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'A Good Life for Horses'

Conference Information

I hope you are well. Its only 2 weeks to go before we meet everyone in New Zealand, and to help you with your planning, the following information and advice is provided:

Transfers from Airports to Hamilton or Cambridge.

Cambridge is relatively easy to access by road if you choose to hire a car. The best alternative is to take a bus - Bus information can be found here <https://www.intercity.co.nz/north-island-buses/bus-to-cambridge> so that you can plan your journey. There are no direct planes from Auckland Airport, however if you land in Wellington, you will find a connection to Hamilton, and you can then take a bus ride from there to Cambridge. There are no train networks available.

The Bus stop in the Centre of Cambridge is referred to as **Cambridge i-SITE**

Accommodation

We hope that you have been able to use the many booking sites (eg Booking.com; bookabach etc) to find suitable accommodation in Cambridge or Hamilton or close by. If you haven't already booked accommodation, I suggest you do so soon.

Parking at the Conference Venue

There's ample parking space at the conference venue. Here are driving directions from Cambridge to help you find your way there. <https://www.google.com/maps/dir//601+Maungatautari+Road,+Leamington,+Karapiro+3494/@-37.9294396,175.4589414,12z/data=!4m8!4m7!1m0!1m5!1m1!1s0x6d6cfe6746331a33:0x1581711c37d58315!2m2!1d175.5413315!2d-37.92947?entry=ttu>

Buses to Conference Venue from Hamilton and Cambridge

To help us with our planning we would appreciate your early response regarding bus needs. As you may know the conference venue is outside of Cambridge on the banks of Lake Karapiro around 15 minutes' drive away. Please read the following and complete the Conference bus registration form using the link below.

We would appreciate your response by the 1st March 2024. Please click on the link for bus registration:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf5vlg7DvZL5Kh7E6YgjatH-EHefdW7mwGh7PQVDPECgxocSw/viewform?usp=sf_link

Please fill in this form only if you require a bus service to and from the ISES conference in Cambridge, NZ 14th-16th March. The bus service will run from Hamilton, via Cambridge Centre to the Conference venue. If you have your own transport, you do not need to complete the registration form.

Dress Code

You will find Kiwis to be relaxed and informal – I suggest that for the conference presentation days you dress for comfort and also check the weather. We will be walking and standing for the Field Day visits, so make sure that you have good footwear. The Gala dinner is when you get to bring out your finery if you want to get dressed up, and of course you'll need your dancing shoes!

Weather

Sorry its too early to tell! At the moment we are still having summer weather and day temperatures are around 22-25C and it's getting a bit cooler in the evenings. However, we can be a bit unpredictable with the changing weather patterns, so keep checking the weather forecasts at <https://www.weatherwatch.co.nz/forecasts/Cambridge>

Tourist places

There are so many places to visit – but if you want to see some of the popular Tourist places, I suggest that you book early. The following website might be helpful <https://www.cambridge.co.nz/> and you can visit the Cambridge Tourism Site in the Town Centre for information about how to book tours etc to Hobbiton, the Waitomo Caves and other delights <https://isite.nz/find-an-isite/listing/cambridge-i-site-visitor-information-centre>

Students/New to ISES?

If you are new to the ISES Conference experience and/or a student, Dr Colleen Brady is the ISES Council member who will be very happy to hear from you, as she will be arranging a time towards the start of the conference to meet you all and introduce you to each other and other ISES members and conference goers. Please reach out to her at: colleen.brady@equitationscience.com She will also be available at the Welcome Event on Wednesday evening.

Conference Proceedings download

You will be given a link to access the Proceedings the day before the conference. This will either be via email (if you are an online attendee) or in your welcome pack, or at the conference venue.

Wifi at Conference Venue

Will be available at the conference venue. Information will be provided upon arrival.

Welcome Event (Weds 13th March)

All of those attending in person can register your attendance and claim you conference bag, name lanyard and proceedings Link – at the welcome event that we are running at the Good Union in Cambridge. The event will be from 5 to 7 pm and there will be a grazing table and drinks available.

Virtual Attendance Option available

We're excited that due to the generous sponsorship of the FEI we have been able to offer virtual attendance tickets for those people unable to attend in person. Please share the link with your colleagues <https://events.humanitix.com/ises/tickets>

Workshops

If you have signed up for a workshop then please make sure you turn up 30 minutes before the start time. We are running two workshops at the Conference venue – *Equine Pain* in the morning – 9 am arrive, 9.30 start and 12.30 finish – and *Equine Emotions* 12.30 arrive, 1 pm start and 4 pm finish. There will be no formal transport provided to the venue from Cambridge – so please ensure you have a shared ride with someone who has hired a car (you can try using the Conference Facebook Event Page to contact other workshop or conference goers (<https://facebook.com/events/s/2024-international-society-for/737317028502738/>))

– or book a taxi <https://www.cambridgetaxis.co.nz/> or I believe that uber is available from Hamilton if you have the Uber App.

Conference Start time – Day 1

Bus information will be provided nearer the time and can be checked again on Weds Evening at the Welcome Event. The is to have buses pick up delegates who need a ride in Hamilton and then in Cambridge Town Centre to take people out to the Conference venue. Pick up times will be confirmed and circulated after the bus booking form has been completed by all who plan to use the buses by the 1st March.

The Conference starts on Day 1 with Delegates registering their attendance, picking up their conference name tags and bags. The Registration desk at the Don Rowlands Centre will be open from 7.30 am. The Conference Opening and Welcome will take place at approx. 8.45am.

Sponsors

We are especially pleased to have the generous support of our named conference Sponsors, World Horse Welfare and Winning Form. We are extremely grateful to all of our Sponsors for their support and interest in promoting the conference theme of "A Good Life for Horses". I am sure you will all join us in thanking them all for making this ISES NZ 2024 Conference possible.

Conference Etiquette

We want everyone to get the most out of the Conference and to go away feeling enriched. There are a few important ways that we can ensure that this is the case. Obviously, all of us are professionals which will mean that we are familiar with the importance of;

- Treating everyone with respect and consideration;
- Communicating openly and thoughtfully with others and being considerate of the multitude of views and opinions that are different than your own;
- Being respectful and mindful in your critique of ideas;
- Being an active listener, turning off your cell phone and avoiding exiting the room during a talk and
- Being mindful of your surroundings, your fellow participants, sponsors, conference volunteers, and venue hosts.

We also ask that you respect the rights of our presenters in relation to their research talk material. Sharing insights and key messages from presentations with your network or social media is encouraged, as long as you are not posting specific research aspects of an author's presentation. Recording of research presentations for use later, or posting directly onto social media is not appropriate. This must be done only with the permission of the authors. We are recording talks and will make the plenary talks available online within a few months of the conclusion of the conference, so private recording is not appropriate or necessary.

Have a safe journey from wherever you may be coming from to join us for the 2024 ISES Conference.

Warmest wishes

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Professor Nat Waran (Chair LoC)
Director (*A Good Life for Animals* – Companion Animals NZ)

Nau Mai, Harae Mai!

We look forward to welcoming you to Aotearoa - "*land of the long white cloud*"