captivating urban experiences and unique regional adventures.

Tangalooma Island Resort - For the quintessential Australian beach experience, located off the coast of Brisbane, enjoy a day trip to Tangalooma Island Resort on Moreton Island – the third largest sand island in the world. Enjoy a leisurely one hour cruise through the beautiful blue Moreton Bay Marine Park to Tangalooma to choose from over 80 land and water activities including snorkelling the shipwrecks, sand tobogganing, quad bike rides, and hand-feeding wild dolphins.

Story Bridge Adventure Climb – Scale to new heights with a climb to the top of the iconic Story Bridge, Australia's longest cantilever bridge, for an adrenaline rush adventure and be rewarded with panoramic views of the Brisbane city, river and hinterland.

Riverlife Adventure Centre – Have an adventure right in the inner-city with Riverlife. Test your water skills with kayaking and stand up paddle board
tours on the Brisbane River, or keep your feet dry and high with abseiling and rock climbing on the iconic Kangaroo Point Cliffs overlooking the city.

**Unique nature & wildlife**

Brisbane offers a unique base to experience some of Australia’s iconic wildlife up close amongst the beautiful natural landscapes.

**Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary** - Cuddle a koala, hand-feed kangaroos and get up close with many of Australia’s unique wildlife just minutes from the CBD at the world’s first and largest koala sanctuary. Enjoy a leisurely river cruise to the sanctuary where you can get your photo taken with one of the 130 koalas, witness Australian sheep shearing and birds of prey demonstrations.

**Brisbane Whale Watching** - Brisbane’s Moreton Bay is recognised as one of the world’s best whale watching tour areas. Enjoy a half day cruise on board the ‘Eye Spy’ for a magnificent encounter with the mighty humpback whales from June – November.

**Beach & Rainforest** - Experience the natural splendour of beautiful beaches and lush rainforests and national parks all within one hour from Brisbane. Swim and surf in the sparkling blue beaches of Stradbroke Island or explore the hinterland by walking through ancient green rainforest canopies, swimming in refreshing waterholes and waterfalls or delve into glow worm caves in Springbrook National Park.

**Dine & shop**

Brisbane’s precincts and streets are lined with stylish new bars and cafes that bustle with life day and night, and shopping offerings from international designer brands to local boutique stores and colourful bohemian markets.

**Queen Street Mall** – The vibrant shopping and lifestyle precinct in the heart of the city is Australia’s most popular pedestrian shopping mall with over 700 retailers offering an unrivalled mix of local, national and international labels and flagship stores.

**James Street** – Beauty abounds on James Street, from its picturesque tree-covered promenade to the stunning selection of boutiques and eateries that line Brisbane’s premier luxury shopping and dining precinct. Shop from a cosmopolitan selection of sought-after Australian and international fashion labels, home wares and gifts; and dine in the open-air bars, cosy cafes and award-winning restaurants.

**Eagle Street Pier** – Enjoy a range of waterfront alfresco and fine dining restaurants to take advantage of the city’s outdoor lifestyle and Story Bridge views – dining options include celebrity chefs, modern Australian and Asian fusion and local seafood specialities Moreton Bay Bugs.

**Eat Street Markets** - Inspired by Asian street markets, Eat Street has seen the Brisbane riverside wharf area sparkle with over fifty specially designed shipping containers reconfigured as mini restaurants. A wonderment of the senses, Eat Street combines aromatic international cuisines and boutique beers with designer lights and live entertainment, offering a vibrant and fun evening with catering to suit all budgets and tastebuds.
Fun after dark

Brisbane comes alive at night with a wide selection of pubs, laneway and rooftop bars, an evolving live music scene and entertainment options.

**Fortitude Valley** – The heart of Brisbane’s nightlife precinct offers a wide range of edgy urban nightclubs, hidden laneway lounges and alfresco rooftop bars for all demographics to enjoy.

**Riverside Dining Precincts** – Enjoy a leisurely ferry ride to the riverside precincts of River Quay at South Bank, and Eagle Street Pier in the city for a wide range of culinary delights and evening entertainment. From fine dining restaurants to lively local bars – all offering spectacular river and bridge views visitors can eat and bar hop their way around the precincts.

**Queensland Performing Arts Centre** – Located in the South Bank Cultural Precinct QPAC offers world-class performances from blockbuster musicals to local theatre and dance productions year round.

**Suncorp Stadium & The Gabba** – Get into the local spirit with some after dark sporting adventures in the inner-city and embrace the local fan experience at a game of Australian Rules Football, Rugby Union, Rugby League, Football or Cricket.

12.2 **Queensland**

Beyond Brisbane there is a wealth of sun-kissed opportunities for leisure and pleasure in the state of Queensland. Road, rail and air links from Brisbane all provide easy access to some of the country's most awe-inspiring tourism treasures. From tropical islands with their lush rainforests and gleaming white beaches, to the rugged beauty of the Outback, Queensland has it all.

**Gold coast**

**Travel time from Brisbane: 1 hour by coach/train**

Less than an hour from Brisbane is the sunshine state’s favourite beach and play location the Gold Coast. From popular surfing beaches, the adrenalin of family-friendly theme parks and premier shopping outlets – through to the hinterland regions offering rainforest walks and idyllic mountain retreats – the Gold Coast offers something for everyone to enjoy.

**Sunshine coast**

**Travel time from Brisbane: 1 hour by coach/train**

Escape to the naturally refreshing beauty of the Sunshine Coast. From internationally renowned tourist mecca of Noosa with its exclusive shopping and dining precincts and breathtaking beaches to the magnificent Glasshouse Mountains and lush green valleys and national parks in the tranquil and boutique hinterland region of Maleny.

**Fraser Island**

**Travel time from Brisbane: 3 hours by coach**

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The supremely beautiful Fraser Island is a nature-lovers paradise. The world’s largest sand island is a must-do nature experience that embraces ancient rainforests, idyllic crystal clear lakes, rainbow coloured sand cliffs, and long stretches of surf beach on the world heritage listed island.

**Great Barrier Reef**  
**Travel time from Brisbane: 1-2 hour flight**

One of the Seven Wonders of the World with its spectacular displays of marine life and the world’s most extensive and diverse coloured coral reef system. The Great Barrier Reef is an experience of a lifetime, view it by seaplane, boat charters or snorkel and dive the turquoise waters amongst the rainbow of coral and marine life.

**Whitsundays**  
**Travel time from Brisbane: 1.5 hour flight**

The 74 island wonders of the Whitsundays, located in the heart of the Great Barrier Reef offer an idyllic paradise of tropical warm waters and sandy island archipelagos. From the luxury resorts of One and Only Hayman Island, to eco-style family friendly accommodation the island provide something for all tastes and budgets. Take a helicopter flight to a secluded private island beach or enjoy some of the best sailing in the Southern Hemisphere of a chartered or bareboat yacht.

**Cairns / Tropical North Queensland**  
**Travel time from Brisbane: 2 hour flight**

Head to Tropical North Queensland, the only place where rainforest meets the reef. Experience the magnificent 1200km² spread of the world heritage listed Wet Tropics of lush ancient rainforests, spectacular gorges and indigenous rock formations and culture. Inland the dramatic scenery and exotic tropical flora and fauna of the Atherton Tablelands mix with the adventure thrills of riding the river rapids or swinging through the trees in Cape Tribulation.

**Outback Queensland**  
**Travel time from Brisbane: 2 hour flight**

The Queensland Outback offers visitors a true Aussie Outback experience they will not forget. Epic landscapes, rugged deserts and red sunsets joining farmlands. Organised tours included Outback highlights at Longreach including the Australian Stockmen’s Hall of Fame, ancient indigenous rock carvings or the mateship of the legendary bush pub.

12.3 **Other Australian States**

With an extensive network of domestic flights, Brisbane is the ideal launch pad for further Australian adventures. Within Australia the itinerary options cover every traveller’s taste from city to coast to country.

**New South Wales**  
**Sydney - 1.5 hour flight**
The bright glamorous lights of Sydney and its world famous Opera House and harbour bridge provide a variety of attractions for visitors. Enjoy the vibrant city buzz, climb the Harbour Bridge, enjoy a cruise along the beautiful harbour, or take a swim at the famous Bondi Beach. For some natural beauty and relaxation head out of the city to the Blue Mountains world heritage area to explore one of Australia’s most spectacular national parks.

Victoria
Melbourne – 2.5 hour flight

For urban beauty many travellers opt for the hip – almost European – sophistication of Melbourne and their gourmet restaurants and eclectic laneway bars. Outside of Melbourne experience the splendour of the Twelve Apostles on the Great Ocean Road scenic drive, wine tasting and hot air ballooning in the picturesque rolling green vineyards of the Yarra Valley, or witness Australia’s most popular wildlife event the Penguin Parade on Phillip Island.

Northern Territory
Darwin – 4 hour flight

Visit Australia’s Top End – a truly unforgettable experience of epic waterfalls, exotic wildlife and Indigenous insights in the red centre. The Northern Territory is home to iconic destinations like Uluru (Ayers Rock) and the world heritage listed Kakadu National Park. Experience a four wheel drive safari through the Australian desert, scenic flights and boat tours to hidden swimming holes in Katherine Gorge, or crocodile cruises and sunset beachside markets in Darwin.

South Australia
Adelaide – 2.5 hour flight

Renowned for their world-class wine regions the Barossa and Clare Valley – South Australia provides exceptional food and wine experiences nestled amongst heritage villages and towns. The capital Adelaide is an elegant city blending historic architecture with green parklands and rolling hills. Escape the city and enjoy the rugged coastlines and unique wildlife encounters of Kangaroo Island and the Fleurieu Peninsula.

Western Australia
Perth – 5 hour flight

As one of the largest and most diverse states in the world, Western Australia offers spectacular unique natural landscape diversity from the rich red scenery of 350 million year old ancient rock formations and gorges in the Kimberley to the sparkling blue beaches of the Indian Ocean. Enjoy sunset camel rides along Cable Beach, swim with whale sharks on Ningaloo Reef, or indulge in gourmet food and wine in the Margaret River vineyard region.

Tasmania
Hobart – 2.75 hour flight

At the opposite end of the country and in a vastly different island environment, Tasmania stands out as another region of natural beauty and untamed wilderness with dramatic mountains, dense rainforest, rolling farmlands and scenic waterways. The ideal location for nature lovers,
bushwalkers and boat enthusiasts, or enjoy the gourmet delights of Hobart and the quirky exhibits of one of the world’s most controversial private art collections at the Museum of Old and New Art (MONA).

Australian Capital Territory
Canberra – 1.75 hour flight

As Australia’s capital city and home to our federal parliament, Canberra houses monuments and attractions of significant national pride. Discover the Australian story at the National Museum of Australia, National Gallery of Australia and National Portrait Gallery. See where Australia’s political decisions are made with a visit to Parliament House, and pay tribute and hear the stories of the people and events that have shaped our nation at the Australian War Memorial.
Appendices
Appendix 1 – Letters of support

Dear Dr. Simonson,

RE: Support for IAFSS International Symposium in 2023 University of Queensland Bid

As Head of the School of Civil Engineering at the University of Queensland (UQ), I am delighted to endorse my colleagues in a bid to host the 2023 IAFSS International Symposium in Brisbane, Australia. The Fire Safety Engineering program at UQ is heavily involved in a wide range of research topics including engineered timber and bamboo, structural fire performance, and bushfires, to name a few. This year UQ has sent a delegation consisting of eight post-graduate students and three academics. Given our strong research portfolio, I expect to continue and likely surpass our attendance in future symposiums.

International Symposia such as IAFSS help advance the state-of-the-art and have positive benefits that extend well beyond the duration of the event. Fire Safety Engineering is a rapidly evolving field, particularly in Australia. Bringing IAFSS to Australia will be an excellent opportunity for the Australian Fire Safety Engineering community to learn from experts from around the world.

Brisbane is a world-class city with modern facilities that would guarantee a wonderful experience for all attendees. Our close proximity to fantastic attractions including the Great Barrier, numerous beaches, national parks, etc., makes Brisbane an appealing travel destination.

In summary, the School of Civil Engineering at the University of Queensland is supportive of the bid prepared by the Fire Safety Engineering group at UQ. Upon confirmation of a successful bid, the School of Civil Engineering is willing to contribute AUD$5,000 towards sponsorship of IAFSS 2023 in Brisbane.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Professor Simon Washington
Head, School of Civil Engineering
Dear Dr Simonson McNamee,

Re: International Symposium on Fire Safety Science 2023

As the director of the fire engineering program at the University of Canterbury, I am delighted to support The University of Queensland's School of Civil Engineering in its bid to host the International Symposium on Fire Safety Science in 2023. As host of the International Symposium on Fire Safety Science in 2014, the University of Canterbury believes that hosting the Symposium in Brisbane will encourage growth of the Fire Safety Engineering research community in Australasia and worldwide.

Brisbane is a magnificent city in which to hold this important and prestigious international convention. As well as all the required support mechanisms that contribute to a successful meeting, Brisbane can offer delegates an experience of the wonderful lifestyle we enjoy in Australia and that international delegates expect of our country.

The University of Canterbury is very pleased to support the School of Civil Engineering at The University of Queensland's bid for IAFSS 2023.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Anthony Abu
Senior Lecturer in Structural Fire Engineering
Director of Fire Engineering program

Anthony Abu@canterbury.ac.nz
6th June 2017

Professor Patrick van Hees  
IAFSS Chair, IAFSS SECRETARIAT OFFICE  
Via E-Mail

Dear Professor,

Re: 14th IAFSS Symposium 2023 · Letter of Support for University of Queensland’s Bid

The Society of Fire Safety (SFS) has been established since 1994 as a learned society of Engineers Australia to promote and foster excellence in fire safety engineering in Australia. It currently has approximately 500 members and has been actively participating in international fire safety conferences, study and research over the two decades.

Our Executive Committee was instrumental in assisting the organisation and supporting the SFPE 10th International Conference on “Performance-Based Codes and Fire Safety Design” in 2014 and more recently, the Fire Australia Conference in 2017, one of the largest conferences in Australia within the past 10 years.

The SFS Executive Committee is committed and supports the University of Queensland in its bid to host the 14th IAFSS Symposium in 2023. The University of Queensland has state of the art lecture and conference halls, site accommodation and colleges for community housing of delegates. It is one of the leaders in fire safety research in Australia.

The SFS Queensland Chapter has close ties with University of Queensland; fire safety engineering research and teaching staff of the University have regularly been invited to give presentations to provide Continuing Professional Development for SFS members.

A number of local fire safety engineering firms, who are SFS members, are willing to undertake volunteering work in making this conference a success. The SFS Executive Committee is supportive of the 14th IAFSS Symposium to be held in the University of Queensland in 2023.

Queensland is a place to enjoy the best options for family friendly activities and evenings of entertainment outside the conference, and is a destination worthy of travel to Australia.

We hope the IAFSS committee will give a favorable consideration to University of Queensland for hosting the 2023 IAFSS Symposium.

Yours faithfully,

[Signature]

Dr Wong Poh  
SFS National President  
Society of Fire Safety, Engineers Australia
6 June 2017

Dr. Margaret Simonson McNamee
IAFSS Secretary

Email: secretariat@iafss2017.org

Dear Dr Simonson McNamee

Re: International Symposium on Fire Safety Science 2023

As the Queensland Committee President for the Australian Branch of the Institution of Fire Engineers (IFE Australia), I am delighted to support the University of Queensland’s School of Civil Engineering in its bid to host the International Symposium on Fire Safety Science in 2023.

The IFE Australia believes that hosting the Symposium in Brisbane would provide a significant focus on fire safety science not just within Brisbane but to the broader Asia Pacific region. I have advised our National President and Secretary of the IAFSS 2023 bid, and they encouraged our Queensland and Australian membership to provide necessary support.

Brisbane is a magnificent city in which to hold this important and prestigious international convention. As well as all the required support mechanisms that contribute to a successful meeting, Brisbane can offer delegates an experience of the wonderful lifestyle we enjoy in Australia and that international delegates expect of our country.

The IFE Australia is very pleased to support the University of Queensland’s School of Civil Engineering bid for 2023.

Yours sincerely

Michael Conway OFireE
Queensland IFE Committee President

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7 June 2017

Professor Simon Washington
Head of School of Civil Engineering
Building 49 Advanced Engineering Building
Staff House Road
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Dear Professor Washington,

Dr Juan Hidalgo from the School of Civil Engineering has advised the Queensland Fire and Emergency Services (QFES) of your School’s intention to submit a bid to host the 2023 International Association for Fire Safety Science conference.

We understand the conference bid submission will be to host the event at your St Lucia Campus Brisbane in June 2023.

QFES welcomes your School’s initiative to host such a prestigious event in Queensland and we would like to support you in the planning and preparation of the event.

Please contact Acting Chief Superintendent, Ian Shepherd, Director, Community Infrastructure Branch, QFES on 3635 1992 via or email ian.shepherd@qles.qld.gov.au for assistance with any matters that support the bid submission and the conference event.

QFES commends you and your School’s initiative in providing a focus on fire safety in Queensland.

Yours sincerely,

Mark Roche
Deputy Commissioner
Readiness and Response Services
5 June 2017

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Dr. Margaret Simonson McNamee
IAFSS Secretary

Dear Dr. Margaret

University of Queensland - International Symposium on Fire Safety Science 2023
Letter of Support

With reference to IAFSS (International Association of Fire Safety Science) invitation to bid for the 2023 Conference Hosting, we understand University of Queensland intends to express their interest and respond to the invitation to host the conference.

As AECOM Fire & Risk Engineering Group Manager, I am delighted to support The University of Queensland’s School of Civil Engineering in its bid to host the International Symposium on Fire Safety Science in 2023. AECOM believes that hosting the Symposium in Brisbane would further support rapid growth of the Fire Safety Engineering industry and research in Australasia and worldwide.

Brisbane is a magnificent city in which to hold this important and prestigious international convention. As well as all the required support mechanisms that contribute to a successful meeting, Brisbane can offer delegates an experience of the wonderful lifestyle we enjoy in Australia and that international delegates expect of our country.

AECOM is very pleased to support the School of Civil Engineering at The University of Queensland’s bid for IAFSS 2023. Upon successful bid for hosting this event, we would like to discuss the potential support we can offer to the university. Note that this is to be considered non-binding and is subject to future discussions.

Yours faithfully

[Signature]

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Dear Dr. Orsorio

Letter of Support: IAFSS International Symposium in 2023

As an Arup Fellow and one of the leaders in fire safety engineering at the global firm of Arup, I fully support this proposal for the University of Queensland (UQ) to host the IAFSS Symposium in 2023.

UQ is clearly the leading fire safety research organization in Australia, and growing more influential as time progresses. The University has a range of exciting experimental facilities, and has established great relationships with government, building regulators, fire safety engineers, fire brigades, industry and professional associations not only in Australia but also internationally, particularly in the Asia/Oceania region.

UQ researchers are leading the way in timber building research, modelling associated with critique of potential verification methods, and many other areas of fire science.

The last IAFSS Symposium was held in Melbourne more than 20 years ago in early 1997, and was very well supported by international researchers and the global fire science and engineering communities generally. In more recent years, UQ has collaborated with SFPE to support an international performance based conference in Brisbane/Gold Coast, and again many in the international research and engineering communities strongly supported the conference, which was very successful.

Australia is moving quickly to consider proposals for verification methods and quantitative risk assessment methods which are going to require extensive research if they have any chance of being successfully adopted, so there is a strong expectation of UQ driving much of this research with growing number of masters and PhD students.

In summary, I fully support and endorse this proposal by UQ to host the IAFSS International Symposium in 2023.

Best Regards

Peter Johnson FTSE
Arup Fellow
2nd June 2017

Dr. Juan P. Hidalgo,
Advanced Engineering Building,
Building 49 Room 530,
St Lucia,
The University of Queensland,
QLD 4072,
Australia

Dear Dr. Hidalgo,

RE: Support for IAFSS 2023 Asia/Oceania in Brisbane

I am delighted to support the proposal for Brisbane to be the host city of the 2023 IAFSS symposium.

DesignMake are currently involved in several fire research projects with the University of Queensland, particularly in the field of solid or engineered timber. Having the 2023 IAFSS symposium in Brisbane would provide an excellent opportunity for our employees engaged in fire design and fire safety to interact with a wide range of experts in the field and give them exposure to the full spectrum of fire safety globally.

I am confident that holding the symposium in Brisbane will offer an excellent experience for all attendees. Brisbane is a dynamic city with well-developed infrastructure, making it more than capable of hosting a successful IAFSS symposium in 2023.

Sincerely,

Tim Butler
Principal Engineer
DesignMake, Lendlease

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5th June, 2017

Dr. Margaret Simonson McNamee  
IAFSS Secretary  
Email: secretariat@iafss2017.org

Dear Dr Simonson McNamee

Re: International Symposium on Fire Safety Science 2023

As Manager for Nullifire Australia, I am delighted to support The University of Queensland’s School of Civil Engineering in its bid to host the International Symposium on Fire Safety Science in 2023. Nullifire Australia believes that hosting the Symposium in Brisbane would further support rapid growth of the Fire Safety Engineering industry and research in Australasia and worldwide.

Brisbane is a magnificent city in which to hold this important and prestigious international convention. As well as all the required support mechanisms that contribute to a successful meeting, Brisbane can offer delegates an experience of the wonderful lifestyle we enjoy in Australia and that international delegates expect of our country.

Nullifire Australia is very pleased to support the School of Civil Engineering at The University of Queensland’s bid for IAFSS 2023.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Abrahams
Manager - Fire Division
Nullifire Australia (a division of Remedial Building Services Aust. Pty Limited)
Dr Juan P Hidalgo
Advanced Engineering Building
Bldg. 49 – Rm 630
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The University of Queensland
QLD 4072

Dear Juan,

Further to your recent request we would have no hesitation in supporting your proposed for the city of Brisbane to host the International Symposium of Fire Safety (IAFSS) in 2023.

The timber industry is undergoing a worldwide renaissance and ever larger and higher timber buildings are being constructed. Fire safety plays a large role in design and construction of these buildings and Brisbane is at the cutting edge of research in this space. Organisations like the University of Queensland, Hyne, Arup, Queensland Fire and Emergency Services are all involved in landmark timber projects across Australia with a hub of excellence rapidly establishing itself in and around Brisbane.

Yours sincerely,

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Technical Manager

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Appendix 2 – BCEC floor plans

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Exhibition Centre

- Exhibition halls are available for letting as individual or multiple units. Operable walls separate each hall.
- Measurements are maximum distances between perimeter walls in each hall.

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# Mezzanine Level

**BCEC on Margaret Street**

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## Mezzanine Level Rooms

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**Notes:**

- Meeting Room M1 is accessible on Mezzanine level.
- The Theatre and classroom capacities include seating for speaker purposes in addition to the size of the room.
- Banquet capacity is the comfortable maximum for each room. Seating and/or dance floors have not been incorporated and will reduce these capacities.

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## Plaza Level
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### Additional Details

- **Plaza Ballroom**: 2302 seats, 1300 standing, 2000 capacity
- **Plaza Auditorium**: 621 seats
- **Meeting Rooms**
  - P6: 130 seats
  - P7: 130 seats
  - P8: 130 seats
  - P9: 172 seats
  - P10: 172 seats
  - P11: 172 seats
  - P9 & P10: 570 seats

### Important Notes
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- During construction of BCEC on Grey Street, capacities for the Plaza Ballroom will be limited to 1200.

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Sky Level Rooms

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Appendix 4 – Brisbane City Conference & Accommodation Bid Fund

Brisbane City Conference & Accommodation Bid Fund

The Brisbane City Conference & Accommodation Bid Fund is testament to how the city of Brisbane works together. The Bid Fund is a city-wide collaboration between Brisbane Marketing, the Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre, Brisbane Hotels and Professional Conference Organisers, who work together to enhance the city’s support for international meetings and ensuring successful meeting outcomes. We encourage your support of these contributors to assist with the successful delivery of your meeting.

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Passed away peacefully, at Moments Manor, on Friday, April 7, 2017, at 94 years old. Predeceased by his first wife Maria (nee Kiss). He is survived by his three children Tibor Andrew (wife Sandy), Anna-Maria and Peter, his second wife Amy Steele and his five grandchildren Jenny, Andrew, Shelby, Alexandre and Philip.

Born in Hungary, Tibor received his first degree in Mechanical Engineering from Budapest University of Technology. Tibor was 22 years old when the Germans retreated from Hungary, taking with them University students and graduates. Tibor was stationed at Dresden and survived the British/American bombing attack on Ash Wednesday, February 14, 1945, where an estimated 25,000 people were killed.

After the Russian invasion of Hungary in 1956, Tibor and his wife Maria decided to leave, failing once, then later successfully crossing the border to Austria. From there, they went on to England, where they boarded the RMS Saxonia in Liverpool, crossing the Atlantic to Pier 21 in Halifax, Nova Scotia. They moved to Montreal, then to Ottawa, where Tibor worked at the National Research Council. He was a pioneer and one of the founding fathers of contemporary fire safety engineering. Over his career, he authored over 100 fire science-related publications, several books and numerous patents.

Tibor had a passion for travel, returning to Hungary countless times, visiting Europe with his family and criss-crossing the United States and Canada on camping trips. Tibor had an insatiable curiosity of the world, was multilingual, and was self-educated in numerous fields including History, Science, Politics and Philosophy. In 1964, he acquired his Doctorate in Engineering from Vienna University of Technology, defending his thesis in German.

We, his children, are all thankful for our father's courage in leaving his homeland and creating new roots in Canada. This, along with his intellect, drive and high standards were instrumental in leading his children to successful careers. Tibor loved his wife, his children and grandchildren, and will always be remembered for his shy and gentle manner. He had many "corny" jokes for his children, and helped them sing and recite stories every Sunday into his tape recorder. He instilled in us the love of music, especially Opera, which his talented wife Maria sang beautifully – especially the arias.

We will always be grateful for all the loving moments he brought into our lives, for sharing his joy for travel, and especially for his risk-taking in being the only Harmathy to immigrate to Canada.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the Canadian Heart and Stroke Foundation would be appreciated.

Many thanks to the staff at Moments Manor for their care during his short stay. Friends are invited to visit from 10 - 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 15 at McEvoy-Shields, 1411 Hunt Club Rd. A memorial service will be held at 11 am. Reception to follow. - See more at: http://m.legacy.com/obituaries/ottawacitizen/obituary.aspx?n=tibor-harmathy&pid=185058806&referrer=0&preview=false#st
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