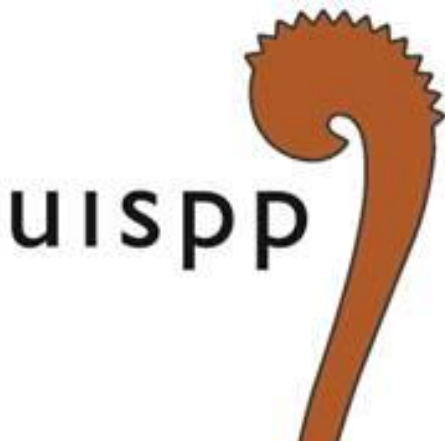


## WHY A UISPP NEWSLETTER?

The UISPP newsletter will have a monthly basis and will be designed to disseminate and promote all initiatives organized and promoted by the International Union of Prehistoric and Protohistoric Sciences.

All UISPP' members are asked to contribute to the initiative by sending information about their research, initiatives and publications.



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## THE NEXT UISPP CONGRESS: WELCOME TO MELBOURNE!

Planning for the 2017 UISPP Congress in Melbourne is gathering pace.

The Local Organising Committee would like everyone to note the date in their diaries – the main Congress will occur at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre on **4-7 September 2017**. Additionally, smaller sessions and workshops are planned for the 9-10 September 2017; these will occur in and around Melbourne. A fantastic array of fieldtrips are also planned to take delegates to major sites and regions of archaeological interest across the Australasian region, including major Aboriginal rock art sites in Western Australia, the world-famous Lake Mungo and Willandra Lakes region in southern New South Wales, and Arnhem Land and Kakadu in Australia's 'Top End', among others.

The over-arching theme for the Congress is ***Making Connections***. These connections include UISPP members and their archaeological colleagues in the southern hemisphere reaching out to one another to engage in academic dialogue, as well as connecting global issues to regionally significant debates and 'hot topics' in the archaeology of Southeast Asia, Australia and the Pacific. We are looking for your help in developing significant themes and sessions for the Congress.

Keep checking the Melbourne Congress website for more details as they are announced: [www.uispp2017.com.au](http://www.uispp2017.com.au). Our website will be trilingual – in English, French and Spanish.

Alternatively, if you have an idea for a theme or session, please feel free to contact me [Tim.Denham@anu.edu.au](mailto:Tim.Denham@anu.edu.au) to start the conversation.

## General organization of the congress

We are looking to develop an amazing academic program. We seek to link UISPP's global scope with specialisations and themes from Southeast Asia, Australia and the Pacific. We are hoping that members of UISPP's Scientific Commissions will reach out and engage with colleagues from Southeast Asia, Australia and the Pacific to address themes of global significance. For example, researchers working in Upper Palaeolithic Europe share a concern with those studying the colonisation of the Australian continent, because both seek to understand how modern humans adapted to changing environments, whether as a result of climatic fluctuations or through the colonisation of new climo-biological zones.

Foremost we are seeking themes that extend spheres of traditional archaeological interest to address the grand challenges of the prehistoric and protohistoric sciences, as we collectively see them today. These challenges are continually changing, not only as we build up more and more archaeological information, but also in response to the new questions that can be asked through advances in the archaeological sciences. These are exciting times, and we want to reflect this in the academic program for the conference.

Our Academic Steering Committee is comprised of colleagues from all the major universities in

Australia and New Zealand, as well as from neighbouring countries and regions, such as Papua New Guinea and the Philippines. If you would like to be put in touch with like-minded colleagues, I can facilitate an introduction so that you can start a conversation and collaboration.

We are about to put on the website the **Call for Themes and Sessions**.

Please keep checking the website for:

- Themes and sessions that have been proposed and approved
- News of International and National Plenary Speakers
- The 'Dialogues Program' (namely, a series of conversations and debates between international and Australasian researchers on major themes in world archaeology)
- News of workshops, tours and events associated with the Congress
- Hotel deals negotiated by the Local Organising Committee
- Much, much more ...

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*4-7 September 2017 XVIII World UISPP Congress in Melbourne  
(Australia)*

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We will also be writing personally to the heads of each UISPP Scientific Commission to hear about their ideas and plans for the Congress.

## CHEAP WAY TO JOIN THE MELBOURNE CONGRESS

Currently, airfares between Europe and Melbourne are at an historical low. So, make it the trip of a lifetime! Engage in an amazing Congress, see some fantastic archaeological sites, and visit some of the stunning landscapes that the Australasian region offers.

Melbourne is host to a range of hotels and accommodation to suit every budget – from low cost hostels and apartments, to affordable hotels, to ... the sky is the limit.

## FAST NEWS

- In 2020 the XIX UISPP congress will take place in Geneva (Switzerland) – more information will be soon available in the [dedicated web page](#).
- Very soon all the UISPP members, regularly paying their membership, will receive the UISPP membership card by e-mail. In the card they will find a QR code directly linked to the web page of the commission of belonging.
- In the UISPP internet site (<http://www.uispp.org/>) you can find a dedicated web page for each commission, if you want to insert more information please contact [marta.arzarello@unife.it](mailto:marta.arzarello@unife.it)
- The UISPP is now on Facebook, visit our page!



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