



Dear Delegate,

As we draw close to **The 23rd International Conference on Biomagnetism**, commencing on 26 - 29 August 2024, we want to share some information to assist with your arrival to Sydney.

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If you are an international visitor, please note that you must have a valid visa to enter Australia.

The recommended processing time is 2 months. If you have not obtained a visa, you must contact your nearest Australian Embassy as a matter of extreme urgency. Visas cannot be issued on arrival in Australia. If you are an international visitor please note that you must have a valid visa to enter Australia.

We are pleased that the dedicated and meticulous endeavours of the Organising Committee will result in a Congress of excellence and a very valuable experience for all participants.

We look forward to welcoming you to Sydney!

Yours sincerely,

BIOMAG 2024 Conference Managers



1. Airport and Transport



Airport

Darling Harbour (ICC Sydney) is only 10 kilometres from the airport. Travelling to Darling Harbour will take around 30 - 40 minutes to drive (depending on traffic) or 25 minutes by train plus a 10-minute walk.

For more information on train departures and prices please visit: www.airportlink.com.au.



Train

The airport train station is located inside the Domestic and International terminals and will take you directly to and from the Sydney City Centre.

Fares from Sydney Airport terminals to the city are approximately A\$21.00 per adult for a single journey.

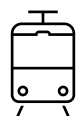
Airport train line: T2 Airport line (which is Macarthur to City via Airport or Sydenham line).

Airport train to ICC Sydney:
Town Hall station 10-minute walk
Central station 20-minute walk
Museum station 20-minute walk

On weekdays there are approximately six to eight services every hour from 0600 until 2200, and then four per hour until the last train.

On weekends and public holidays there are four services per hour.

Refer to Transport NSW site for schedules and stop locations <https://transportnsw.info>.



Light Rail

The Light Rail travels right through a number of Darling Harbour stations including ICC Sydney's stops, Convention Centre and Exhibition Centre. The Light Rail starts at Central Station in the CBD and travels to Dulwich Hill in the inner west. The closest stop to ICC Sydney Theatre is Exhibition Centre.



Bus

Bus routes 389 (Bondi to Pyrmont) and 501 (West Ryde to Central Pitt Street) stop at Harris Street near Allen Street - a 10-minute walk from ICC Sydney. Please plan your trip at <http://www.sydneybuses.info/>

Alternatively, contact your hotel regarding airport shuttle services.



Taxi

A taxi fare is approximately A\$50.00 from the airport to the city district. If you would prefer to pre-book your taxi during your stay in Sydney, please contact:

Taxis Combined



Phone: 13 33 00
 Website: www.taxiscombined.com.au

Legion Cabs
 Phone: 13 14 51
 Website: www.legioncabs.com.au

Silver Service
 Phone: 13 31 00
 Website: www.silverservice.com.au

Premier Cabs
 Phone: 13 10 17
 Website: www.premiercabs.com.au



Uber
 An Uber is approximately A\$50.00 from the Airport to Sydney city. Please note your pickup location depends on your terminal and ride option.

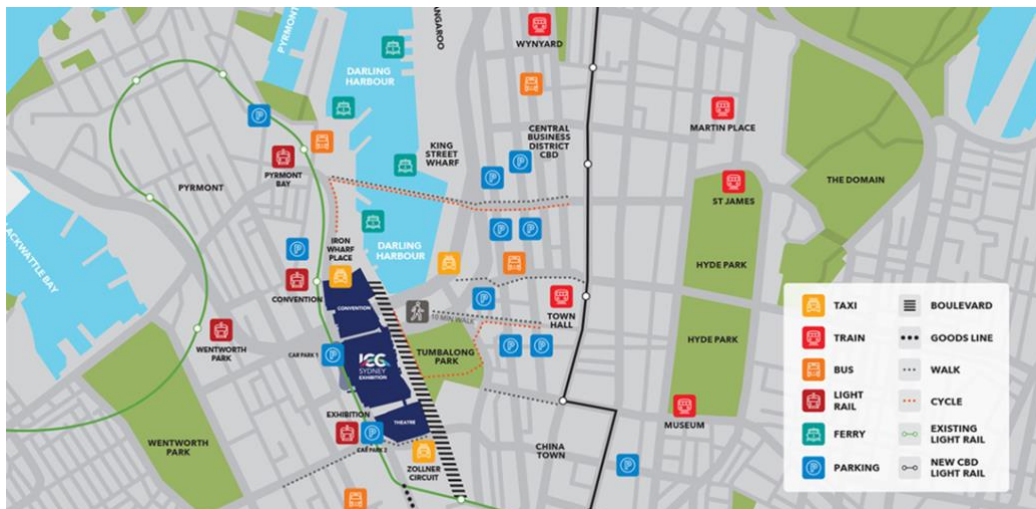
At the **Domestic Airport Terminal**, head to the priority pickup zone for your Uber ride. (Follow the green signs through the car park to the public pickup area. This is the priority pickup zone.) For all other ride options at the domestic terminal, head outside to the general passenger pickup area and wait curbside.

At the **International Airport Terminal**, meet your Uber driver at the express pickup zone. (Follow the yellow signs from Car Park 7 to the Express pickup area.) For all other ride options, head to the limousine pickup area.

For fare estimates, visit the Uber website [here](https://www.uber.com).


2. Location of the ICC, Sydney

The closest train station to ICC Sydney is **Town Hall Station**, which is a short 10-minute walk to the Darling Quarter precinct and ICC Sydney. The Concierge Desk at your hotel will assist you with directions and transport options if necessary.



3. Transport - Tap on Tap Off Payment



If your bank card shows the contactless symbol  you can use it to pay for your travel in Sydney by tapping your card on the card reader at the entrance to each time.

You can use American Express (AMEX), Mastercard and Visa credit or debit cards. You can also use your Digital Wallet with Apple Pay, Google Wallet, Samsung Pay.



Tap on and Tap off

Hold your card or digital wallet against the card reader until it turns green and beeps - tap upon arrival and tap off upon exiting each time.

For more information visit the following link:

<https://transportnsw.info/trip#/trip>

4. Parking



ICC Sydney operates a 24-hour car parking station, including disabled parking bays, motorcycle parking spaces, bicycle racks and electric car charge spaces.

The Exhibition Centre Car Park (Car Park 1) will be available for attendees.

Parking rates are as follows:

0 - 1 hours	A\$20.00
1 - 2 hours	A\$30.00
2 - 3 hours	A\$40.00
3 - 4 hours	A\$45.00
4+ hours	A\$50.00
Night rate (entry after 5.00pm exit before 4.00am)	A\$30.00

5. Plan your arrival to Australia

Customs

If you are an international delegate, please ensure that along with your passport and visa, you also pack your registration confirmation letter within your carry-on luggage. You may be asked to produce this when moving through customs at your arrival airport. In addition to this, please be sure to complete your Incoming Passenger Card with all details and answer each question honestly. Australia has very strict bio-security laws and restrictions on certain items that you may bring into the Country. Please see the following website for details: <https://www.biosecurity.gov.au/>.



Visa

All visitors to Australia must have a valid visa to enter Australia (other than New Zealand passport holders, who are usually issued a Special Category visa on arrival, provided they meet health and character requirements). For further information [click here](#).

Exchange Rate

Decimal currency is used in Australia with the dollar as the basic unit (100 cents = \$1). Notes come in \$100, \$50, \$20, \$10 and \$5. Coins come in \$2, \$1, 50c, 20c, 10c and 5c denominations.

Currency exchange facilities are available in most banks and airports and operate during normal business hours.

To view the current foreign exchange rates, please visit www.x-rates.com



Emergency Number

If there is an emergency while at any of the Conference venues during the meeting, immediately report to one of our onsite staff members or the venue staff. This is to ensure a prompt and efficient response from emergency services. Outside the Conference, Fire, Police and Ambulance can all be reached by dialling 000 (tripe zero).

Credit, Banking and ATMs

Credit cards are accepted at most restaurants and shops - the most widely used being MasterCard, Visa and American Express.

Banks and post offices are generally open from 0900 - 1600 hours from Monday to Friday. Business office hours are 0900 - 1730 hours from Monday to Friday.

Automated Teller Machines (ATMs) are conveniently located at:

- ICC Sydney Convention Centre - beside the main café on ground level

Weather

September is Spring in Sydney and the average temperature ranges from 11 to 21 degrees Celsius. It is recommended that delegates bring a jacket for the evenings and pack for warmer days, and the chance of winds and rain.



*Please note the weather below is correct at time of issuing this letter but changes regularly. Click [here](#) to see current weather forecast.



Electric Current

The electric current within Australia is 240 Volt, AC 50 cycles. Two or three pin rectangular plugs are used. For more information, please visit your local travel store or see image below.



6. Checking into your Hotel

For most hotels the check-in time is 1500 hours. Your hotel will do their best to have rooms available for early check-in, however if you wish to confirm your room for an early arrival, you may need to pre-book and pay for the room from the previous evening.

As per standard hotel policies and procedures, delegates will be required to provide a credit card or a cash bond upon check-in. This is to cover any incidental charges incurred during your stay regardless of whether your accommodation has been pre-paid in full. The hotel will place a hold on your credit card or hold the cash deposit until you check out. Should you not utilise any incidentals during your stay the credit card will not be charged and/or the cash deposit will be returned.

Please note the daily incidental charge rates will vary across hotels. Should you wish to confirm the required amount for incidental charges prior to check-in, please contact the hotel directly.

These are the hotels that could be booked during registration:

Novotel Sydney Darling Square
17 Little Pier St, Darling Harbour NSW
2000
Phone: (02) 8217 4000

Adina Apartment Hotel Darling Harbour
55 Shelley St, Sydney NSW 2000
Phone: (02) 9249 7000



Park Royal Darling Harbour
 243 Pyrmont Street, Darling Harbour
 NSW 2009 150 Day St, Sydney NSW 2000
 Phone: (02) 9261 1188

Holiday Inn Darling Harbour
 68 Harbour St, Sydney NSW 2000
 Phone: (02) 9291 0262

7. Registration

All participants must visit the registration desk to collect their name badge before gaining access to BIOMAG 24.

The registration desk will be located on level 2 of the ICC in the Parkside Foyer.



The registration desk operating times are:

- Monday 26 August 2024.....1300 - 1700
- Tuesday 27 August 2024.....0730 - 1700
- Wednesday 28 August 2024..... 0730 - 1800
- Thursday 29 August 2024.....0730 - 1600

We encourage you to register as early as possible to allow for easy access.

If on arrival at BIOMAG 24 you have not paid for your registration, you will be directed to the cashier to make payment. All outstanding accounts must be settled upon registering for BIOMAG 24. Please arrive early to avoid any delays.

8. Conference Mobile App

Apple QR Code	Google Play QR Code
	

The BIOMAG 24 Mobile App allows access to the latest, most up to date information regarding the program, Scientific program, social events, speakers, excursions, important messages and updates and many other aspects of the BIOMAG 24 Congress.



App Download Instructions

- Step 1: Download the app **evexus** from the [App Store](#) or [Google Play](#). Search for “**evexus event app**” or scan the relevant QR code below for a shortcut to the store:
- Step 2: Enter **Event Code: biomag**
- Step 3: Enter the email address you registered with and tap ‘Next’
- Step 4: Enter the passcode you receive via text/ email and tap ‘Verify’

For app support, please visit the team at the Registration Desk

Favourites (build a personalised program)

- Step 1: Tap **Program** at the bottom of the app
- Step 2: Tap the Session/Presentation/Speaker of your choice, then tap ‘Add to Favourite’
- Step 3: To view your Favourites, tap **Account** at the bottom of the app
Under the ‘Favourites’ heading you can access lists of your favourite Sessions, Presentations and Speakers

If your registration was completed by use of an alternative email address (e.g. on group or corporate registrations) you will need to visit the Registration Desk to download the app.

Should you encounter any difficulties in downloading or utilising the app, the Arinex staff at the Registration Desk will be pleased to be assist you.

9. Dietary Requirements

If you have not already done so, please advise the BIOMAG 24 Managers of any specific dietary requests. All attempts will be made to meet these requirements onsite at the ICC Sydney.

10. Speaker information

The Speaker Preparation Room is located in Business Suite 2 (next to the entrance of the Pymont Theatre) of the ICC, Sydney. **Session Speakers** are requested to visit the Speaker Preparation Room at least **2-4** hours before their session to ensure their presentation is uploaded and runs smoothly.

The Speaker Preparation Room operating hours are as follows:

Monday 26 August 2024..... 1200 - 1600
Tuesday 27 August 2024.....0800 - 1600
Wednesday 28 August 2024.....0800 - 1600
Thursday 29 August 2024.....0800 - 1300



11. Scientific Program and Posters

The detailed schedule for the Scientific is available online. [Click here to view the final schedule.](#)

There will be hard copy posters located in the BIOMAG exhibition hall (Parkside Ballroom) on Level 2 of the ICC. Please take the opportunity to search for posters in your interest area and connect with the authors. There will be a “meet the Poster Presenters’ opportunity from 16:00 to 17:30 on Monday 26 August.

The program will begin with the official BIOMAG Opening Address on Monday 26 August in the Pyrmont Theatre, ICC from 14:30.

12. Photography and Filming

Delegates are advised that BIOMAG 24 activities may be filmed or photographed for the purpose of proceedings and for mainstream and social media publication. If you do not wish to be filmed or photographed, please advise the operator, and / or move out of camera range.

13. Trade Exhibition

The Exhibition will be located in the Parkside Ballroom 1. All delegates are encouraged to visit the exhibits and meet with the exhibitor representatives to experience the products and services on offer.

The Exhibition will be open during the following hours:

Monday 26 August 2024,	16:00 - 18:30
Tuesday 27 August 2024	10:00 - 17:30
Wednesday 28 August 2024	10:00 - 16:00
Thursday 29 August 2024	10:00 - 16:00

All refreshment breaks will be held in the Exhibition area providing maximum networking opportunities for delegates and exhibitors.

14. Sponsors

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Student Award & Mid-Career Award Sponsor



Early Career Researcher Award Sponsor



Exhibitors
