

Speleo 2017 eBulletin

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If you haven't got your registration completed yet for Speleo 2017, you have mere weeks to finalise it. We are getting very excited putting the finishing touches together for this incredible UIS Congress. Don't forget to visit <https://www.speleo2017.com> for further information or email us at info@speleo2017.com with any enquiries.

Speleo 2017 Organising Committee

Important Dates

14 July 2017	Pre-Congress excursions begin to start
23 July 2017	Speleo 2017 begins!!
	Registration Desk open
	First UIS General Assembly
	Welcome Party
24 July 2017	Opening Ceremony
	Donor's Dinner
26 July 2017	Mid-Week Excursions
28 July 2017	Speleo 2017 Banquet
29 July 2017	Second UIS General Assembly
30 July 2017	Post-Congress excursions begin to start

Program

Amongst all the serious science and exciting exploration, we have allocated time and space for the Speleo 2017 Speleo Olympics! Whether you are a gun-ho vertical climber who can prussic 100 m in mere milliseconds or a seasoned old salt who prefers to tackle such feats in a more gentlemanly/leisurely manner, we encourage all Congress registrants to partake. And of course, an Australian gathering of cavers is not true to form without the shenanigans of our own self-styled Speleo Olympics. This obstacle course, based on cave related manoeuvres, is fun for both participants and the attending audience it attracts. Designed for young and old of all fitness levels, you'll be sure to want to get a team together and join in the fun!

Day Registrations

Day registrations can be made via going to 'Register' on the website home page. Day registrants will receive a congress bag, congress handbook and congress proceedings on USB.

Besides attending the paper sessions on the day they attend, day registrants can participate in the evening social program for that day as well as all activities in the exhibition marquee. These include the following open Monday, Tuesday and Thursday:

- Compete in the Prusik Challenge and Speleo Olympics.
- View the award-winning Sixteen Legs exhibit on the mating of the Tasmanian cave spider.
- Interact with the vendors and exhibitors.
- View cartography and art salons, scientific posters, photography competition.
- Nominate their Caver's Choice award preferences for the photo competition and scientific poster prize.

Cost of day registration is \$150.00. For further enquiries contact David Butler at: registrations@speleo2017.com

Congress Banquet

If you have not already done so it is not too late to book to attend the 17th ICS Banquet. The Congress Banquet will be held on Friday 28 July at 7.00 pm in the Marquee at Panthers. This two-course meal will include a main and dessert and all diners will have vouchers for two drinks (wine, beer or soft drink). A bar will be open from 6.00 pm and throughout the evening to purchase additional drinks. Entertainment will be provided by the Waradah Aboriginal dance group <http://waradahaboriginalcentre.com.au> and UIS and Congress competitions prize-winners will be announced during the evening. A table-plan will be available at the Congress registration desk during the Congress where reservations for table places can be made.

For bookings and payment details contact David at registrations@speleo2017.com. Bookings will be closed from 16 July 2017.

Donors' Dinner

Associated with the 17th International Congress's social program, a special Donors Dinner is being held on Monday evening 24 July to raise funds for the ASF's Karst Conservation Fund (KCF). Enjoy a 3 course meal (including drinks) with like-minded cavers in the cosy ambience of 'The Village' - a former church, now converted into a boutique restaurant. Be captivated by Steve Milner as he gives a talk about his recent photo survey expedition of the Nullarbor limestone cliffs; a project supported by the KCF.

Anyone is welcome to book and attend this special social event, regardless of attending the Congress. Cost is \$250 with proceeds to help fund further projects. Contact David at registrations@speleo2017.com to make your booking.