

# Workshop - International Congress of Speleology, Sydney, July 2017

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The organisation of the 17th International Congress of Speleology to be held in Sydney in 2017 on behalf of the UIS. The workshop will cover an outline of where we are at with the organisation and where we are headed. Also where we need additional resources for assisting with the organisation with the view to encouraging/recruiting volunteers.

By the time we have the ACKMA and ASF conferences in 2015, the 2017 international congress will be just over two years away.

The 2017 conference will include the following field excursions:

- 1) Wednesday mid-week trip on Wednesday 26 July. The focus will be on Jenolan Caves. The mid-week excursion is not part of the conference registration fee, but a separate fee.
- 2) Pre and post congress excursions. To date we have the following excursions being planned:
  - a. Queensland:
    - i. Chillagoe. Pre and post congress trips from Cairns. Being coordinated by Paul Osbourne (CCC).
    - ii. Undara Lava Tubes. Possible only at this stage. Being investigated by Paul Osbourne.
  - b. New South Wales:
    - i. Jenolan. Garry Smith interested. But assistance needed. Possibly coming from Brian Evans (ISS).
    - ii. Cliefden Caves. Pre or post congress, being coordinated by Denis Marsh (OSS).
    - iii. Wombeyan Caves. Pre and post congress caving.
    - iv. Yarangobilly. Pre or post congress, being coordinated by MSS.
    - v. Bus trip touring southern show cave areas, karst sites and scenic sites. Pre congress. Being coordinated by Grace Matts (SSS).
  - c. Victoria:
    - i. Buchan. Pre or post congress, based at Homeleigh.
  - d. South Australia:
    - i. Naracoorte.
    - ii. Nullarbor caving.
  - e. Western Australia:
    - i. Kimberley. Pre and/or post congress trip.
  - f. Tasmania
    - i. No specific trips are being offered at this stage (due to winter weather conditions).
  - g. New Zealand
    - i. Trips are being offered on both the North Island and South Island. Being coordinated by NZSS.
- 3) Non-caving excursions pre or post congress:
  - a. Highlights of Sydney.
  - b. Uluru/Alice Springs. Still to be investigated.
  - c. Museum of Old and New Art Hobart (MONA),
- 4) Non-caving day excursions during congress: Options can include: Parramatta, Tall Ships sail on Sydney Harbour, Blue Mountains.

