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IEEE SECTIONS CONGRESS 2017

11-13 AUGUST | SYDNEY, NSW, AUSTRALIA | ICC SYDNEY



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SC 2017 Update

Region 2 Meeting

April 22-23

Wilmington, Delaware



Sections Congress 2017

August 11 – 13 (Friday-Sunday)

International Convention Centre (ICC)
14 Darling Drive, Sydney, NSW 2009 Australia
New South Wales Section



Website and Registration went live 8 March.

sections-congress.ieee.org

Hotels



Hotel Logistics

** All sleeping room rates EXCLUDE 10% GST tax

** All hotels are within 10 minute walking distance.

(If you look up the center in google maps, it will point you to the old center and the distances will be off.)

ICC Location – 14 Darling Drive.

Hotel Name	Room Rate (AUD)	Current USD 1AUD=.75USD
ParkRoyal Darling Harbour https://www.parkroyalhotels.com/en/hotels-resorts/australia/darling-harbour-sydney.html	\$275	\$207
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Hilton Sydney http://www.hiltonsydney.com.au/	\$319	\$240
Novotel Sydney Rockford Darling Harbour http://www.novotelrockforddarlingharbour.com.au/	\$279	\$210
Holiday Inn Darling Harbour https://www.ihg.com/holidayinn/hotels/us/en/sydney/sydh/hoteldetail	\$225	\$170
Hyatt Regency Sydney (changed name from Four Point Sheraton) https://sydney.regency.hyatt.com/en/hotel/home.html	\$330	\$249

SC2017 Details

By now you should have:

- Updated or new Passport – Expiration date must be at least six months beyond your RETURN DATE
- Applied or attained VISA or ETA (Electronic Travel Authorization) – Recommend wide window
- Secured your round trip flights to Sydney.
- Made Hotel Reservations
- Registered for Congress

Sydney at Night



Sections Congress 2017 Program Committee Update

□ SC2017 Program Committee Members

- Vincenzo Piuri, Chair
- Rakesh Kumar
- Murty Polavarapu

□ Three tracks defined:

- Engaging Members
- Engaging Volunteers
- Building Technical Communities

Sections Congress 2017 Schedule

Friday - August 11

- 5:00 Opening Ceremony
 - Welcome, Awards, Dinner, Entertainment

Saturday - August 12

- 8:30 – 10:30 Plenary Session
- 10:30 – 5:30 Continuous program, lunch, breaks
- 5:30 TA Cocktail Reception

Sunday - August 13

- 7:00 am Exhibits open
- 8:00 – 3:00 pm Continuous program, lunch, breaks
- 3:00 – 5:00 pm Closing Ceremony

Program Formats

2017 Sections Congress format follows SC2014

- ❑ Ballroom
 - Opening Ceremony, Closing Ceremony, Plenary
- ❑ Meeting Rooms
 - Breakout Sessions – 55 minute slots - interactive
 - Briefs – 25 minute slot – informational
- ❑ Exhibition Hall
 - Lunch
 - Exhibit Booths
 - Ignites – 5 minute presentations (20 slides)
 - Learning Hubs - focus on tools and services 1:1
 - Student Projects
 - Lounges

SC17 Program Schedule

** Subject to Change*

Friday, 11 August

Opening Ceremony / Dinner	5:00 PM
Entertainment	8:00 PM

Saturday, 12 August

General Session Doors Open	8:00 AM	
General Session	8:30 AM - 10:30 AM	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> IEEE President – Karen Bartleson Keynote Speaker – Dr. Alan Finkel, Australia Chief Scientist MGA VP, Mary Ellen Randall 		
Break		10:30
Exhibits, Ignites, Learning Hubs		10:40 AM
Lunch	11:30 – 1:00 PM	
Breakout Session 1	1:00 PM	
Briefs 1 & 2	1:00 PM	
Breakout Session 2	2:00 PM	
Briefs 3 & 4	2:00 PM	
Break & Ignites	3:00	
Breakout Session 3	3:45 PM	
Briefs 5, 6 and & 7	3:45 PM	
Saturday Program Ends	5:15 PM	
TAB RECEPTION	5:30 PM	

Sunday, 13 August

General Session Doors Open	7:00 AM	
Exhibits, Ignites, Learning Hubs		
Breakout Session 3	8:00 AM	
Briefs 8, 9 & 10	8:00 – 9:25 AM	
Break & Ignites	9:30 AM	
Breakout Session 4	10:15 AM	
Briefs 11, 12 & 13	10:15 AM	
Lunch	11:30 AM	
Breakout Session 5	1:30 PM	
Brief 14	2:00 PM	
Break & Ignites	2:45 PM	
Closing Ceremony	3:15 PM	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Announce voting results Keynote Speaker – Kevin Knight, Pioneer in standardization of risk management Invitation to SC2020 Closing Remarks 		
SC2017 closes		5:00 PM

A select list of over 75 Planned Topics by Track

Engaging Members	Engaging Volunteers	Building Technical communities
IEEE Collabratec - Driving Toward a Next-Generation Professional Society	Driving Vitality of Sections, Chapters, and Affinity Groups	MGA conference successes for their communities
Driving Membership and Affinity Group Development through IEEE Collabratec	Public Visibility and Relationship	Why IEEE has to lead in ethics and technology
Standards: The Path to Industry Engagement	How to Establish and Maintain a Vibrant and Engaged Community of Young Professionals	Arranging Speakers for Section Meetings
Engaging and Embracing Young Professionals	Young Professionals for Section Chairs	Partnering with Technical Organizations
Engaging Students	Viable Financial Models for Organizational Units	Creation of Educational Material in Robotics and Automation (CEMRA) program
Engaging with Industry Professionals	Developing an Effective Section – Student Branch Connection	Building local technical communities in Chapters
Continuing and Professional Education: Helping Your Members Get the Information They Need to Stay Current in their Fields	Engaging young people: Listening to their needs	How To Run a Successful Entrepreneurship Event in Your Section or Region: The IEEE Entrepreneurship Toolkit
Member Grade Elevation - Senior Member and Fellow	Need Funding for your IEEE Project?	Producing Events for New Audiences
10 Things to Focus on for Social Media Success	Adapting Regions and Sections to better Serve Members	Let's Talk Conferences - Issues and Solutions
Inspiring a New Generation of Engineers: Resources to Empower Educators and Parents in Your Section	"Can You Hear Me Now?": Developing Marketing That Matters	Case studies in global development partnering
The IEEE Philanthropy and Humanitarian Continuum		Addressing tough social questions

Keynote Speakers

Dr. Alan Finkel – Australia's Chief Scientist, FIEEE(IMS), founder of Axon Instruments

Mr. Kevin Knight – For > 20 years, chair of Australia / New Zealand / International Standards in risk management AS/NZS/ISO31000

Region 2 – Travel Reimbursement

- *Region 2 will reimburse airfare to their primary section delegates in accordance with SC2017 travel policy prior to Sections Congress*
- *HQ will reimburse all other expenses directly to Primary Delegates after Sections Congress*
- All HQ reimbursement will be post congress
 - To the Regions for airfare from primary delegates who have been reimbursed
 - To the delegates for all other approved expenses.

Primary Delegates and R2 Travel Policy

1. Each Registrant is responsible for obtaining their flight to Section Congress at the most reasonable rate available.
 - Only Economy Class airfare will be reimbursed. Business class, Economy Plus and any other upgrades will not be covered.
 - Purchase of miles or points, to use in lieu, will not be reimbursed .
 - Primary Delegates (only) who are required to obtain a Electronic Travel Authorization (Visa Waiver) Fee will be reimbursed.

Primary Delegates and R2 Travel Policy

2.

Registrants who may be purchasing tickets to accommodate additional travel plans (i.e., alternate city than Sydney for arrival or departure or additional legs) prior or post Sydney must follow the following travel reimbursement policy:

Provide a copy of the quoted round trip ticket direct to Sydney and include a copy of the actual ticket purchased with alternate travel itinerary. Both ticket receipts must be generated and time stamped on the same day."

Primary Delegates and R2 Travel Policy

3. Follow expense reimbursement process.
 - Primary Delegate submits to MGA post Sections Congress
 - Remainder of R2 Committee submits to R2 Treasurer.

Primary Delegate Travel Reimbursement Process

❑ Must use the following link to obtain the expense report.

[IEEE Volunteer Expense Report](#)

❑ Submit post Sections Congress expense report to the following 5 contacts:

- Larry Bolsch - l.bolsch@ieee.org
- Geraldine Benedicto - g.benedicto@ieee.org
- Region Director
- Region Treasurer
- Region Coordinator

*Expense reports are to only be distributed to the individuals noted above. It is important expense reports are **not** sent to any additional staff groups such as WIE, YP, etc.

❑ Please anticipate 30 days to process all requests

❑ Please note –Cancelled flights that have been reimbursed by MGA must be refunded back to MGA.

Primary Delegate & Region 2 Hotel Policy

1. Section Primary Delegates & R2 Committee Attendees are covered for up to four hotel nights Covered hotel nights THURSDAY NIGHT THRU MONDAY MORNING ONLY.
2. The Hotel Registration link is accessed from the Sections Congress Registration site
 - A credit card is required to reserve your hotel room
 - Cancellation policy is listed on each hotel registration site
3. Any additional hotel nights outside Thursday through Sunday need to be booked individually. Carefully coordinate with hotel to avoid room changes during stay. This is your responsibility.

SC2017 Cost Per Person – Budget Estimate

Expense	Estimated Cost (USD)
Airfare	\$2,000*
Hotel – 4 nights	\$1,000
Ground Transportation	\$200
Registration	\$350
Daily Meal Reimbursement (7 meals not to exceed \$200 total reimbursement)	\$200
TOTAL	\$3,750

***Note: This is a budgeted average estimate only. Individual airfares will vary from the \$2,000 depending on travel routes and carrier.**

SC2017 Reimbursement Primary Delegate –vs- Non-Delegate R2 Committee

Expense	Estimated Cost (USD)	Primary Delegate	Non Delegate
Airfare	\$2,000*	Covered	\$2,000 Cap
Hotel – 4 nights	\$1,000	Covered	\$1,000 Cap
Ground Transportation	\$200	Covered	Not Covered
Registration	\$350	Covered	Not Covered
Daily Meal Reimbursement (7 meals not to exceed \$200 total reimbursement)	\$200	Covered	Not Covered
TOTAL	\$3,750	Covered	

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Region WIE, SAC and YP Coordinators

February 2017 MGA Board motion passed:

Resolved that the following motion shall be approved.

Support from MGA for IEEE Sections Congress 2017 for each Region to send up to:

1 Women in Engineering Coordinator

1 Young Professional Coordinator

1 Student Activities Coordinator

to cover up to 4 nights hotel and the SC2017 registration fee.* The Regions will cover any remaining costs (for example, airfare, meal expense, ground transportation).

* = per Sections Congress budget estimate per individual

If a Region does not send one of these Coordinators, the money from MGA can not be used to send a different individual.

Recommendations Process Timeline

Date	Action	Notes
18 Nov	MGA Board reviewed recommendations process; request for modifications made	Request for planning using individual region member survey data with focus on strategic areas;
5 Dec 2016	Recommendations form and instructions distributed to Region Directors, Director-Elects, SC2017 Coordinators	Target date based on changes being met and agreed. Region member segment data will be included
Jan to April	SC Coordinator, DE, RD meet to review	
1 May 2017	3 Recommendations to Program Committee per region	
2 May 2017-1 July 2017	Recommendations vetted (Program committee and OpCom)	
1 July 2017	List of Region recommendations distributed and added to mobile app, SC website, social media	Continuous discussion via social media, website, mobile app
11-13 Aug 2017	Voting is open; closes 9:00 am Sun	
13 Aug 2017	Top three Recommendations announced at Closing Ceremony	

Questions?

