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Program Update

The Radiation Oncology Physics track is shaping up to be a major program of interest to medical physicists, radiation oncologists and radiotherapists.

Dr Rock Mackie (Chair) and Prof Peter Metcalfe (Co-Chair) have set up some 17 topic sessions. Proposed topics include:

- Brachytherapy (endovascular)
- Brachytherapy,
- Dose calculation/optimisation
- Dosimetry 1 protocols and QA protocols
- Dosimetry 2 (macro and clinical)
- Dosimetry 3 (micro mini)
- IMRT 1 planning and delivery
- IMRT 2 verification
- Motion compensation
- Oncology imaging
- Photodynamic therapy
- Quality systems
- Radiobiology
- Radionuclide therapy
- Simulation
- Stereotactic & gamma knife
- Treatment verification

Topic Chairs – currently being allocated – will be world leaders in their disciplines.

You'll find the final program structure for the Radiation Oncology Physics track on the WC2003 website http://www.wc2003.com in the near future.

WATCH THIS SPACE

...for exciting program developments in the **Health Technology Management** track – currently at the planning stage. There will be a strongly clinical focus, and a global perspective. We hope you'll find something relevant to *your* region, whatever part of the world you come from.

Exhibition

Five major players have already confirmed their commitment to the WC2003 Exhibition:

- Siemens Medical
- LAP Laser Applications
- Varian Medical Systems
- PTW Freiburg
- ICN Worldwide Dosimetry

The Exhibition is an excellent opportunity for organisations to demonstrate products, services and technology to an elite field of delegates, all of whom are directly involved in your target business.

There are also many options available for **sponsorship** of the Congress – your organisation's name on anything from satchels to sessions. Everything is for sale!

For more on sponsorship or the Exhibition, visit the website at www.wc2003.org or contact the Congress managers at wc2003@tourhosts.com.au.

See Sydney and Surrounds

For those accompanying you to Sydney, we've arranged a great value-for-money program. Each registered accompanying person is entitled to three tours as part of their registration fee:

Introducing Sydney – designed to give you an introduction to our magnificent city.

Aboriginal Insight – visit our beautiful Botanic Gardens and the Art Gallery of New South Wales to gain an insight into our Indigenous heritage.



Koala Park – spend some time getting to know native Australian animals in their natural habitat.

Full details of the Accompanying Persons Registration and these tours will be available on the website by the end of September 2002.



The Rocks Markets, The Rocks, Sydney

Optional Day Tours

There will also be a series of optional day tours within and around Sydney. We'll tell you a little of each of these in the next few issues of the Newsletter. Firstly:

The Blue Mountains - Journey west towards Parramatta, settled in 1788 and once the seat of the New South Wales Government, and into the spectacular mountain country inland from Sydney. See its spectacular sandstone cliffs and valleys, and learn about the Aboriginal legend Three Sisters—giant sandstone the formations. Visit the Norman Lindsay Gallery for morning tea and see the lively and controversial work of this famous Australian artist. After lunch with sweeping views of the valley, step back in time and explore Leura, a village of antique and gift stores, boutiques, tearooms and the original 'Candy Store'.

Post Congress Tour Options

Two post-tour options are designed to entice you stay a little longer in our part of the world – Australia and New Zealand.

- The **Reef & Rainforest Tour** takes you to the sun on the world famous Great Barrier Reef, with its corals and brilliantly coloured tropical fish, and Queensland's tranquil, birdfilled rainforests.
- The **Spectacular South Island Tour** explores the wonders of New Zealand's South Island spectacular mountains, lakes, a canyon boat ride, glacier-carved fiords, the charming university town of Christchurch, and wonderful hospitality all only a few hours from Sydney.

Join the throng! – add *your* hit to the 13,624 already recorded at the WC2003 website www.WC2003.org

A Glimpse DownUnder

The Rocks is one of Sydney's oldest areas. It's the site of Australia's first European settlement in 1788, occupied originally by the Eora Aboriginal people. Between the Harbour Bridge and Sydney's bustling ferry terminal, a tangle of old streets, colonial cottages and elegant converted warehouses tumble down to the Harbour.

Join a walking tour and discover the area's rich heritage. Enjoy tales both tall and true as you visit historic pubs, colonial cottages, archaeological dig sites, a quaint corner store, a Gothic church, cobblestone lane ways and leafy courtyards.

Explore the many restaurants and cafes, specialty stores, galleries and boutiques, offering everything from hand-made puppets to Aboriginal artefacts. See glass engravers, clothing designers, painters and jewellery-makers at work. You'll find antiques and old wares alongside innovative Australian design. More than 70 retailers offer tax-free shopping to bona fide international travellers.

The Rocks' heritage pubs are home to some of Sydney's most talented bands and musicians, And every weekend, The Rocks Market offers something for everyone under a sail-like canopy within a sea breeze of Sydney Harbour, while wandering street entertainers put on a show for young and old.

And, for those of you who prefer Welsh...

Gallwch ddod o hyd i'r cylchlythyr dau fisol
"DownUnder 2003" ar ein gwefan yn
http://www.wc2003.org/. Darllenwch am
siaradwyr gwadd, datblygiadau'r
rhaglen,nawdd,arddangosfeydd a mwy. Mae pob
rhifyn yn cynnwys "Glimpses DownUnder" cipolwg byr ar hanes, cefndir ac atyniadau'r wlad
er mwyn paratoi ar gyfer eich ymweliad ag
Awsralasia.

Cynhadledd y byd ar Ffiseg Meddygaeth a Pheirianneg Biomeddygaeth, Awst 24-29 2003.