Logistic Information for the 22nd IOCCG Committee Meeting and

29th IOCCG Executive Meeting

Cottesloe Beach Hotel, Perth, Australia

7-10 February 2017

Meeting Details

The 22nd annual IOCCG Committee meeting is scheduled to take place on 7-9 February 2017, to be followed by the IOCCG Executive meeting (Executive members only) on 10 February 2017. The meeting will be hosted by CSIRO and will take place at the Cottesloe Beach Hotel (104 Marine Parade) in the Town of Cottesloe, a western suburb of Perth, Western Australia. A tentative outline of the agenda is given below:

Tuesday 7 February 2017:
9:00 am – 5:30 pm: Full IOCCG Committee meeting

Wednesday 8 February 2017:
9:00 am – 1:00 pm: Full IOCCG Committee meeting
2:00 pm – 5:30 pm: Tentative downtime depending on agenda

Thursday 9 February 2017:
9:00 am – 5:30 pm: Full IOCCG Committee meeting

Friday 10 February 2017:
9:00 am – 5:30 pm: Executive meeting (Executive members only)

Visa Information

Citizens of all countries other than Australia or New Zealand require a visa and a valid passport to enter Australia. Holders of passports from certain countries can obtain an Electronic Travel Authority (ETA) online. Others might be eligible to apply for other types of online visitor visas. You can get some idea through the Visa Finder webpage, www.border.gov.au/Trav/Visa-1. For example, the eVisitor (subclass 651) is free to those from eligible countries in Europe, the Electronic Travel Authority (ETA, subclass 601) costs AUD $20, and can be purchased online by participants from countries such as USA, Canada, Japan, South Korea, while the Visitor Visa (subclass 600) costs AUD $135-$340 for citizens from countries such as South Africa, Ghana, India, Brazil and China. You can apply for an ETA online through the Australian Government

ETA system (www.eta.immi.gov.au/ETAS3/etas), or through your travel agent. It is strongly recommended that you contact your nearest Australian Embassy or Consulate regarding your visa application to ensure that you have the correct documentation.

Getting to Cottesloe Beach, Perth

Over 30 international and domestic airlines service Perth, with direct flights from major hubs such as Johannesburg, Dubai, Singapore and Hong Kong. Cottesloe Beach is situated about 25 km from Perth Airport. The easiest way to get from the airport to Cottesloe Beach is to take a taxi (~$40 to $50 AUD).

Accommodations

The IOCCG-22 meeting will take place in the Cottesloe Beach Hotel, just 15 minutes west of Perth. Block bookings have been made at two hotels: the Cottesloe Beach Hotel itself (13 rooms) and the nearby Ocean Beach Hotel (10 rooms).

1. **Cottesloe Beach Hotel,** 104 Marine Parade, Cottesloe, WA (www.cottesloebeachhotel.com.au)

All rooms in the hotel are provisionally held until **6 December 2016**, but since there are only 13 rooms in total, they will be available on a first come, first served basis. Our contact at the Cottesloe Beach hotel is Cassie Rothe, Guest Services Supervisor. Room prices (incl. taxes) are as follows:

1 x King suite (king bed, balcony with sweeping ocean views)	$234 AUD (~$174 USD)
5 x Beachfront rooms (queen bed + balcony with direct ocean views)	$216 AUD (~$161 USD)
4 x Seaview rooms (double bed + balcony on the side of the building)	$198 AUD (~$148 USD)
3 x Double rooms (double bed, no sea view)	$180 AUD (~$134 USD)

The hotel does not serve breakfast but the café next door does, as do others within very short distance. To reserve a room at the Cottesloe Beach hotel please email reception@cottesloebeachhotel.com.au. You will need to provide your credit card details to finalize your booking, either via email, phone (+61-8-9383-1100), or fax (+61-8-9385-2482). Mention that you are booking rooms on hold for CSIRO/IOCCG.

Please note the following:

- Your credit card will be charged with the **full** rate of your accommodation at the time of booking.
- Your reservation is not confirmed until they receive a credit card for your reservation.
- Payments made by American express & Diners will incur a 3% surcharge, and MasterCard & Visa Card will incur a 1.5% surcharge.

– The hotel has a 48 hour cancellation policy. Should you wish to modify or cancel your reservation, you will need to do so prior to 1 pm, two days before arrival.

2. Ocean Beach Hotel, 140 Marine Parade, Cottesloe (www.obh.com.au/)

The Ocean Beach Hotel is located ~500 m from Cottesloe Beach Hotel and has about 60 rooms of which IOCCG has reserved 10 rooms, ranging in price from $120 AUD for non-sea view (Exec) to $170 AUD for sea view (Deluxe) per night. The rooms are larger than Cottesloe Beach hotel but a little dated (hence the lower price). You can book by emailing reservations@obh.com.au or phoning +61-8-9384-2555. Please quote IOCCG/CSIRO or group booking code 1020 when making reservations.

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WiFi in Meeting Room

There will be Wi-Fi in the Sunset Meeting Room at the Cottesloe Hotel.
Username: CBH Functions
Password: cbh@2015

Weather, Perth

Perth has a Mediterranean climate with hot summers and warm winters, and sunny skies almost all year round. The weather is warm to hot over the summer months, with the hottest months usually being January and February. In February the average high temperatures range from 27 to 33°C (although it can go above 40°C) and average lows from 15 to 18°C. Most afternoons there are pleasant sea breezes to ease the summer heat.

Currency, Australia

Australia's national currency is the Australian dollar which comes in denominations of $5, $10, $20, $50 and $100 notes. Coins come in 5, 10, 20 and 50 cent, and one and two dollar denominations. The colourful notes depict famous Australians both past and present. At the time of writing 1AUD = $0.75 USD.

Currency exchange is available at banks, hotels and international airports. Australian banks offer the same range of services typical in other western nations, and cash withdrawal machines or Automated Teller Machines (ATMs) are widespread.   The easiest way to get cash is from an ATM with an international network such as Cirrus (MasterCard) or PLUS (Visa). Australian ATMs use a four-digit code, so check with your bank and make sure you change your code before you leave home, if necessary. Credit cards such as American Express, Diners Club, MasterCard and Visa are widely accepted in Australia, but you may want to carry some cash because some shops will not take cards for purchases under AUD$10. Some merchants may also impose credit card surcharges (e.g., Cottesloe Beach Hotel).

Power and Appliances, Australia

Mains voltage in Australia is 230V 50Hz. Travellers from most nations in Asia, Africa and Europe should have appliances that work on the same mains voltage as Australia, therefore will not need a voltage converter. Notable exceptions to this are Japan, USA and Canada which use 100/120V 50/60Hz, so a voltage converter may be required (although most laptops, cameras and phones are dual voltage).

The plugs in Australia have two flat metal pins shaped in a "V" and some may contain a third flat pin in the centre (see below). A suitable power adapter may be required for your laptop and cell phone.