



General information on the ISO/TC 197 meetings to be held in Brisbane, Australia

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Dear member:

Please find enclosed general information in preparation for the ISO/TC 197 plenary meeting to be held in Montecatini Terme, Italy. For your convenience, please find herewith enclosed:

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1. ISO/TC 197 PLENARY MEETING

1.1 Meeting place

The ISO/TC 197 plenary meeting will be held at the following address:

Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre (venue of WHEC 2008)
Cnr Merivale & Gleneg Streets,
South Brisbane, Queensland 4101, Australia

A map is provided in Annex 1 for your convenience.

1.2 Meeting room

Mezzanine Room 1

1.3 Meeting date and time

13 June 2008 (9 h to 18 h)

1.4 Meeting agenda

The ISO/TC 197 plenary meeting agenda was distributed as ISO/TC 197 document **N 396R2**.

1.5 Meeting documents

Delegates should bring all relevant documents for the meeting with them. Spare copies of the documents listed on the agenda will not be available at the meeting. If delegates wish to table additional documents, they should ensure that they bring sufficient copies. Copying facilities will be available only for reproduction of documents drafted during the meeting.

2. WELCOME RECEPTION

All delegates and liaison representatives registered to the ISO/TC 197 meetings are invited by our host to a welcome reception after the plenary meeting on Friday evening.

The dinner on Friday, 13 June will be at Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary, (www.koala.net) where we will have the added advantage of being able to see native animals – Koalas, wallabies, possums, wombats etc. The address is the following:

Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary
Jesmond Road, Fig Tree Pocket Qld 4069
Telephone +61 7 3378 1366
Fax +61 7 3878 1770.

Our host has arranged the transportation to the Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary. We will be taken to the sanctuary by ferry on the Brisbane river.

Please note that early evening the temperature at the Sanctuary can fall to 15°C or so, please plan accordingly.

Should you be unable to join us for this evening, we would appreciate that you inform the ISO/TC 197 Secretary by email (sylvie.gingras@bnq.qc.ca)

3. REGISTRATION TO THE ISO/TC 197 PLENARY MEETING

ISO/TC 197 member bodies and liaisons are requested to inform the ISO/TC 197 Secretariat of their intention to be represented at the meeting. The final list of delegates and the name of the head of the delegation were to be sent to the ISO/TC 197 secretariat no later than **12 May 2008**.

4. ISO/TC 197 WORKING GROUPS MEETINGS

4.1 Meeting dates

The following working groups will meet in the days before the ISO/TC 197 plenary meeting:

Working group	Dates	Meeting room
ISO/TC 197 WG 8 <i>Hydrogen generators using water electrolysis process</i>	Saturday 14 June 2008 9h30 to 17h	Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre(venue of WHEC 2008) Mezzanine Room 9
ISO/TC 197 WG 11 <i>Gaseous hydrogen — Fuelling stations</i>	Sunday 15 June 2008 9h30 to 17h	Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre(venue of WHEC 2008) Mezzanine Room 9

4.2 Meeting place

WG 8 and WG 11 will be held at the following location.

Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre (venue of WHEC 2008)
Cnr Merivale & Gleneg Streets,
South Brisbane, Queensland 4101, Australia

5. 17TH WORLD HYDROGEN ENERGY CONFERENCE

The ISO/TC 197 plenary meeting is to be held in conjunction with WHEC 2008, which is taking from 15-19 June 2008.

Those interested in attending this Conference are invited to consult the conference web site: www.whec2008.com.

6. HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

WHEC 2008 provides a full service for those registering to the Conference. ISO/TC 197 delegates that will attend WHEC 2008 should therefore use the WHEC 2008 Conference services for their hotel reservations.

For those not attending WHEC 2008, a list of hotel accommodations is shown on the WHEC 2008 web site (www.whec2008.com). Please make your own hotel reservations.

7. TRAVEL INFORMATION

Brisbane's international and domestic airports are approximately 20km north east of the Central Business District (CBD), a 15 to 20 minute drive. Visitors can reach the central business district by taxi, shuttle bus or train.

The taxi fare from the airport to the city centre is approximately A\$30.

Buses connect the CBD and airports. A single transfer is approximately A\$11 or A\$18 return on Coachtrans which departs the airports and Roma Street Transit Centre (CBD) every 30 minutes. All major city hotels are serviced on request.

8. MAP

A map showing the location of the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre is provided in Annex 1.

9. CURRENCY

Decimal currency is used in Australia (AUD) and currency units are dollars and cents. Australian notes are: \$100, \$50, \$20, \$10, \$5. Coins are: \$2, \$1, \$.50, \$.20, \$.10, \$.05 cents.

Major credit cards are accepted by hotels, restaurants and shopping malls.

10. ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

All international visitors require a valid passport and visa for entry into Australia (New Zealand visitors require a valid passport only). A facility for electronically issuing visas, The Electronic Travel Authority (ETA) system, is currently available through international travel agents and airlines in over 30 countries including the US, UK, parts of Western Europe, Singapore, Japan, Hong Kong and Taiwan. This system also includes pre-clearance for entry which reduces the time needed to process passengers on arrival. Your local Australian Embassy or Consulate can advise of the availability. For non-ETA countries, visas are issued from Australian Embassies and Consulates around the world. In non-ETA countries, we recommend that you apply early for your visa.

For further information, please visit: <http://www.immi.gov.au>

Should you need an invitation letter to obtain a visa, please let us know and we will put you in contact with the host.