NZRA & IFPRA Asia Pacific Congress

Making Connections - Make a Difference!

Registration Brochure

16 Sep - 18 September | 2008

CHRISTCHURCH, NEW ZEALAND

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Christchurch and the wider Canterbury region have a rich and intriguing past that extends back many hundreds of years. Market Square (known today as Victoria Square) was an important trading and meeting place for Ngāi Tahu from all over the region. To commemorate the importance of this place a six metre high poupou was erected on the banks of the Ōtākaro (Avon River). Carved from a giant trunk of totara, it was crafted by local artist and master carver Riki Manuel. The poupou is rich in symbolism, representing all inhabitants, their ancestry and their resources.

Cover photo acknowledgement: Poupou sculpture, Victoria Square.

The Congress organisers would like to acknowledge and thank the following organisations for their contributions to making the Congress a success:

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Haere mai - Welcome

Mihimihi (words of welcome)
E ngā mana
E ngā reo
Rau Rangatira mā
Tēnā koutou katoa.

Nau mai, haere mai ra, e ngā manuhiri tūārangi ki te whenua nei o Aotearoa,
Haere mai ki Te Waipounamu, ki Te Whenua o Te Potiki o Tautahi,
Arā, ki Ōtautahi.
No reira, ki ngā tāngata o ngā hau e whā,
Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tenā koutou katoa.

FROM THE CONGRESS CONVENERS
Making Connections – Make a Difference!
is an unique Congress combining the 2008 New Zealand Recreation Association (NZRA) National Conference with the International Federation of Parks and Recreation Administration (IFPRA) Asia Pacific Congress.

The Congress offers an exciting range of international and New Zealand experts talking on the areas of sustainability, inclusiveness and environmental sensitivity. These varied and thought-provoking sessions will engage you mentally – while the field trips offered will physically transport you to some of the host city’s best and emerging recreation venues.

For those who wish to extend their time in the South Island, we have put together a post-congress ‘technical tour’ – which will take in the breathtaking scenery of New Zealand’s West Coast, Haast, Wanaka, Queenstown and Milford Sound. This is a wonderful opportunity for visitors to see and learn about local gardens, parks, camping and playground facilities. Places of historic importance, action adventure activities, fabulous restaurants and scenic lookouts will be included - this tour is all about mixing business with pleasure.

We look forward to meeting you and making connections which will make a difference.

Russel Wedge & Paul Wilson
Co-convenors
FROM THE MAYOR OF CHRISTCHURCH

Christchurch is delighted to host the 2008 New Zealand Recreation Association and International Federation of Parks and Recreation Administration Asia Pacific Congress.

The people of Christchurch are very hospitable and we enjoy having international visitors adding vibrancy to our city. Graced with tree-lined streets and wonderful gardens, kilometres of walking trails and hectares of parks and green space, Christchurch is known as the ‘Garden City’. Central city attractions include the Arts Centre, the Christchurch Art Gallery, Canterbury Museum and our magnificent botanic gardens all within easy walking distance of each other.

I hope you may have time to visit some of the outer reaches of the city. A special place for me is Banks Peninsula and the township of Akaroa, where you can enjoy the French influence of this delightful harbour resort, and view some of the most splendid landscapes and seascapes you will see anywhere in the world.

We look forward to welcoming you to our great city.

Bob Parker
Mayor
Organising committee

CONGRESS ORGANISING COMMITTEE
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Venue and host city

**Congress venue**
The Christchurch Convention Centre is situated in the heart of Christchurch’s CBD at 94 Kilmore Street. Surrounded by quality accommodation it is only 15 minutes from Christchurch International Airport.

**Host city**
Christchurch, New Zealand’s ‘Garden City’, is world-renowned for its parks, trees and gardens. The city’s population of around 350,000 has more than 700 parks that are widely used for conservation, recreation and sporting activities. Christchurch is the largest city in the South Island of New Zealand and is sited on the Canterbury Plains between the Southern Alps and the Pacific Ocean. The city occupies flood plain, sand dunes, wetlands, tidal estuary and part of a volcanic crater rim known as the Port Hills. Otautahi is the general Māori name for Christchurch City. The name is derived from the Ngāi Tāhu chief ‘Te Potiki Tautahi’ who built a settlement on the banks of Ītākaro, the Avon River.

[www.christchurchnz.net](http://www.christchurchnz.net)
Social functions

MAYORAL RECEPTION

WHEN: Monday 15 Sept, 6.00 – 7.30pm
VENUE: Convention Centre  DRESS CODE: Tidy casual
COST: Ticket included in full registration fee

Christchurch Mayor, Bob Parker will officially open the 2008 Congress with light refreshments to follow.

NEW ZEALAND RECREATION ASSOCIATION AWARDS AND GALA DINNER

WHEN: Wednesday 17 Sept, 6.30pm - midnight
VENUE: Christchurch Convention Centre  DRESS CODE: Semi formal
COST: Ticket included with full registration fee.
Additional tickets $100 plus GST

A chance to get together, celebrate excellence and dance the night away with Level 3 - a 17 piece big band.

TAMAKI HERITAGE VILLAGE – LOST IN OUR OWN LAND

optional evening entertainment

WHEN: Tuesday 16 September, 6.00pm
VENUE: Ferrymead Heritage Village  DRESS CODE: Warm, casual
COST: $106.67 per person

Lost in Our Own Land is a true story of one people, torn between two worlds. A spectacular encounter that involves a cast of more than 40 actors and traverses two villages (one Maori and one European) and almost 200 years of New Zealand history.

You will watch a battle unfold and witness two proud cultures navigate their way through tumultuous times. The evening concludes with kapahaka (Maori song and dance) and an authentic hangi feast.

This function is a must see for locals and visitors.

Level Three is a 17 piece band, (see photo above) made up of highly talented musicians of various ages, with separate vocal, rhythm and horn sections, often all performing together on stage.

The majority of Level Three's songs are from the seventies and eighties era, and when this is combined with the bands exceptional level of talent and ability to perform, it creates a show that will appeal to a wide range of audiences.

The Level Three band consists of three female and three male singers, three guitarists, keyboard player, bass player, drummer, percussionist, three saxophonists, two trumpet players all on stage. It’s an exceptionally impressive sight and sound!
# IFPRA Programme

**Programme**

(subject to change)

## IFPRA Programme

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<td>Mountain biking, Christchurch City bike tour, Akaroa Harbour</td>
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<td>IFPRA Commissioner’s workshop</td>
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<td>IFPRA Commissioner’s dinner</td>
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## Congress Programme

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<td>JOLT performance</td>
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<td>11:15am – 12:00pm</td>
<td>No Exceptions - a national leadership programme in NZ for removing barriers to participation.</td>
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<td>► How recreation planning has influenced wider Christchurch City Council inclusive practices.</td>
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<td>► NZ National Outdoor Recreation Strategy.</td>
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<td><strong>Trip 3</strong>&lt;br&gt;Urban fringe park use, management and environmental education. Port Hills.</td>
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<td><strong>Trip 5</strong>&lt;br&gt;Christchurch city bike tour. <a href="http://www.chchbiketours.co.nz">www.chchbiketours.co.nz</a></td>
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<td>Optional social function - Tamaki Heritage Village</td>
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<td><strong>Keynote:</strong> Gil Penalosa. Creating better communities and improving quality of life through the promotion of walking and bicycling as activities and of public spaces, parks and trails as great places. <a href="http://www.walkandbikeforlife.org">www.walkandbikeforlife.org</a></td>
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<td><strong>Lead Speaker:</strong> Anne Pattillo. Leading the community connection. <a href="http://www.pattillo.com/places">www.pattillo.com/places</a></td>
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<td><strong>Inclusive visions into action!</strong> Practical ‘how to’ focused discussion of best practices of inclusion. Presenter to be confirmed</td>
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<td><strong>Survivability</strong> - securing our future. Policy, processes and practices. Presenter to be confirmed</td>
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<td>Lyon, France, an eco-friendly city you’ll never forget.</td>
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<td><strong>Closing keynote:</strong> Barbara Kendall</td>
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**Friday 19 September – Sunday 21 September**

Optional Post Congress Tour
Speakers

Keynote Speakers

Dr. Carol Stensrud is an international figure in the inclusive recreation movement, known for her provocative (yet practical) research, training and development related to social justice through leisure.

Carol is an inclusive recreation researcher, trainer, author and Consultant Senior Lecturer for Lincoln University’s community Recreation Degree. She is also a Professor Emeritus of Leisure Studies, California State University at Sacramento, USA.

In her presentation entitled ‘To health, happiness, prosperity and peace: the contribution of parks and recreation services to the ‘good’ community and social justice’ – delegates will be asked to consider if we are evolving towards the ‘good’ community? A community where everyone feels safe, valued and has opportunities for health, happiness and well-being? Or…are we on our way to dis-ease, dis-engagement, dis-trust, and dis-crimination?

The JOLT mixed ability dance troupe will precede Carol’s session. JOLT is one of Christchurch City Council’s KiwiAble award winning programmes.

Gil Penalosa is a multicultural executive and social marketing strategist, passionate about improving quality of life. He does this by promoting walking and bicycling as activities, and parks, trails and other public spaces as great places – this fosters healthier communities with happier residents.

Gil holds a Master in Business Administration (MBA), and following years of private and public sector experience, the Mayor of Bogotá, Colombia (pop. 7 m), appointed him Commissioner of Parks, Sport and Recreation for the City. Gil led his team to design and build more than 200 parks – and they successfully opened 91 kms of car-free city roads (the Ciclovia) on Sundays, where more than 1.5 m. people come out weekly to walk, run, skate and bike.

As well as being a successful international speaker and consultant, Gil is Executive Director of Walk & Bike for Life. In his presentations on creating better communities, he develops strong linkages of walking, bicycling, parks and trails, with improving personal and public health, enhancing our transportation systems, providing recreation for all, a cleaner environment and advancing economic development.

Gil also works as Director of Healthy Places Initiatives with New York
Steve Coleman has mobilized tens of thousands of people to reclaim community parks, forging partnerships across the Washington, DC region. He is a leader in the growing worldwide urban parks movement - assisting park partnerships worldwide.

In 1994, the President and Vice President of the United States honored Steve and the late Josephine Butler for creating one of America’s top parks/community partnerships. This involved the dramatic transformation of Meridian Hill/Malcolm X Park from Washington’s single most violent national park into one of its safest.

In 1999, Steve led the establishment of the Josephine Butler Parks Center inside the former Embassy of Hungary – a permanent 18,000-square-foot ‘greenhouse’ for seeding community reclamation of the District of Columbia’s long forgotten community parklands.

As Executive Director of Washington Parks & People, Steve leads the capital’s 17-year-old alliance of community parks partnerships, which owns and operates the Parks Center as well as the Riverside Center east of the Anacostia River.

www.walkandbikeforlife.org

Steven Carden is an Engagement Manager in McKinsey & Company’s New Zealand office. Before joining the New Zealand team, Steven spent three years serving North America's largest companies out of the New York office.

Steven is the founder of The First Foundation, New Zealand’s largest private provider of post-secondary education scholarships to financially-disadvantaged youth. In 2005, Steven was named as one of New Zealand’s six emerging leaders by the Sir Peter Blake Trust. He recently published a book on New Zealand’s future called ‘New Zealand Unleashed’ (Random House, 2007).

Before attending Harvard Business School, Steven was the Chief Executive Officer of FlyingPig - New Zealand and Australia’s largest online retailing store. Before this, he was a communications director for NZ Funds Management, New Zealand’s largest private funds management firm.

Barbara Kendall, MBE, is a popular Olympic gold medal winner and is often called NZ’s golden girl. Barbara has tremendous drive and commitment and has numerous world titles to her credit despite very daunting circumstances. Barbara is also a member of many international and national sporting boards, patron to several recreational organisations, and mentor for the Air New Zealand Inspiring New Zealanders program. Barbara, having just returned from competing at the Beijing Olympics will share some of her sporting experiences encouraging delegates to take risks, follow dreams and succeed.

www.barbarakendall.co.nz
Lead Speakers

Diane Menzies is President of the International Federation of Landscape Architects and a member of the IUCN World Commission on Protected Areas. Her Ph.D. in Resource Studies concerned rural environmental quality issues. Before her appointment in 2001 as Commissioner of the New Zealand Environment Court, Diane was a landscape planning consultant.

Diane's session ‘Making connections’ covers nearly 30 years experience in environmental management. Beginning with Wellington city’s parks; fast forwarding to the Port Hills 2000 millennium project; and then to community participation in a waterfront management project in the vast spaces and water ‘objects’ of Siberia (which involved resource conservation, tourism and best practice planning and design).

Anne Pattillo’s high-profile experience and sharp intellect has cemented her reputation as a leader in her field. With a real belief in the people she works with, Anne has become iconic in her representation of the art of participation. She is the Vice President of the International Association of Public Participation (IAP2), the Deputy President of IAP2 Australasia, and the only New Zealand-based provider of internationally accredited training in this field.

Anne’s session ‘Leading the community connection’ looks at the role of community in making a difference? She asks how organisations best work with communities to make better decisions and improve outcomes? Her session contains the best international practice in every day community engagement and participation.

Daniel Boulens is the City of Lyon’s Open and Green Spaces Department General Manager. He holds a Masters Degree from Grenoble University and became an agronomy engineer after attending the National Agronomy Institute in Paris. Daniel has worked in landscape design in Saudi Arabia, and has many years public sector experience - developing a green master plan and implementing a national award winning floral program while working for the City of Grenoble.

Daniel’s session ‘Lyon, the city you’ll never forget!’ reveals how, during the past six years, the City of Lyon, France, has achieved outstanding results managing its local environment and has become a leader in numerous quality of life (QOL) fields.
Concurrent Sessions

**Dr. Vernon L. Andrews** is currently a senior lecturer at the University of Canterbury in Christchurch, New Zealand. A sociologist from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Vernon teaches in the American Studies Program on Sport, Race and Ethnicity, Film and Contemporary African American Culture and Hip-hop Culture. Vernon previously served as company historian and a writer in the public relations department of Hewlett-Packard Company in Silicon Valley, California.

In his session ‘Reweaving the youthful, ethnic urban fabric through sport, recreation and leisure contact’, Vernon proposes sport, leisure and recreation can be healthy and fun – but they can also help reweave the urban tapestry of ethnically, linguistically and economically diverse cities.

**Tony Moore** is Christchurch City Council’s Principle Advisor on Sustainability. He is a passionate advocate for sustainability and has worked for the council for seven years coming from Landcare Research Ltd. Tony has a background in ecology and a Masters Degree in Environmental Policy from Lincoln University. He is the author of the council’s Sustainability Policy, Waste Management Plan and Climate Change Strategy. He delivers sustainability within the council and across the city, through numerous programmes and inspiring others to take action.

In his session ‘Survive-ability: securing our future’ Tony suggests ‘sustainability’ is a word often used, seldom understood and rarely practiced - yet it is vital to our survival. He believes the challenges of climate change and peak oil prices require our society to quickly transition to a low carbon, renewable economy, but how?

**Jeanette Fich Jespersen** is the International Manager of KOMPAN Play Institute. Her professional background as a lecturer and assistant professor at universities in Germany and Denmark has given her a fundamental insight into research-based knowledge, communication and sharing.

In her session ‘Connecting with young people – six principles for successful designs’, Jeanette shows how the youth problems that many societies face (in combination with the decline of physical activity in teenagers) have made outdoor youth facilities more relevant than ever. She says the challenge of erecting places for the youth is to know what actually works when it comes to increasing self-chosen, outdoor physical activity for them. What do they like? What do they want? And what does it take to target their needs successfully?

www.kompan.com

**Grant Cleland and Trisha Ventom** will demonstrate how recreation planning influences inclusive practices. This session will explain how KiwiAble was introduced and what it has achieved. It will also explore ways to develop and implement inclusive environments within other organisations.

Grant Cleland’s company, Creative Solutions, provides disability-related advice and support for organisations, disabled people and their support networks. He is a trained social worker and, born with a physical impairment, Grant has extensive experience as a consumer, provider, purchaser and manager of disability support services.

Trisha Ventom is passionate about ‘inclusion’ and has played a pivotal role promoting an inclusive, welcoming service within community recreation.

Please note: additional speakers are still to be confirmed
Mark Hadlow is a professional actor for nearly thirty years. From The Court Theatre in Christchurch to the Auckland Theatre Company. Mark's array of acting credits include lead roles, support roles, spear-carriers to musicals. From Shakespeare to Sheridan, and Pinter to Porter, reviews have always described his energy as electrifying and brilliant, and his comic timing is superb. One of his own personal highlights is the critically acclaimed one man show S.N.A.G which he performed throughout New Zealand, The Edinborough Festival, Australia and Fiji. In 1995 he won ENTERTAINER OF THE YEAR and a year later BEST THEATRICAL performance for S.N.A.G.

Not content with his performance, directorial and producing skills in live Theatre, his most recent appearance was in the Peter Jackson block buster film KING KONG. Mark is also a major radio voice over artist, and is contracted to the RADIO NETWORK in Christchurch. He does a considerable amount of corporate work, from M.C’ing Conferences to motivational speaking and performing in New Zealand and the UK. Mark's latest appointment is Event Production Team Manager for the successful and innovative Christchurch City Council Events Portfolio.

Stephen Cheney is a Principal of Suters Prior Cheney Architects in Melbourne. He is an industry recognised authority on the strategic planning, design and construction of multipurpose community, sport, leisure and aquatic facilities.

In recent years, Stephen's specialised recreation facility expertise has seen him become an expert in the redevelopment of existing sports and aquatic centres. His innovative approach, and complete understanding of operational imperatives have been widely utilised for the masterplanning of numerous existing centres.

Community facilities ranging from small community aquatic and recreation centres, through to regional facilities will be explored together with examples of current day community connected facilities. Urban precinct planning models and environmentally sustainable ‘whole of life’ solutions will be reviewed, together with the question - have these facilities lost their heart and soul?

Nicky Sherriff, SPARC Senior Policy Advisor for The National Outdoor Recreation Review has been underway for more than a year now. The review has focused on the provision of outdoor recreation facilities and infrastructure, user demand and how more New Zealanders can use and appreciate our outdoor environment – from the coastline to urban parks to back country. Nicky will provide an update on where the review is at and facilitate a session on the way forward for the Outdoor Recreation Industry.
Field trips

The field trips offer a great chance to better understand local parks, programmes and recreation management issues in the field. Please wear suitable clothing and footwear for being outdoors. Bookings are required as numbers are limited and you may not get your first choice.

All field trips depart at 1.30 pm from the Convention Centre and return at 4.30 pm.

Tuesday 16 September

FIELD TRIP 1
Inclusive parks and recreation facilities, QEII Park.

QEII Park has developed from the venue of the 1974 Commonwealth Games to a phenomenon among Australasian sports and leisure facilities. Innovations include the development of new technology in water heating and the Southern Centre. More than two million visitors a year enjoy the park’s themed leisure pools, aquatic competition facilities, athletic stadium, first class indoor cricket courts, New Zealand’s premier gymnastics suite, golf course, driving range – the list goes on.

The Southern Centre, which received the World Winning Leisure Award for Excellence and Innovation in 2006, is a sensory world of light, sound, scent and touch. Come along and experience first-hand an array of sensory experiences, and learn how to create an environment that will enable you to become catalysts for inclusive experiences.

Your visit to QEII Park will show how a community recreation facility can be truly inclusive of the entire community. It is not to be missed!

FIELD TRIP 2

Established in 1863, the Christchurch Botanic Gardens are set within the confines of the Avon River which passes through Hagley Park (part of the green heart of the city). The gardens are an oasis in the city - 30 hectares of beautiful horticultural displays, plant collections, several conservatories, memorials, garden art and walking tracks.

The vision for these gardens is to be foremost in celebrating and presenting plant diversity through collections and programmes, including promoting the relationships people have with plants. This field trip will look at the development of the gardens and partnerships that deliver projects, joint marketing, visitor experiences, scientific and research opportunities, and discuss the future vision for this ‘Garden City’ icon.

FIELD TRIP 3:
Urban fringe park use, management and environmental education, Port Hills.

Since the early 1860s the Port Hills have been both a physical barrier to the early settlers of Canterbury and a highly valued recreational playground. In 1906 one of New Zealand’s earliest reserves was created on these hills – Kennedy’s Bush. From modest beginnings to today, these hills provide for a wide range of recreational activities and levels of exertion. Remote walks in Podocarp forests, rock climbing volcanic crags, extreme downhill mountain bike action or travel on accessible standard tracks enables a cross section of society to enjoy this scenic landscape.

From the Port Hills above Christchurch, enjoy a stunning scenic view of the Canterbury...
Plains and Southern Alps. While walking a selection of tracks around Victoria Park, talk to the rangers about a variety of recreation management issues such as:

- Managing multi-use activities.
- Track design and standards.
- Fostering and managing downhill mountain biking.
- Managing the mix of recreation, grazing and conservation values.
- Environmental Education Outside the Classroom and in our parks – where it’s ok to get mud between your toes and wind in your hair.

FIELD Trip 4
Styx Vision 2000 – 2040

The Styx River, a spring-fed river ecosystem located on the northern urban edge of Christchurch City, is in an area undergoing rapid change as the city expands northwards. An innovative long term project known as the ‘Styx Vision 2000 – 2040’ (involving the community, tangata whenua, local organisations and councils) seeks to protect it in the long term.

A trip to Janet Stewart Reserve will enable you to experience firsthand some of the developments and partnerships that have occurred through the crystallisation of this vision. These include the development and management of a pa harakeke (flax garden), waka trips on the Styx River, and community monitoring programmes.

Further information about the ‘Styx Vision 2000 – 2040’ and waka boat trips can be obtained from the following web sites www.thestyx.org.nz and www.katoro.co.nz

FIELD Trip 5 & 9
Christchurch City Bike Tour

Stretch your legs and explore the best of Christchurch on a city bike tour in two hours, with a friendly and entertaining local guide leading you at a relaxed pace. You will see Cathedral Square, The Arts Centre, Antigua Boatsheds, Riccarton House, Deans Cottage and Riccarton Bush, Mona Vale and New Regent Street. (Limited to 10 people). www.chchbiketours.co.nz

Wednesday 17 September

FIELD Trip 6
Multi-use recreational environment on the City Edge.

An introductory tour of recreational parkland and conservation areas in peri-urban Christchurch City samples a variety of settings and activities within half an hour’s drive of the city centre.
Visit Spencer Park and Brooklands Lagoon - both a destination for family recreation and a parkland undergoing ecological restoration and recreational re-invigoration. Drive through Bottle Lake Forest - a commercial forest with huge public usage facing growing demand from an evolving range of recreational activities. Despite experiencing pressure from urban growth, the forest includes wetland and coastal restoration projects.

This trip includes short stops at the Bottle Lake Forest Park Headquarters where local park rangers will give you an insight into their role and responsibilities managing Christchurch’s regional parks, and at the Bottle Lake Forest Landfill which is now being rehabilitated to enable recreation use as well being a source of biogas for the city.

The trip includes plenty time to stretch your legs (even a chance for a short bike ride in the forest), with commentary from City Council Rangers and Restoration Project Leaders.

FIELD TRIP 7
The challenges and rewards of renewing Aranui.

Aranui Community Renewal is a partnership between the Christchurch City Council, Housing New Zealand, and the Aranui Community with the aim of enhancing Aranui as a good place to live. A range of social, environmental, and economic issues are being addressed within the community.

Unique aspects of this project are the inter-unit relationships within the council; inter-agency relationships and collaboration; relationships with the community, the level of community engagement, the size and scope of the community renewal and the overlaps between various aspects of it. The successful Aranui Community Renewal is an excellent model for promoting community well-being.

FIELD TRIP 8:
Transport workshop with Gil Penalosa

Further to Gil’s keynote presentation this is an exciting opportunity for recreation and transport professionals to uncover more of the international trends, infrastructural requirements and logistical considerations to increase cycling and walking in your area. Gil’s knowledge and understanding is internationally renowned and he has spoken at numerous international conferences on this topic. This will be an interactive session catered to meet the needs and desires of those who attend.

FIELD TRIP 9:
Christchurch City Bike Tour. See field trip 5 for details.

FIELD TRIP 10:
Development of recreational youth spaces through partnerships

Learn how an energetic scout group with a clear vision and the necessary skills gained the support of local schools and the community board to build an indoor climbing wall as a core activity for the scout group and a day centre for adventure-based education. Further collaboration with the climbing wall builder led to one of the scout leaders developing an entirely new concept in indoor climbing ‘Clip’n’climb’ - where theme park meets climbing wall “It is turning people on to climbing in the way that leisure pools make kids want to learn to swim … because they want to have fun.”

En route hear the Washington Skate Park story where local skaters, BMXers, council and Convic Design Ltd are working together to develop a multi-use youth space.
Accommodation

(All prices are in New Zealand dollars and include GST)

Preferential accommodation rates have been secured by the congress organisers at the hotels listed below.

To book accommodation, please use the registration form or the online registration form.

**Crowne Plaza Hotel**

Ideal situated central to Victoria Square and beside the Avon River, Crowne Plaza Christchurch has the city at its doorstep. It is physically linked to the Christchurch Convention Centre, adjacent to the Christchurch Casino, and is just minutes from the central business district and all leading city attractions.

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**Holiday Inn City Centre, Christchurch**

Right in the heart of the city is Holiday Inn City Centre Christchurch hotel. The hotel is ideally located for the business traveler, holidaymaker or conference delegate alike. It is just a 10 minute walk away from the congress venue.

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**Holiday Inn on Avon**

Nestled alongside the banks of the River Avon and on the edge of the busy central business district, this hotel with extremely spacious rooms is a 15 minute walk away from the congress venue.

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**Scenic Circle Fino Casementi All Suite Hotel**

Scenic Circle Fino Casementi All-Suite Hotel enjoys a premium location in central Christchurch. A two minute stroll through beautiful Victoria Square brings you to the very heart of the city. The hotel is opposite the Town Hall, next door to the convention centre and close to the casino.

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**Hotel SO**

Hotel SO is an innovative new Christchurch Hotel. Its philosophy is simple: they believe that great design, technology and service is available at a great price. Each room is full of smart features including free wireless broadband, flat screen entertainment system, and controllable mood lighting. Hotel SO redefines affordable Christchurch accommodation, be one of the first to experience it!

Please note that rooms are not serviced as part of the accommodation rate, if you require your room to be serviced daily, the Hotel will charge you an extra $15 per day. You can change your towels daily by exchanging them in the Hotel laundry area, this is free of any additional charges.

The majority of the rooms do not have a window, if you require a window in your room, please indicate on the registration form in the "special requirements" area in the accommodation section.

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**Copthorne on Durham**

A leading four-star business class hotel, just across from the casino and convention centre and a few minutes walk to all of the central cities attractions. Accommodation includes standard or executive rooms and premium executive, two bedroomed or family suites, some boasting spectacular views across the Southern Alps. All rooms have air-conditioning. Facilities include Zoe’s streetside brasserie and bar, gymnasium, spa and sauna, complimentary car parking, complimentary guest computer with internet access, bike hire and complimentary golf green fees.

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**TERMS & CONDITIONS**

- **Hotel deposits** - A deposit equivalent to one night’s room rate must be forwarded with your request for accommodation. This deposit must be in the form of a credit card guarantee.

  The card number will be forwarded to the hotel and the equivalent of one night’s room rate may be debited to your card. The card number will continue to be held by the hotel to settle any further charges on departure.

  Accommodation reservations are not confirmed until payment is received.

- **Amendments** - Any addition or amendment to accommodation requirements must be advised in writing to the congress managers, not to the hotel directly.

  Early and late arrivals - If you are likely to arrive at your hotel after 6:00pm, please advise the congress managers from Convention Management.

  Otherwise your room may be released and your deposit forfeited.

  Please also note that for arrivals prior to check-in times listed, rooms cannot be guaranteed unless the previous night has also been reserved.

  Hotel rooms will only be held until 6:00pm, unless otherwise specified and held by a credit card supplied to secure your reservation.

  Additional charges may apply for late checkout.

- **Hotel cancellations and refunds**

  Any alterations or cancellations must be notified in writing to the congress managers from Convention Management.

  Deposits paid on hotel reservations which have been cancelled by written notice to the conference managers and received more than 30 days prior to the commencement of the congress, will be refunded in full. Refunds for any cancellation received within the 30-day period will be at the discretion of the hotel, but a cancellation fee of $50.00 will apply regardless.
Registration information

**Registration fees**

*Please note all fees listed do not include GST of 12.5%*

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Please note the reduced registration rates:

- **Early rate** is only available until 31 July 2008
- **Normal rate** is available between 1 August and 1 September 2008
- **Late rate** from 2 September 2008
Full registration fee are inclusive of the following:

- Name badge
- Congress satchel
- Entry to all business sessions
- Field trips
- Lunches, morning and afternoon teas
- Welcome function, Monday 15 September
- New Zealand Recreation Association award ceremony and gala dinner, Wednesday 17 September

**Student Rate**

To register as a student, your student ID number must be provided along with the institution you are studying at. This rate entitles you to attend Congress sessions only; it does not include any social functions or Congress satchel.

Student Flat Rate Registration – This is a flat rate, early, normal and late fees do not apply

**NZRA / IFPRA Membership**

Non members attending the Congress are also invited to join both NZRA and IFPRA at a special introductory rate. This all-inclusive fee is listed under the IFPRA /NZRA category on the registration information, Pg 22.

**NZRA:** 1 July 2008 until 30 June 2009

**IFPRA:** From registration until 31 March 2009

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**Congress Partner Airline**

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Post Congress Tour

Indicative programme

The tour begins in Christchurch on Friday 19 September (the morning following the conclusion of the congress). The tour is suitable for congress delegates and partners and will involve daily short walks requiring suitable footwear and outdoor casual clothes.

Day 1

The tour begins with the early morning Tranz Alpine scenic train, which leaves Christchurch and winds its way across the heart of the South Island through Arthur’s Pass National Park to Greymouth on the West Coast. A bus trip along the beautiful West Coast will be highlighted with visits to Rhododendron Gardens and scenic view points.

Day 2

A walk through breath-taking scenery to the ‘Mirror Lake’ (Lake Matheson), and a fantastic walk to the face of one of New Zealand’s massive glaciers will be an experience not to forget. We will continue the tour down the West Coast through Westland’s National Park before heading inland to the gates of Haast and on to the township next to Lake Wanaka.

Day 3

Wanaka, an outdoor paradise for the mountain enthusiast, is a bustling town facing issues of growth and pressures for non mainstream recreation activities. Our visit will include new playground developments, Wanaka Station Park, Bullock Creek, and the mountain valley settlement of Cardrona.
**Day 4**

From Wanaka we drive to Queenstown, a thriving town based at the edge of Lake Wakatipu. We will visit the Queenstown Gardens and the town’s ‘pocket parks’, take the old working steamer from Queenstown Wharf to Walter Peak Sheep Station and enjoy an inspiring day on a high country sheep farm. The morning will finish with a kiwi-style barbecue at the old farm house located on the lake shore, before visiting historic Arrowtown where we will explore the Chinese Gold Miners Village and find out how community planning is trying to keep the town’s unique historic ambiance while managing the pressures of an increasing number of visitors. The day will finish with a beautiful dinner at the Skyline Restaurant high above Queenstown, looking out across Lake Wakatipu.

The tour concludes at 12.00pm and participants not staying for the optional days (see below) will be taken to the airport.

The four day tour (five nights in share twin accommodation) will proceed if a minimum of 20 people book to participate. The tour costs NZ$1,900 + GST ($2,185 inc) and includes meals (but excludes alcoholic drinks).

While some may head home from Queenstown, others may wish to stay. For those that remain, a visit to the historic Shotover Bridge, Walkway Trust Project and free time in Queenstown will be provided.

**Day 5** *(Optional extra at additional cost, paid on the day)*

Take the gondola to Bob’s Peak to explore the recreational opportunities available for the daring. Enjoy the walk down the mountain to One Mile Creek walkway and see an historic power station restoration project.

**Day 6** *(Optional extra at additional cost)*

Take a bus ride to the beautiful Milford Sound in Fiordland National Park and explore the Sound by boat. You will see breathtaking Mitre Peak rising from the water (sometimes dolphins can also be seen).

Bus to Milford Sound and exploring the Sound by boat NZ$220 + GST ($253 inc) per person, plus accommodation at $65.00 + GST per person (share twin in Queenstown) total cost $285.00 + GST ($327.75 inc) (excludes breakfast, lunch and dinner which is at own cost).

**Day 7** *(Optional extra at additional cost)*

A bus will take us to the northern end of Lake Wakatipu where we will jet boat from the township of Glenorchy up the Dart River through the Mt Aspiring National Park, and concluding with a short walk in the beautiful National Park.

**Jet boat and Mt Aspiring National Park day trip:**
NZ$190 + GST ($218.50 inc) per person, plus Accommodation at $65.00 + GST ($9.75 inc) per person (share twin in Queenstown)
**Total cost $255.00 + GST ($293.25 inc)***(excludes breakfast, lunch and dinner which is at own cost).*

The tour concludes at 2.00pm and participants will be taken to the airport.
The information you supply on the registration form will be shared and used between the organising committee of the NZRA National Conference 2008 and IFPRA Asia Pacific Congress 2008 for the purposes of this event and for notification of subsequent events.

You are entitled to ask Convention Management (CM) for access to, and to correct, your personal information. Unless you request otherwise, your name will be included in the list of participants, which will be distributed to those attending the congress, including sponsors and exhibitors.

Neither the organising committee of the NZRA National Conference 2008 and IFPRA Asia Pacific Congress 2008 and its constituent members acting as organisers (known collectively as ‘the organisers’), nor Convention Management, can accept any liability for death, injury, any loss, cost or expense suffered by any person (including accompanying persons or partners or attendant caregivers), if such loss is caused or results from the act, default or omission of any person other than an employee or agent of the organisers or CM.

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Neither the organisers nor CM is able to give any warranty that any published speaker or performer will appear as a speaker, panelist or performer. The organisers reserve the right to alter or amend the programme and its contents as they see fit and as circumstances dictate without further recourse to any registered delegate or attendee.
Christchurch City Venue Maps

- Air Force Museum
- AMI Stadium
- Camelot Cathedral Square Hotel
- Campus Living Villages NZ
- Chateau Blanc Suites
- Chateau on the Park (The)
- Christchurch Art Gallery
- Christchurch Convention Centre
- Christchurch Town Hall
- Commodore Christchurch Airport
- Copthorne Hotel Christchurch Durham Street
- Crowne Plaza
- George Hotel (The)
- Heritage Hotel Christchurch
- Heritage Hotel Hanmer Springs
- Holiday Inn Christchurch City Centre
- Holiday Inn on Avon
- Hotel Grand Chancellor
- Hotel Ibis
- Hotel So
- International Antarctic Centre
- Latimer Hotel
- Lincoln Hospitality (University)
- Millennium Hotel Christchurch
- Mona Vale Homestead
- Peppers Clearwater Resort
- Riccarton Park
- Rydges Hotel Christchurch
- Scenic Circle - Cotswold
- Scenic Circle - Fino Casementi
- Sudima Christchurch
- Tamaki Heritage Village
- Terrace Downs
- The Arts Centre Venues
- The Oaks Smartstay Apartments on Cashel Street
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