

# ascilite 2006: Important information for delegates

## 1. Timetable/program

The timetable, abstracts and full text of proceedings can now be downloaded from the conference website <http://www.ascilite.org.au/conferences/sydney06/>. There may be some small last minute changes to the timetable, so final versions will be distributed at the registration desk.

### Key moments

#### **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December: Pre-conference workshops, Education Building, University of Sydney Camperdown Campus**

Registration desk opens	8.30 am
Morning workshops	9.30 – 12.30
Afternoon workshops	1.30 – 4.30
Full day workshops	9.30- 4.30; lunch is provided between 12.30 and 1.30 for full-day workshop delegates

#### **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December: Reception and Awards ceremony, Sydney Opera House**

Registration desk available from	6.00 pm
Welcome reception & Awards ceremony	6.00 – 8.30pm

#### **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December: Main conference, Conservatorium of Music**

Registration desk opens:	8.00 am
ascilite community mentoring breakfast	8.00 – 8.55 am
Official opening and first keynote	9.00 am
Last paper sessions finish	5.15 pm
ascilite AGM	5.20 pm

#### **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December: Main conference, Conservatorium of Music**

Registration desk opens:	8.00 am
ascilite campus reps breakfast	8.00 – 8.55 am
First sessions start at	9.00 am
Last paper sessions finish	5.15 pm
ascilite conference dinner @ Dockside	7.00 pm

#### **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December: Main conference, Conservatorium of Music**

Registration desk opens:	8.00 am
Keynote address	9.15 am
Final session finishes/conference close	3.45 pm
LAMS conference begins	4.30 pm

## 2. Venues and Sydney travel

### Conservatorium of Music

This is the **main conference venue** and will be used Monday-Wednesday for all conference activities unless stated otherwise below.

The Con is a part of the University of Sydney. It is located in the Sydney CBD on Macquarie Street, opposite the junction with Bridge Street.

The Con is on the edges of the Botanic Gardens and is less than 10 minutes walk East from Circular Quay or South from the Sydney Opera House.

You can get maps and other venue information from the conference website.

<http://www.ascilite.org.au/conferences/sydney06/venue.html>

There is no parking at the Con.

### Education Building

This is the venue for the **Workshops on Sunday** 3<sup>rd</sup> December. It is not used on any other day of the conference.

The Education Building is on the main University of Sydney campus at Camperdown. It is located on Manning Road.

Access to the building will be via the main entrance only.

The CoCo research centre is located in the Education Building and you can get maps and other travel information from the CoCo website.

<http://coco.edfac.usyd.edu.au/About/Visiting/Map>

The campus is very well served by buses – see the CoCo website for further details. From CBD to the University: almost all the buses on George Street stop at the University. You can take any of these buses: 412, 413, 435, 436, 437, 438, 440, 461, 480, 483, L38, and get off at the Footbridge Theatre.

There is *some* visitor parking on campus. The all day parking fee on a Sunday is \$6.

### Sydney Opera House

This is the venue for the **Welcome Reception and Awards ceremony on Sunday** evening (3<sup>rd</sup> December).

The reception will be in the Utzon Room.

The Opera House is 5 minutes walk north from Circular Quay. Circular Quay is the terminus for lots of city buses. Circular Quay is also easily accessible from most parts of the city by rail.

<http://www.sydneyoperahouse.com/>

### Dockside, Cockle Bay (Darling Harbour)

This is the venue for the ascilite **conference dinner on Tuesday** evening (5<sup>th</sup> December).

<http://www.docksidegroup.com.au/venue/site/Venues/Dockside/Location.asp>

Cockle Bay (also known as Darling Harbour) is a 10 minute taxi ride from The Con. It's on the west side of the CBD and is easily walkable from city centre hotels. You can get to Dockside by taking a ferry from Circular Quay to the Aquarium at Darling Harbour or you can catch the monorail.

## Travel in Sydney

Sydney's public transportation system can be frustratingly slow so allow plenty of time when travelling by bus or taxi in peak hours. Trains in the central Sydney area are cheap, safe and usually pretty reliable. If you're staying in a hotel in Manly or the North Shore then a ferry to Circular Quay will be your best way of getting to the Con.

**NB there is no conference transportation for any conference event.**

The taxi companies have been given the conference timetable and will be aiming to have lots of taxis in the area around the Con at the end of each day.

On Wednesday there will be a Left Luggage service at the Con. We cannot guarantee that this will be secure – luggage left at owner's risk.

If you need to get to the airport from the Con, it's probably best to walk down to Circular Quay and get a train to the airport. A taxi to the airport will cost about \$30 and take about 30 minutes, though this journey can be slower in peak hours.

Sydney transport information line: <http://www.131500.info/realtime/default.asp>

## 3. Other important conference information

### Registration

Just have some photo ID handy and we'll register you quickly.

NB at the ascilite conference in Brisbane last year it was decided that from 2006 onwards there would be no printed proceedings (just Web & CD). When you register you will be given a nametag, a copy of the timetable, a book of abstracts & a CD containing all the papers. Because there are no bulky proceedings we are NOT giving out conference satchels. And because there are no conference satchels we will not be giving you pencils, notepads and all the other stuff that clutters up your conference experience. Bring what you need and we won't give you what you don't want. This keeps the costs down and helps save the planet.

### Email

There will be wireless Internet access at the Con. Further information to follow. For those without laptops, Apple will be loaning laptops from their Internet café at the Con. There is also a PC lab at the Con for accessing email etc.

### Social events

There are two main events.

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> – Welcome reception and software awards at the Sydney Opera House (6.00 till 8.30). Dress code: casual; drinks & nibbles but not a meal

Tues 5<sup>th</sup> – Conference dinner (7.00 p.m. onwards at Dockside, Cockle Bay). We will follow the ascilite tradition of letting delegates sit where they want. We have passed special diet requests to the caterers, who will do their best to meet delegates' needs. Because we are not telling you where to sit, you will need to talk to your waiter if you have asked for something special.

Band: Jelly Bean Jam. Dress code: look at the band's website for inspiration: <http://www.jellybeanjam.com.au/>

### Speaker & Session Chair information

Each paper session is 85-90 minutes long. Each session typically consists of three full papers or four concise papers. To allow time for discussion, we suggest that each full paper presentation should take around 20 minutes (leaving about 10 for questions and discussion); concise papers should take around 15 minutes (with about 5 for questions and discussion).

Each paper session has a session chair who will introduce speakers, keep speakers to time and chair the Q&A. Each session will also have one member of the conference helper team present.

Speakers and session chairs: please identify your room in good time and turn up 10 minutes before the session is due to start.

Speakers: have your slides on a memory stick and use the computer we are providing if at all possible. Avoid using the Internet if you can – screen shots and local copies of web-based materials are quicker to load and more reliable, allowing you and the audience to concentrate on your talk.

All the rooms in which paper sessions are being run will have a laptop, data projector and screen.

In general, we have allocated full paper presentations to the larger rooms in the Con and concise papers to the smaller rooms.

Note to all delegates: we have aimed to design coherent paper sessions. For this reason, and also because timing differences mean it will be disruptive if you swap between full and concise paper sessions, we encourage you not to swap during sessions. Discussion is more productive and speakers are more comfortable if you **stay put** for the full 90 minutes.

## 4. Other useful information

### Weather

Sydney enjoys a temperate climate with a mild winter and warm summer. In December, the averaged minimum temperature is around 18 degrees Celsius (64 F) and averaged maximum around 25 degrees Celsius (77 F), though days in the low 30s are not unusual in early December. Sydney averages more than 340 sunny days a year. December *can* be rainy. Bring a light raincoat or umbrella.

### LAMS conference

The first international LAMS conference will take place at The Con, starting on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December. LAMS website: <http://lamsfoundation.org/lams2006/> There is a discount for ascilite delegates.

### Sydney information

Tourist information: <http://www.sydneyaustralia.com/>

Sydney city info: <http://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/>

What's on in Sydney: <http://www.whats-on-in-sydney.com.au/>

Sydney transport information line: <http://www.131500.info/realtime/default.asp>

### Eating out

Sydney is one of the world's best cities for eating and drinking. There's a huge choice of good and inexpensive ethnic cuisine. You can have great food at one of the city's top restaurants for less than a pub meal in London.

Restaurant guide: <http://www.bestrestaurants.com.au/home.asp>

### Upscale

**Rockpool**: 107 George St., The Rocks, one of Sydney's very best restaurants, specialising in fish & seafood, bookings essential: [http://www.rockpool.com/rp\\_home.aspx](http://www.rockpool.com/rp_home.aspx)

**Est.**: 252 George Street. About the best in the city. Bookings essential  
<http://www.yourrestaurants.com.au/guide/est/>

### Easier on the wallet

**Sailor's Thai**, 106 George St, The Rocks: inexpensive Thai restaurant handy for Circular Quay.  
<http://sydney.citysearch.com.au/E/V/SYDNE/0052/00/21/>

**The Malaya**, King St Wharf, Darling Harbour: good value Malaysian restaurant with great views over darling Harbour. [http://www.yourrestaurants.com.au/guide/?action=venue&venue\\_url=the\\_malaya](http://www.yourrestaurants.com.au/guide/?action=venue&venue_url=the_malaya)

**City Extra**, East Podium, Circular Quay. Inexpensive diner open 24 hours a day. Great if you've got jetlag and need a sticky date pudding at 3 a.m.

**The Mixing Pot**, 178 St John's St, Glebe: traditional Italian restaurant, close to University of Sydney Camperdown campus. Bookings advisable. <http://www.mixingpot.com.au/>

### Other recommendations

King Street in Newtown: near to the USyd Camperdown campus: lots of inexpensive Thai, Vietnamese and Greek restaurants.

Glebe Point Road, Glebe: ditto – Italian, Korean, Thai, and many others.

Haymarket/bottom end of darling Harbour: lots of good Chinese restaurants

Darling harbour/Cockle Bay: lots of good restaurants on the East side of the harbour; moderate to pricey but a great vibe.

### Further information

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