

The 3rd International Conference on Mycorrhizas (ICOM3), July 2001, Adelaide, South Australia: “Diversity and Integration in Mycorrhizas”

The 3rd International Conference on Mycorrhizas (ICOM3) will be held at the Adelaide Convention Centre, Adelaide, South Australia on 8–13 July (inclusive) 2001. *Bookmark the following web page now and watch for announcements:* http://www.waite.adelaide.edu.au/Soil_Water/3icom.html

The conference will highlight:

1. Fungal diversity in systematics and ecology
2. Fungus-plant interactions: from genes to structure and function
3. Nutrient acquisition
4. Mycorrhizas in plant ecology, including stressed environments
5. Practical applications: vegetation restoration, horticulture and agriculture

Different mycorrhizal types (ecto-, arbuscular, ericoid, orchid and others) will be covered in the same sessions.

Programme format

- ⇐ Monday to Thursday
- *Keynote speakers* (invited)
- *Symposia* (invited)
- *Offered papers* (concurrent sessions)
- *Posters* (displayed for at least 2 days, with plenty of time for viewing and discussion)
- *Workshops*. Time has been set aside in the programme and individuals or groups are now invited to submit suggestions for discussion topics to the Chair of the Organising Committee Professor Sally Smith (sally.smith@adelaide.edu.au)

The social program

- *Welcome mixer* on Sunday evening 7 July, with Registration.

- *Wines of the world* (a now traditional event for ICOM)
- *Conference dinner* on Thursday evening (Hardy's Winery)
- *Excursions* for all participants on Friday.

Venue

The Adelaide Convention Centre is in downtown Adelaide, within easy and safe walking distance of hotels, college accommodation, restaurants, cafés and the main central shopping mall.

The State Museum, Library, Art Gallery and Festival Centre are all within a few hundred metres of the Convention Centre along tree-lined North Terrace. Two of South Australia's universities (The University of Adelaide and the University of South Australia) are also close by. Further along North Terrace (about 15 min or so on foot) are the Zoological Gardens and the Botanic Gardens, with its award-winning tropical conservatory. Adelaide makes a very good base for excursions to superb coast and bushland. There are many wineries in the region. Bus tours to local fauna parks, wineries etc are readily available.

For more information on opportunities for tourism visit the ICOM3 web page which is linked to the official site of the Australian Tourist Commission.

Discount airfares

Ansett Australia and the Star Alliance are the official airlines for ICOM3. For registrants travelling within Australia, Ansett Australia are offering a special conference discount of 45% off the full economy class airfare on allocated seats. Negotiations are being held with the new Star Alliance Group with regard to discounted international flights. Updated information should be up on our web site shortly.

Information and mailing

The Directory of Mycorrhizologists is on display at <http://mycorrhiza.ag.utk.edu/a.htm>

This list will be used as the basic mailing list for the conference. To ensure that you receive **future announcements** about ICOM3, either check your details now and send any corrections and additions to Bob Augé at auge@utk.edu or (if you do not wish to be included in the directory) mail Sally Smith at the address above.

The list will be used for an 'e-mail-out' in May 2000 and for all future correspondence. Hard copies will be posted only to those who do not have an e-mail address, so make sure that we have this information. Alert your friends and colleagues.

Sponsors

ICOM3 is sponsored by the Australian Academy of Science, The University of Adelaide, New Phytologist, The Centre for Plant Root Symbioses and The CRC for Molecular Plant Breeding. Additional sponsorship is being sought and interested sponsors should contact Sally Smith.

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