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## Abstracts number crunch

- 148 abstracts received
- 144 authors
- 20 different countries represented
- 11 conference themes supported

The Conference Committee were very impressed by the quality of abstracts submitted and are delighted to have such an array of leading research and program profiles being represented.

Abstract notifications were emailed on Wednesday 22 July. If you submitted an abstract and have not received notification please check your 'junk folder' or contact the Conference Coordinator, Justine Osborne at justine.osborne@cancervic.org.au.



Image from <u>http://www.visitmelbourneblog.com</u>

## Secure your spot

With the variety of speakers, papers and topics, this conference is sure to engage, motivate, challenge and inspire.

Please secure your place at the 3rd International Conference on UV & Skin Cancer Prevention by registering online. Early bird registrations close on **Wednesday**, **30 October 2015**.

The early bird conference registration fee is AUD \$850 (incl. GST) and includes:

 Opportunity to attend a choice of five <u>pre-conference</u> <u>workshops</u> and an optional lunchtime presentation and lunchtime masterclass during the conference

Pre-conference drinks

- Full conference attendance (Includes morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea)
- Free conference Wi-Fi access
- <u>Conference dinner</u>

Various <u>accommodation options</u> are also available.

**Register now** 



Conference venue: Zinc, Fed Square

## Conference update

A <u>conference program outline</u> is available online with the full program schedule to be released on the 23rd September.

The conference will be paperless and all abstracts, speaker profiles and program details will be available online and via the free conference app.

For further information regarding the conference please visit the <u>conference website</u> and join the conference twitter conversation at

#### @uvskin2015 .

We look forward to you joining us in Melbourne in December.

Regards

Craig Sinclair, Conference Chair

# Speaker spotlight

In the lead-up to the conference we will profile some of the guest speakers.



## Professor Adèle Green

"When people think of medical research they often think of cures and treatment but I realised early on that we also needed to look at prevention and lifestyle. It was unusual at the time to look at the disease upstream of the normal treatment paradigm."

Adèle Green is a Senior Scientist and Head of the Cancer and Population Studies Group at the QIMR Berghofer Medical Research Institute.

Ultraviolet carcinogenesis and prevention of melanoma and other skin cancers has been a major focus of her research.

She has served on many national health and research committees including the National Health and Medical Research Council and is a member of the International Commission on Non-Ionising Radiation Protection. Adèle has received Order of Australia, Queensland Australian of the Year and 100 Women of Influence awards for her research.



Mathieu Boniol

We know the cause of nearly 100% of skin cancer, UV being the key factor. Primary prevention is the solution to reduce their burden. My research aims at finding the best means of prevention.

Mathieu Boniol is Vice-President, Biostatistics at the International Prevention Research Institute, where he supervises work done by a team of statisticians, data managers and other functions. He is also Professor of Global Public Health at Strathclyde University.

Scientific activities mainly deal with etiologic researches based on biostatistics and epidemiological methods. In particular, he is involved in many works on UV exposure and skin cancer. Between 2003 and 2009, he held a position of Senior Biostatistician at the International Agency for Research on Cancer. He is a member of the International Task Force on Skin **Cancer Screening and Prevention** that evaluates the national skin cancer screening in Germany. He is a member of the Board of Directors of Euroskin.

## 5 things you may not know about Melbourne



#### 1. Melbourne is a bit batty!

The largest bat in Australia, the grey-headed flying fox, calls Melbourne (almost called *Batmania* ) home. Although the large population of Melbourne bats likes to fly over the city gardens at dusk, the idea of Batmania as a possible name for the city didn't come from their devotion to the place. Instead it came from a rather questionable founding father, John Batman. Batman, an Australian-born grazier, entrepreneur and explorer, didn't succeed in naming the entire city after himself but did have some luck with a street, avenue, park, hill, railway station and electorate (amongst other things).





#### 2. We're happy little Vegemites

You either love it or hate it, the black yeast spread smothered on toast and lunchtime sandwiches across the nation. It was invented in Melbourne and is still manufactured here.

Taste tests for the very brave will be available at the conference!

### 3. Melbournians take the work - life balance very seriously!

In 1856, Melbourne workers successfully campaigned for the world's first 8-hour work day. We still have a holiday, Labour Day, to commemorate this great initiative - 8 hours rest, 8 hours labour, 8 hours recreation.

### 4. Capital idea

Melbourne was the capital city of Australia for 26 years (1901 -1927) before we "passed" it over to Canberra.

### 5. What do the 2011 hosts (Copenhagen) and 2015 hosts (Melbourne) have in common?

Melbourne's <u>Luna Park</u> and Copenhagen's <u>Tivoli Gardens</u> are the only two amusement parks that still operate a rollercoaster with the help of a *Brakesman*.

Opening in 1912, Luna Park's <u>'Scenic Railway'</u> roller coaster is the oldest continuously operating roller coaster in the world . The Brakesman doesn't have the same record - there have been a few changes in that role over the 103 years.

Luna Park will be open on Thursday, 10 December and Friday, 11 December until 11pm so there's plenty of time to take a ride after the conference.



## See you in Melbourne....

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