

TEACHING FOR TOMORROW TODAY

ISATT 2015 CONFERENCE

17th Biennial Conference on Teachers and Teaching
AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND, 2015, 13-17 JULY



Conference Vision

Thank you for this opportunity to showcase our vision for the 17th Biennial ISATT Conference 2015. It would be our pleasure to welcome delegates from around the world to our university, city and country. The University of Auckland is a world-class university in a vibrant, cosmopolitan city that also is the gateway to the rest of New Zealand. The conference organising team would work diligently to ensure that you have the best conference experience possible.

Our vision for the conference is inspired by the concept of teaching students today in preparation for a future that is already here. The theme 'Teaching for tomorrow today' captures the sense of urgency, excitement and challenge we face in modern times. We are particularly keen to share and discuss approaches that have significant impact on learners' engagement in education from early childhood through to tertiary education.

With your contribution, we would plan a programme filled with stimulating presentations and workshops, engaging roundtables and thought-provoking keynote speakers . We also know how important it is to reserve plenty of time for delegates to make new connections and discuss ideas in an informal environment. Activities outside the programme would introduce you to New Zealand's rich cultural heritage and showcase many of our natural wonders that are famous worldwide and can be found on Auckland's doorstep.

As a team, we have plenty of experience in running successful international and national conferences of varying sizes. We are committed to ensuring that ISATT 2015 will be well-run, stimulating and of value to you. We have the enthusiasm and expertise to make this a most memorable conference. Come with high expectations – we won't disappoint you.

Nau mai, haere mai, whakaeke mai – welcome to Auckland, New Zealand. Please join us at the 17th Biennial ISATT Conference 2015 in our beautiful country, the land of the long white cloud, Aotearoa New Zealand. And stay a while.





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Conference Invitation

Graeme Aitken

Dean of the Faculty of Education

On behalf of the conference committees, it would be our pleasure to welcome you to the 17th Biennial ISATT Conference , 13-17 July, 2015 in Auckland, New Zealand and to host international delegates at the Faculty of Education.

The University of Auckland is a research-intensive university ranked in the top one percent of the world's universities. The faculty serves a large and diverse community from a wide range of cultures and backgrounds. Meeting the challenges of this diversity places the faculty at the forefront of professional education and social services nationally. The faculty mission is founded on the concept of evidence-based, research-informed professional action aimed at improving outcomes for schools, teachers, students and the community.

The Faculty of Education has a widely respected international reputation for its work in assessment, teacher education, critical praxis and education, education and diversity, educational leadership, educational and developmental psychology, language and literacy, parenting and family support and schooling improvement.

I am delighted to offer my support to the hosting of the 17th Biennial ISATT Conference 2015 in Auckland, New Zealand.



Conference Theme

Teaching for tomorrow today

ISATT 2015 includes early childhood, primary, secondary and tertiary education.

SUB-THEMES

- Future-oriented teaching and learning
- Key pedagogies for specific subject areas and contexts
- Indigenous, ethnic and cultural perspectives on teaching
- Learning environments, learning networks and professional learning in teacher education
- Educational leadership – leading learning

There is scope in each of these themes for you to share your research with international colleagues and to contribute to the scholarship of teaching for tomorrow, today.

Conference Organisation Team

Executive Committee

- Dawn Garbett
- Alan Ovens

Steering Committee

- Graeme Aitken
- Janet Gaffney
- Stephen May
- Stuart McNaughton
- John Morgan
- Judy Parr
- Lawrence Zhang

Organising Committee

- Janet Gaffney
- Rena Heap
- Katie Fitzpatrick
- Helen Hedges
- Sasha Matthewman
- Constanza Tolosa



Executive Committee

Dawn Garbett and Alan Ovens bring a wealth of experience and a deep commitment to teaching and learning to the Executive Committee.

Dawn is an Associate Professor in the School of Curriculum and Pedagogy. She is ISATT's national representative in New Zealand. Her commitment to teaching and expertise as a practitioner researcher resulted in University and National Tertiary Teaching Excellence awards. She is currently the co-chair of the Ako Academy and has organised the last two highly successful symposia for members. She also organised the scientific panel for the Biolive conference in 2011, which attracted 250 delegates from around New Zealand. Outside of her academic roles and responsibilities, Dawn is also the chairperson of the local school Board of Trustees.

Alan is a Principal Lecturer in the School of Curriculum and Pedagogy. He is well experienced in leading conferences – currently he is a key member of the executive committee responsible for hosting the AIESEP World Congress, which will see Auckland play host to 400 delegates in February 2014. As the President of PENZ, he has also organised annual conferences that typically attract around 250 delegates nationally.

Together, Dawn and Alan are also the programme co-chairs for the Tenth International Conference on Self-Study of Teacher Education to be held in 2014.

We have enjoyed many conferences as participants and know what it takes to make delegates feel valued and respected. With the support of our colleagues we have every confidence that ISATT 2015 will be a conference remembered for its collegiality and contribution to scholarly teaching.



Steering Committee Profiles



Janet Gaffney (Professor of Educational Psychology-Literacy at the University of Auckland, formerly at the University of Illinois). Janet is committed to research on teaching that includes educators as full partners and that explores problems of practice that facilitate learning of children and adolescents, particularly those whose needs are not met in the school system. She is currently collaborating with an interdisciplinary research team at the University of Illinois on entrepreneurial teacher leadership in STEM teaching and learning.

www.education.auckland.ac.nz/uoa/janet-gaffney



Stephen May (Professor and Deputy Dean of Research in the faculty of Education). Stephen's areas of particular interest and expertise include: language rights, bilingualism and bilingual education, indigenous education and multicultural education.

www.education.auckland.ac.nz/uoa/stephen-may



Stuart McNaughton (Professor and Director of the Woolf Fisher Research Centre, an internationally recognised centre for the development of education and schooling success for diverse communities within New Zealand). Stuart is committed to effective educational interventions for schooling success.

www.education.auckland.ac.nz/uoa/stuart-mcnaughton



John Morgan (Professor of Education at Auckland University, formerly Reader in Education at both the University of Bristol and the Institute of Education, University of London.) A key focus of John's research is geographical education - a former teacher, he has been actively involved in initial teacher education and the continuing development of teachers. His particular interest is in the field of curriculum-making for teachers, helping them to explore the key question of what students should learn in preparation for life in the 21st century.
www.education.auckland.ac.nz/uoa/john-morgan



Judy Parr (Professor of Education and Head of the School of Curriculum and Pedagogy). Judy's research programme focuses on enhancing teacher practice and raising student achievement in literacy. Judy's particular expertise is in writing, encompassing how writing develops, the cultural tools of literacy, considerations of instructional issues such as teacher knowledge and practice and, in particular, assessment of written language. Two books co-written or edited with Professor Helen Timperley bridge theory and practice: Using Evidence in Teaching Practice: Implications for Professional Learning (2004) and Weaving Evidence, Inquiry and Standards to Build Better Schools (2010).
www.education.auckland.ac.nz/uoa/judy-parr



Lawrence Zhang (Associate Professor of Language and Literacy Education/Applied Linguistics & TESOL and Associate Dean International Strategic Engagement formerly at Nanyang Technological University Singapore). Lawrence is a leading scholar in the field of TESOL.
www.education.auckland.ac.nz/uoa/lawrence-zhang

Organising Committee Profiles

***He aha te mea nui o te ao
He tangata, he tangata, he tangata***

The organising committee weaves early childhood, primary and secondary education experience in a variety of contexts through their scholarship and teacher education programmes. Together, we promise a world-class conference.



Katie Fitzpatrick My interest is in critical approaches to Health and Physical education curriculum and pedagogy and youth perspectives. I have a 'can do' attitude.

www.education.auckland.ac.nz/uoa/katie-fitzpatrick



Janet Gaffney I am keen to identify outstanding keynote speakers for the conference and to offer constructive critique in the review process.

www.education.auckland.ac.nz/uoa/janet-gaffney



Rena Heap I am deeply committed to the scholarship of teacher education. My particular interests are in science education and in the use of mobile technologies to reconceptualise the dynamics of student learning in tertiary settings. Every journey starts with one small step.

www.education.auckland.ac.nz/uoa/rena-heap

What is the most important thing in the world?
It is the people, it is the people, it is the people.



Helen Hedges My interest is in understanding the complexities of spontaneous teaching in early childhood education. I look forward to meeting you in Ghent and welcoming you to Auckland.

www.education.auckland.ac.nz/uoa/helen-hedges



Sasha Matthewman I am engaged in fostering excellent teaching informed by a critical futures oriented approach to both curriculum and methods. I have developed teaching initiatives relating to digital and environmental futures with technology and ecocritical perspectives on sustainability and education.

www.education.auckland.ac.nz/uoa/sasha-matthewman



Constanza Tolosa I am a teacher educator in Language Education with interests in the teaching of additional languages, language teacher education and e-learning. I bring a positive presence, organisation and energy to make this a great ISATT conference.

www.education.auckland.ac.nz/uoa/constanza-tolosa

Support

- Ako Aotearoa National Centre for Tertiary Teaching Excellence
- New Zealand Council for Education Research
- Teacher Education Forum Aotearoa New Zealand
- Vice-Chancellor, The University of Auckland
- The Mayor of Auckland



Monday, 20 May 2013

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An open letter to members of the International Association on Teachers and Teaching:

Dear Drs Garbett and Ovens,

Congratulations on your decision to put forward a proposal to host the 17th International Study Association on Teachers and Teaching Conference in Auckland in 2015. This is a significant event and will provide a valuable forum to raise the profile of teaching and teachers across all education sectors, nationally and around the world.

Ako Aotearoa, New Zealand's National Centre for Tertiary Teaching Excellence is mandated by the New Zealand Government to lead the drive to establish what counts as good and effective tertiary teaching in Aotearoa, New Zealand and to support education providers to make it happen, so that teaching is better, is better valued and produces better outcomes for learners. As a non-regulatory body, Ako Aotearoa has the privilege of working in partnership with organisations and individuals like yourselves involved in researching and promoting good teaching practice and the scholarship of teaching and learning.

Accordingly, it is a pleasure to endorse and support this conference bid. New Zealand is well positioned to support international conferences of this type. The University of Auckland regularly hosts a variety of international conferences and the Faculty of Education actively promotes the scholarship of teaching and learning.

I am certain delegates will be warmly welcomed and that the hosting facilities available within Auckland will ensure a highly successful event.

I wish you the very best for a successful bid to host the 2015 ISATT conference.

Yours sincerely



Dr Peter Coolbear
Director, Ako Aotearoa

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21 May 2013

Drs Garbett and Ovens
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Dear Drs Garbett and Ovens

Your bid to host the 2015 ISATT biennial conference

We are delighted to write a letter of support to you and your faculty in your bid to host the 2015 ISATT conference in New Zealand.

Teaching and learning is a major focus for education researchers and practitioners in New Zealand. There is a strong emphasis on partnerships between schools, teachers and researchers. We have a strong history of New Zealand-based educational research, combined with analyses of international best evidence, to create teaching and learning programmes that work for all learners. An ISATT conference in New Zealand would be an exciting opportunity for overseas delegates to hear of our New Zealand work and a forum to further enhance theory and practice – nationally and internationally.

The New Zealand Council for Educational Research, as New Zealand's national independent educational research organisation, is delighted to acknowledge Auckland University's major role in educational research and practice in New Zealand. You are well positioned to host conferences of this type – both in terms of your proposed venue and your capacity to organise an excellent programme.

We wish you well in your bid.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jacky Burgon'.

Jacky Burgon

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To members of the International Association of Teachers and Teaching:

Dear Associate Professor Garbett and Dr Ovens

I write in support of your intention to put forward a proposal to host the 17th International Study Association on Teachers and Teaching Conference in Auckland in July 2015.

As the Deputy Dean of Teacher Education at The University of Auckland I believe that hosting the ISATT Conference will provide a significant opportunity to highlight nationally and internationally the importance of teaching and teachers in all areas of education. It will provide the chance for scholars and practitioners to engage intellectually and practically in matters of importance related to learning and teaching across education sectors.

I also support the proposal in my capacity as Chair of the Teacher Education Forum of Aotearoa New Zealand (TEFANZ). This organisation is made up of universities, polytechnics and Maori tertiary organisations that provide degree level and above initial teacher education. TEFANZ, as a national organisation, is vitally interested in researching and supporting effective teaching practice and the scholarship of teaching. TEFANZ liaises and works with organisations and scholars such as you who are also interested in advancing knowledge and practice in the areas of teaching and learning.

It is therefore a real pleasure to endorse and support your bid to host the biennial ISATT Conference. The University of Auckland is well positioned to support this conference with its high quality conference facilities and infrastructure support. The Faculty of Education is experienced in hosting highly successful international education conferences and has a reputation for providing delegates with a positive and memorable conference experience.

I wish you every success in your bid to host the 2015 ISATT Conference.

Yours sincerely

Dr Lexie Grudnoff
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Dear ISATT Members

Thank you for the opportunity to present Auckland's credentials as a preferred candidate for hosting the 17th ISATT Conference in 2015.

Auckland is a world-class destination. The city is built on a narrow isthmus between two harbours - the Manukau and the Waitemata - and is surrounded by 11 dormant volcanoes and numerous picturesque islands. It is a dynamic, multi-cultural city of 1.4 million people. Around 63% of its residents are of European descent while 13% are Pacific Islanders, 11% are New Zealand Māori and there is a growing Asian population, currently about 12%. Auckland was ranked third out of 221 world cities for quality of living in 2011. It enjoys a mild climate, has world-class restaurants and entertainment, and is a friendly, relaxed city.

The University of Auckland is New Zealand's flagship, research-led university, known for the excellence of its teaching, its research, and its service to its local, national and international communities. It has a strong international focus and is the only New Zealand member of Universitas 21, the Worldwide Universities Network (WUN), and the Association of Pacific Rim Universities. Founded in 1883, The University of Auckland is now the country's largest university with 38,500 students, nearly 10,000 of whom graduate annually. There are four specialist campuses.

The 17th ISATT conference would be hosted by The University of Auckland's Faculty of Education at the Epsom Campus. Our staff take pride in ensuring the ongoing relevance of academic programmes and the continued excellence of teaching, learning and research. I know that the conference organisation would be of the highest standard. It promises to be an opportunity for delegates to share and contribute to scholarly teaching for tomorrow's students, today.

We look forward to welcoming you to Auckland.

Yours sincerely

Stuart N. McCutcheon
Vice-Chancellor

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Thank you for the opportunity to present Auckland's credentials as a candidate for hosting ISATT 2015 - 17th Biennial Conference on Teachers and Teaching.

I would officially like to invite this meeting to Auckland, New Zealand.

We look forward to welcoming your many delegates from around the world to our city in 2015 - nau mai, haere mai.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Len Brown".

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Len Brown
Mayor of Auckland



Welcome to New Zealand



WELCOME TO NEW ZEALAND

**We look forward to welcoming you to Aotearoa,
the land of the long white cloud. No reira, nau mai, haere mai ki Aotearoa**

"I think every person... dreams of finding some enchanted place of beautiful mountains and breathtaking coastlines, clear lakes and amazing wildlife.

Most people give up on it because they never get to New Zealand."

President Clinton - Former US President
Gala Dinner, Christchurch, New Zealand - 2000

A photograph of two women. One woman on the left is wearing a light grey sleeveless top. The woman on the right is wearing a traditional Maori dress (ahuwhi) made of woven kete (flax) and has a white feather in her hair. They are touching foreheads in a traditional greeting. The background is a soft-focus green.

New Zealand

The last major land mass in the world to be discovered and occupied, ours is a young country of awesome beauty.

From majestic fiords and alps in the South Island to the native forests and sandy bays of the North Island, New Zealand is full of stunning landscapes, unique flora and fauna and unspoiled countryside. The overwhelming impression of the land is pure and green, with fresh air and clean waters.

There is a rich indigenous Māori culture entwined with many cultures from around the world.



New Zealand

New Zealand offers a modern and sophisticated urban lifestyle combined with a natural and unspoiled rural heritage that sets it apart from the rest of the world.

We have a stable political environment and have led the world in many areas of social policy, sporting triumphs, scientific achievements and innovations. For a nation of 4.5 million people, New Zealand produces an extraordinary number of achievers in many areas.

New Zealanders are friendly, independent, free-spirited and welcoming. There is nothing we enjoy more than showing overseas visitors 'our place' in the South Pacific.

Welcome to Auckland



A scenic view of the Auckland skyline from Mount Eden. The foreground is dominated by the green, grassy slopes of the mountain. In the middle ground, the city's modern skyscrapers are visible, with the Sky Tower standing out on the left. The background shows the coastline and the Hauraki Gulf. The sky is a clear blue with some wispy clouds.

Nau mai, haere mai,
whakaeke mai
Welcome to Auckland,
New Zealand

Auckland

The Pacific Meeting Place

A world-class event like ISATT 2015 demands a world-class destination and Auckland has it all.

New Zealand's largest city is a premier convention and incentive destination and home to a vast array of hotels, venues, attractions and touring options.





Auckland is one of the great cities of the South Pacific, where stunning natural beauty and big city style meet. Home to 1.5 million people and buzzing with excitement, the city abounds with modern shopping areas, a myriad of excellent cafés and restaurants and superb events all year round. Yet its setting is a natural paradise of sparkling harbours, native forests, dormant volcanoes and beautiful beaches.

ISATT 2015 conference delegates will be thrilled with what Auckland has to offer. The shopping is world-class and the outdoor world and nature adventures are close at hand. Gourmet cuisine, vineyards, live entertainment, top sports events, theatre, outstanding sights and attractions – Auckland is home to them all.

Auckland is also the largest Polynesian city in the world, with a dynamic mix of Pacific cultures and other cultures from all around the globe. Auckland's allure to visitors is reflected in the name it was given by early Māori: Tāmaki Makaurau – the maiden desired by a hundred lovers.

Auckland has the people and the places to make the ISATT 2015 conference experience one to be remembered by delegates for years to come.

Accessibility



- 21 international airlines from 35 destinations
- 366 flights from Asia Pacific Rim per week

Accessibility – The Facts



AUCKLAND INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

**2nd
largest
airport
in Australasia**

**366 flights from the
Asia Pacific Rim
(inc. Australia) per week**
24 from North America

Flight figures correct as at June 2012

**Handling over 70%
of all international
arrivals
into New Zealand**

**21 international
airlines fly direct
to Auckland
from 35 destinations
around the world**

AIRPORT TRANSFERS

The central business district is just 20km from Auckland Airport.

The Airbus provides a frequent service between the airport and inner city hotels at a cost of US\$27 / NZ\$33 return or US\$13 / NZ\$16 one way.

A shuttle service (shared ride option) is available at US\$23 / NZ\$28 for the first passenger and US\$6.50 / NZ\$8 for each additional passenger, to a maximum of seven passengers.

The 40-minute taxi ride from the airport to central business district costs approximately US\$49-61 / NZ\$60-75.

Prices are valid as at January 2013 and subject to change.

Peace of Mind

New Zealand is generally a very safe place to travel, with a relatively low crime rate, few endemic diseases and an excellent healthcare system.

Living in a politically stable country governed under Westminster-style democracy, with free elections held every three years, New Zealanders enjoy full civil liberties in terms of freedom of expression, belief, association and personal autonomy.

New Zealand society's high respect for human rights, friendliness toward foreigners, along with the low risk of political instability and internal conflict, are just some of the reasons that it is rated second on the Global Peace Index for 2012. Auckland is also rated the third most liveable city in the world in the internationally recognised Mercer Quality of Living scale.



VENUE





Venue

THE UNIVERSITY OF AUCKLAND EPSOM CAMPUS THE FACULTY OF EDUCATION

Our campus is fully equipped and large enough to accommodate all of the ISATT 2015 conference requirements.

- The Epsom campus has modern lecture theatres with capacity for keynote presentations, a music auditorium for poster displays and exhibition space, rooms of varying sizes and shapes for meetings, discussions and presentations, additional venues for informal gatherings and a registration space and café.
- Wi-Fi access and technical support is available throughout the rooms being used for the conference.

The conference will be held between 13-17 July. The first two weeks of July 2015 are the mid-semester vacation for the 3000 students on the Epsom Campus. This University break also coincides with school holidays.

The Faculty of Education emerging from an early morning mist.



- The Sylvia Ashton-Warner Library at Epsom Campus is one of the most extensive teacher education libraries in New Zealand. The campus also has tennis courts, a swimming pool, sports centre, gymnasiums, music auditorium, dance and drama rooms, marae and early childhood centres.
- Epsom Campus is 10 minutes' drive from the CBD and the City Campus. It is located next to Mt Eden village, which offers a great range of shops, cafés and amenities.
- There is parking on campus and regular bus services run to and from Mt Eden/Epsom and the city centre. The city is just 4km from the Epsom Campus.

Accommodation – Epsom/Greenlane

CORNWALL PARK MOTOR INN

- 5 minute walk from proposed venue

Cornwall Park Motor Inn offers spacious and comfortable motel accommodation in the inner suburbs of Auckland city and located in the heart of Epsom and Greenlane.

Cornwall Park Motor Inn has 19 tasteful modern, non-smoking suites all with tea and coffee making facilities, kitchenettes, ironing boards and iron, six SKY TV channels, hairdryer, heating and wireless internet.

www.cornwallpark-motorinn.co.nz



KNIGHTS INN

- 15 minute walk from proposed venue

Knights Inn was refurbished in 2011 and features 26 spacious, modern and bright rooms.

There are comfortable king-size beds, modern LCD TVs and 50+ free SKY channels. Wireless internet access allows you to work from the comfort of your room.

www.knightsinn.co.nz



PARKLANE MOTOR LODGE

- 15 minute walk from proposed venue

Parkland Motor Lodge is a 4-star motel with 38 spacious and comfortable rooms, most with balconies and some with views of the swimming pool. All rooms have recently been refurbished.

The lodge has a large swimming pool and children's splash pool, mini-gym, guest laundry, internet desk, breakfast room and ample free off-street car parking.

www.parklane-hotel.co.nz



Accommodation – Central Business District

Auckland's central business district is only 4km from the Epsom Campus and easily accessible by bus or a 15-minute drive.

HERITAGE AUCKLAND

Whether it be for one night or an extended stay, every guest needs a home away from home. Heritage Auckland provides that and more. Located within one of the city's most iconic historical landmark buildings, it's an Auckland accommodation experience without equal.

The hotel offers a range of accommodation options across two wings including apartment-style rooms. Both wings offer access to a range of facilities including an indoor swimming pool, spa pool, sauna, gym and a floodlit tennis court.

www.heritagehotels.co.nz



SCENIC HOTEL AUCKLAND

Located in central Queen Street, Scenic Hotel Auckland is in the heart of the Auckland central business district. As a guest, you will enjoy having some of Auckland's top entertainment, shopping and dining spots virtually on your doorstep.

The hotel has a total of 97 apartment-style rooms, including standard and superior rooms, executive suites and a penthouse. The suites and penthouse are two levels and have their own private balconies.

www.scenichotels.co.nz



NOMADS AUCKLAND

This hostel, set within a beautiful historic building, is jam-packed with all the latest mod cons such as a free-to-use spa and sauna, rooftop kitchen, sundeck and Fort Street Union Bar on the first floor.

Nomads Auckland Backpackers Hostel and the newly renovated Fort Street Union Bar are perfectly located on Fort Street in the heart of downtown Auckland. Nomads Auckland has some of the best facilities you will ever find in a backpackers hostel, from deluxe en-suite private rooms with TV to elegantly appointed shared accommodation with crisp clean linen.

www.nomadsworld.com



Social Event Venue Options

Auckland offers many options for dinner events. We have profiled three venues located in Auckland's central business district, that would all be beautiful settings for the ISATT 2015 social functions.

AUCKLAND MUSEUM

With its striking neo-classical architecture and majestic columns, the museum is an iconic Auckland event location venue.

Under the elegant copper dome on the roof sits The Events Centre, an elegant circular space offering panoramic views across Auckland and seating up to 450 guests.



AUCKLAND TOWN HALL

Auckland Town Hall is a beautiful heritage building in the heart of Auckland's central business district.

The Great Hall is the feature space of the Auckland Town Hall. With its high ceiling, renaissance style and permanent concert platform with renowned acoustics, it makes an ideal and elegant setting for banquets.



VIADUCT EVENTS CENTRE

With a stunning waterfront location, the Viaduct Events Centre is Auckland's newest purpose-built venue.

Surrounded by some of the city's most exciting restaurants and just a short harbourside walk to the central business district, the Viaduct Events Centre offers delegates convenience and style.



SIGHTSEEING, ACTIVITIES & ESSENTIAL INFORMATION



Experience Auckland

An experience suitable for every delegate – from the mild to the most wild.

ADVENTURES ON THE WATER

With its incredible harbour setting, there's plenty to do on the water in Auckland. Discover the islands of the Hauraki Gulf by public ferry, charter a boat, hire a kayak, head out on a dolphin and whale spotting safari, relax on a coffee cruise, zoom around on a high speed jet boat or match race on an America's Cup yacht.

ARTS & CULTURE

Immerse yourself in our unique Māori culture, visit the world-class Auckland Art Gallery or see a hit Broadway show at Auckland's Civic Theatre.

SHOPPING

It's easy to indulge in some top-notch retail therapy when you're in Auckland. Browse local markets or visit the flagship stores of New Zealand's most internationally successful designers as well as top international labels.

ISLAND ADVENTURES

Auckland's Hauraki Gulf Marine Park encompasses an incredible 1.2 million hectares of coast, sea and many islands with very individual personalities. Waiheke Island – known as 'The Island of Wine' – is one not to be missed.

FOOD & WINE

Auckland boasts a huge range of restaurants, bars and cafés, offering everything from relaxed bistros to five-star cuisine at the many harbourside eateries. And with three wine growing regions, award-winning drops can be found everywhere.

GOLF

Auckland is an ideal spot of a round of golf, with a great mix of coastal and inland courses for players of all abilities.

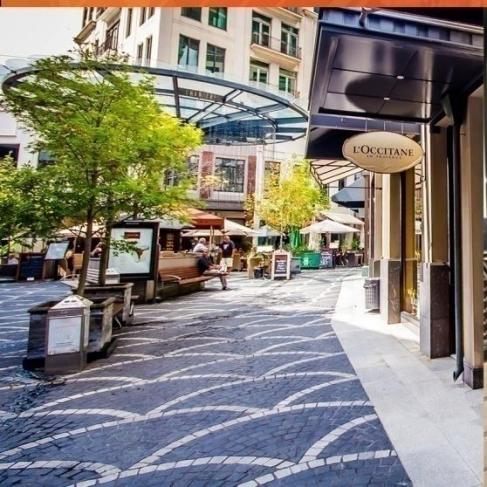


Activities



Food & Wine





Auckland Excursions

Here is just a small selection of group activities that can be arranged in Auckland either pre-or-post the ISATT 2015 conference or during the official programme. Whatever the interests of the conference delegates, Auckland offers something to please everyone.

ISLAND PARADISE - WAIHEKE ISLAND TOUR

Waiheke Island, a 35 minute ferry trip from downtown Auckland, is home to over 30 wineries, along with olive groves and dozens of local and internationally renowned artists. On this picturesque island there is a blend of farmland, forest and stunning beaches. With hot, dry summers and stony soils, Waiheke wineries produce unique, high quality wines based on cabernet sauvignon, merlot, malbec, cabernet franc and the recent move into chardonnay grape varieties.

GORMET FOOD WALKING TOUR

Experience the café culture and gourmet delights of the charming urban village of historic Ponsonby. Well known for its delicious eateries, 19th century wooden buildings, arts and crafts, it's also a great place to shop. Within easy walking distance, your gourmet tour of Ponsonby will include tastings of fine produce, chocolates, exceptional coffee at an award-winning café and classic baking treats. Meet some of the culinary and creative personalities who make up the diverse and original mix that attracts locals and visitors to this part of the city.

SHOPPING TOURS

Meet your enthusiastic shopping guide and commence your great shopping tour with an impromptu fashion parade and morning tea at a fashion boutique. Then shop till you drop for designer fashion, shoes, art work, handbags - the sky is the limit. Let's go!



Auckland Excursions

SEAFOOD ODYSSEY

A trip to New Zealand simply isn't complete without experiencing some of its world-renowned seafood for yourself. Take a walk around the Auckland Fish Market and fish auction room to learn what to look for when purchasing your own seafood and produce at home. Watch a fish being filleted and discuss, with the fishmongers, fish species, shellfish and crustaceans on display. Sample New Zealand fish and cheeses, watch chef demonstrations then cook your own lunch. This highly informative, fun and interactive class will encourage you to be creative with seasonal varieties.

WELCOME TO AUCKLAND - GUIDED TOURS

Accompanied by a knowledgeable tour guide, learn about the fascinating history, architecture, geology and vulcanology of Auckland. Head over Auckland Harbour Bridge and take in the stunning views of the city, visit the Wynyard Quarter and Viaduct Basin areas before continuing on through the Auckland Domain. The picturesque Auckland Domain is the city's oldest parks, situated on a 62,000 year old volcano. Continue on to Parnell Village where the historic buildings have been transformed into a popular shopping and dining district. The tour can also take you to the Michael Joseph Savage Memorial Park for beautiful panoramic views over the city and Waitemata Harbour.

EXPLORE HISTORICAL DEVONPORT

Just a scenic 10-minute ferry ride from downtown Auckland is the historical seaside village of Devonport. Join a local historian on a guided tour of Devonport and Mount Victoria, a dormant volcano in the town centre. Visit Devonport Museum and the Naval Museum, then head to Devonport Chocolates to taste and buy some of their delicious handmade chocolate, or wander through the shops and art galleries.



Essential Information

GEOGRAPHY AND CLIMATE

New Zealand is located in the South Pacific between the Pacific Ocean and the Tasman Sea, between latitude 35 and 45 degrees south, approximately 1200 miles to the east of Australia. New Zealand has a temperate climate with green rolling hills, lush native bush and beautiful beaches in the North Island and majestic mountains, lakes and fiords in the South Island.



HEALTH CARE

New Zealand's public and private medical and hospital facilities provide a high standard of treatment and care. Medical services are not free to visitors so travel and health insurance for delegates and partners is strongly recommended.

GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS

New Zealand is a politically stable country governed under Westminster-style democracy, with free elections held every three years.

MONEY MATTERS

New Zealand currency comprises of New Zealand dollars and cents. Major international credit cards are accepted throughout New Zealand.

Trading bank hours are 9.00am to 4.30pm Monday to Friday. Most banks have a selection of branches that are also open on Saturdays, with some open on Sundays too. Banking facilities are available at Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch International Airports.

Travellers cheques can be issued and cashed at banks, and also at bureaux de change, hotels and shops in cities and towns. There are over 3500 ATMs (Automatic Teller Machines) in New Zealand, accessible 24 hours a day. Credit cards with international debit and credit plans can access New Zealand ATM machines.

Essential Information

VISAS

Visitors from more than 50 countries do not require a visitor's visa for stays of less than three months. For further information about visas visit www.immigration.govt.nz



ELECTRICITY

Electricity supply is 230/240 volts, 50 hertz (USA voltage is 110 volts). Most hotels and motels provide 110 volt AC sockets (rated at 20 watts).

New Zealand and Australia use the same type of three-pin plug. Adapters are available from airport and electronic shops.

Step-down transformers are required for US appliances (except most laptop computers). These are available from electronic shops in New Zealand. Note: hairdryers and irons are available in most hotels.

MOBILE TELEPHONES

New Zealand's GSM and CDMA mobile phone systems operate on 900MHz and 1,800MHz. Visitors from the USA and Canada will need to set up international roaming with their network provider if they wish to bring their own phones. Local phones and SIM cards are available for rental and do not incur roaming charges.

LAPTOPS

Visitors will need a RJ45 type plug to be able to connect a laptop into a computer socket in New Zealand, and an adaptor with a flat two or three point power plug to connect to the power supply.

Thank you for considering our proposal.

We hope you share our excitement for the proposed conference vision. We believe it will ensure ISATT 2015 in Auckland will be a conference to remember.

Come and stay a while.

