

AN OPPORTUNITY TO CONNECT WITH INDUSTRY LEADERS AND UPCOMING SCIENTISTS  
IN AUSTRALASIA'S POLYMER SCIENCE COMMUNITY



# 39th Australasian Polymer Symposium

7-10 December 2025 | Canberra Rex Hotel



## SPONSORSHIP INFORMATION

[www.auspolymersymposium.org.au](http://www.auspolymersymposium.org.au)



## INVITATION FROM THE CONVENOR

### Welcome to the 39th Australasian Polymer Symposium

The Australasian Polymer Symposium (APS) is held every eighteen months to two years. The next meeting will be held in Australia's capital – Canberra – for the first time. It is a great meeting where polymer scientists from Australia and New Zealand can come together with international researchers to share their latest research and build connections. This meeting will have multiple themes covering all the important and emerging areas of polymer science which have most importance for our changing world. Including polymer synthesis and characterisation, biomaterials, composite materials and additive manufacturing, sustainability, health and polymers in industry and translational research. We invite you to support this important field of science, fostering early career researchers and future development in polymer science.

**Professor Luke Connal**  
Australian National University

## ORGANISING COMMITTEE

### Convenor

**Professor Luke Connal** – Australian National University

### Committee

**Dr Craig Bell** – University of Queensland

**Associate Professor James Blinco** – Queensland University of Technology

**Dr Nathan Boase** – Queensland University of Technology

**Professor Justin Chalker** – Flinders University

**Dr Robert Chapman** – University of Newcastle

**Dr Tim Davey** – Dulux Australia

**Associate Professor Jianyong Jin** – University of Auckland

**Associate Professor Angus Johnston** – Monash University

**Professor Tanja Junkers** – Monash University

**Dr Kristian Kempe** – Monash University

**Professor Kristopher Kilian** – University of NSW

**Dr Jan Lauko** – University of Queensland

**Associate Professor Melanie MacGregor** – Flinders University

**Associate Professor Markus Muellner** – The University of Sydney

**Associate Professor Georgina Such** – University of Melbourne

**Associate Professor Stuart Thickett** – University of Tasmania

**Professor Kristofer Thurecht** – Centre for Advanced Imaging, University of Queensland



The Polymer Division is the largest organisation representing polymer scientists, engineers and technologists in Australasia. The aim of the Polymer Division is to promote the professional activities of our members, both within our borders and on the international stage. The services we offer include organisation of scientific and educational meetings, promotion of individual scientists, provision of expert consulting advice, and publishing of proceedings, journals, books and other matter.

## WHY YOU SHOULD PARTNER WITH US AT 39APS

- Engage and connect with industry leaders, peak body representatives, opinion shapers and professionals working in the polymer field that are directly relevant to your target market.
- Exclusive branding opportunities including the Symposium Dinner, Welcome Reception, Mobile App, Wi-Fi, Name Badge and Lanyard, Poster Session, ECR Lectures and more.
- Build relationships with delegates at key social functions.
- Generate extensive new leads from Australia and overseas.
- Increase your brand awareness before, during and after the symposium through EDM's, signage, website, handbook and program opportunities.
- Drive awareness and sales by participation in the exhibition hall and exhibitor prize draw. The symposium supplies a prize valued at \$250+ to encourage attendee enthusiasm.
- Expose your organisation to leading polymer scientists, researchers and academics.
- Communicate key messages aligning your organisation with the conference themes ranging from polymeric composites and nanocomposites, polymers as therapeutics and diagnostics to biodegradable polymers and polymers in schools. (See page 4 for the full list of conference themes).
- Build long term relationships with potential and existing customers.

## WHO WILL YOU CONNECT WITH?

**39APS** will attract around 250 academics, researchers, research students and industrial professionals from universities, research organisations and industries in the polymer field in Australia, New Zealand and around the world, including the current world-leaders in polymer research.

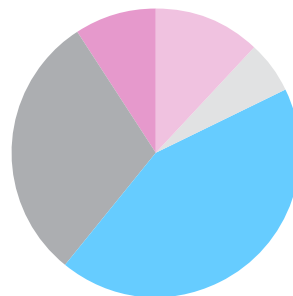
### DELEGATES ATTENDING ARE IN ROLES SUCH AS:

- Directors
- Professors
- Lecturers
- Product Specialists
- Researchers
- Senior Engineers
- Early career researchers, students and postdocs

### 2024 DELEGATE STATISTICS

Conference held in Auckland, New Zealand.

#### DELEGATE BY POSITION



- Academic 40%
- Student 30%
- Scientist & Researcher 12%
- Management Level 9%
- Other 6%

### FAST FACTS

7–10 December 2025

Canberra Rex Hotel, ACT

250+ Australian and international delegates expected to attend

THE AUSTRALIAN  
CHEMISTRY INDUSTRY  
CONTRIBUTES \$48  
BILLION TO THE  
AUSTRALIAN GDP.

JOIN US AT 39APS TO  
MEET THE KEY  
DECISION-MAKERS.

# PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

## SUNDAY 7 DECEMBER

1300 – 1700 Registration Open  
1800 – 2000 Welcome Reception

## MONDAY 8 DECEMBER

0800 – 1700 Conference Sessions  
1800 – 1900 Poster Session

## TUESDAY 9 DECEMBER

0900 – 1700 Conference Sessions  
1830 – 2000 Student Night

## WEDNESDAY 10 DECEMBER

0900 – 1700 Conference Sessions  
1900 – 2300 Symposium Dinner

Please note, dates and times are a guide only and may be subject to change.

# PLENARY SPEAKERS



**PROFESSOR  
BRENT SUMERLIN**

University of Florida



**PROFESSOR  
GEORGINA SUCH**

University of Melbourne



**PROFESSOR  
CRAIG HAWKER**

Co-Director, California  
NanoSystems Institute



**PROFESSOR  
CHRISTINE  
LUSCOMBE**

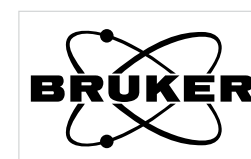
Okinawa Institute of  
Technology

## SYMPOSIUM THEME ORGANISERS

| THEME   | SYMPOSIUM LEADER  |
|---|---|
| Additive Manufacturing                                | Associate Professor<br>Stuart Thickett                                |
| Polymers for Health                                   | Dr Kristian Kempe &<br>Professor Georgina Such                        |
| Polymers in Industry<br>and translation               | Dr Tim Davey  |
| Advanced Polymer<br>Synthesis and<br>Characterisation | Professor Tanja Junkers<br>and Associate Professor<br>Markus Muellner |
| Polymer Sustainability                                | Professor Justin Chalker<br>and Professor Luke<br>Connal              |
| Biomaterials  | Dr Jan Lauko  |
| Composites, colloids and<br>processing                | Dr Nathan Boase   |



## PREVIOUS SPONSORS & EXHIBITORS



### HOW TO SIGN UP AS AN EXHIBITOR?

1. Click [here](#)
2. Sign up and make payment
3. Upload your logo and company profile

For additional information,  
please contact:  
**kim@laevents.com.au**

## OUR COMMITMENT TO YOU

Our commitment to you begins the moment you confirm your partnership package. Our dedicated conference team will provide you with clear and timely responses and information relating to your package. We aim to do our best to maximise the exposure of your partnership. A planned marketing strategy will ensure that you and your brand will receive widespread exposure in the lead up to, during and post conference.

## TESTIMONIALS

*Leishman have been running our APS Conferences since 2007 and have done a fantastic job every time. They ensure that attendees at APS conferences are engaged with exhibitors in a win-win situation that strengthens and supports our community.*

### **Michelle Coote**

Australian National University, RACI Polymer Division, Past President

*TA Instruments have a long and productive association with the Australian Polymer Symposium, being a trade exhibitor and sponsor. The conferences provide us an opportunity to showcase our latest releases while communicating with existing customers and future prospects, being a part of the vibrant scientific community. It is always run professionally and efficiently.*

### **Steve Shamis**

TA Instruments, Previous Sponsor



## KEY CONTACTS



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# PACKAGES AT A GLANCE

All prices shown are in \$AUD, inclusive of GST.

| 39APS                                   | Packages available | Speaking Opportunity | Exhibition Space | Website, App, handbook, EDMs, venue signage etc | Networking | Advertisement in the handbook | Registration | Dinner Tickets | Delegate List |
|---|--------------------|----------------------|------------------|---|------------|-------------------------------|--------------|----------------|---------------|
| Platinum Sponsor - Exclusive - \$11,000 | 1                  | 2 opp                | ✓                | ✓   | ✓          | ✓                             | 3            | 6              | ✓             |
| Gold Sponsor - Exclusive - \$9,900      | 1                  | 1 opp                | ✓                | ✓   | ✓          | ✓                             | 2            | 2              | ✓             |
| Silver Sponsor - \$7,700                |                    |                      |                  |   |            |                               |              |                |               |
| Barista Cart                            | 2                  |                      | ✓                | ✓   | ✓          | ✓                             | 1            | 1              | ✓             |
| Name Badge & Lanyard                    | 1                  |                      | ✓                | ✓   | ✓          | ✓                             | 1            | 1              | ✓             |
| Poster Session                          | 1                  |                      | ✓                | ✓   | ✓          | ✓                             | 1            | 1              | ✓             |
| Bronze Sponsor - \$5,500                |                    |                      |                  |   |            |                               |              |                |               |
| Mobile App                              | 1                  |                      | ✓                | ✓   | ✓          | ✓                             | 1            |                | ✓             |
| WiFi                                    | 1                  |                      | ✓                | ✓   | ✓          | ✓                             | 1            |                | ✓             |
| Plenary Speaker                         | 4                  |                      | ✓                | ✓   | ✓          | ✓                             | 1            |                | ✓             |
| Copper Sponsor - \$3,300                |                    |                      |                  |   |            |                               |              |                |               |
| Early Career Researcher Lectures        | 7                  |                      |                  | ✓   | ✓          | ✓                             |              |                | ✓             |
| Scientific Theme                        | 7                  |                      |                  | ✓   | ✓          | ✓                             |              |                | ✓             |

Sponsorship packages are linked to key events or opportunities within the conference program.

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# THE DESTINATION

## CANBERRA, AUSTRALIA

As Australia's capital city, Canberra is a vibrant and modern destination that seamlessly blends culture, history, and natural beauty. Designed by renowned architect Walter Burley Griffin, the city is home to iconic national institutions, including Parliament House, the National Gallery of Australia, and the Australian War Memorial. With its spacious layout, beautiful parks, and scenic Lake Burley Griffin at its heart, Canberra offers a welcoming and inspiring environment for visitors.

Beyond its rich history and political significance, Canberra is a hub for innovation, research, and education, making it an ideal setting for conferences and professional gatherings. Delegates can enjoy a thriving food and wine scene, world-class museums, and easy access to stunning natural landscapes, from the nearby Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve to the wineries of the Canberra District. With excellent transport links, a range of premium accommodation options, and a reputation for hosting successful events, Canberra provides the perfect backdrop for a productive and memorable conference experience.



# THE SYMPOSIUM VENUE



## CANBERRA REX HOTEL

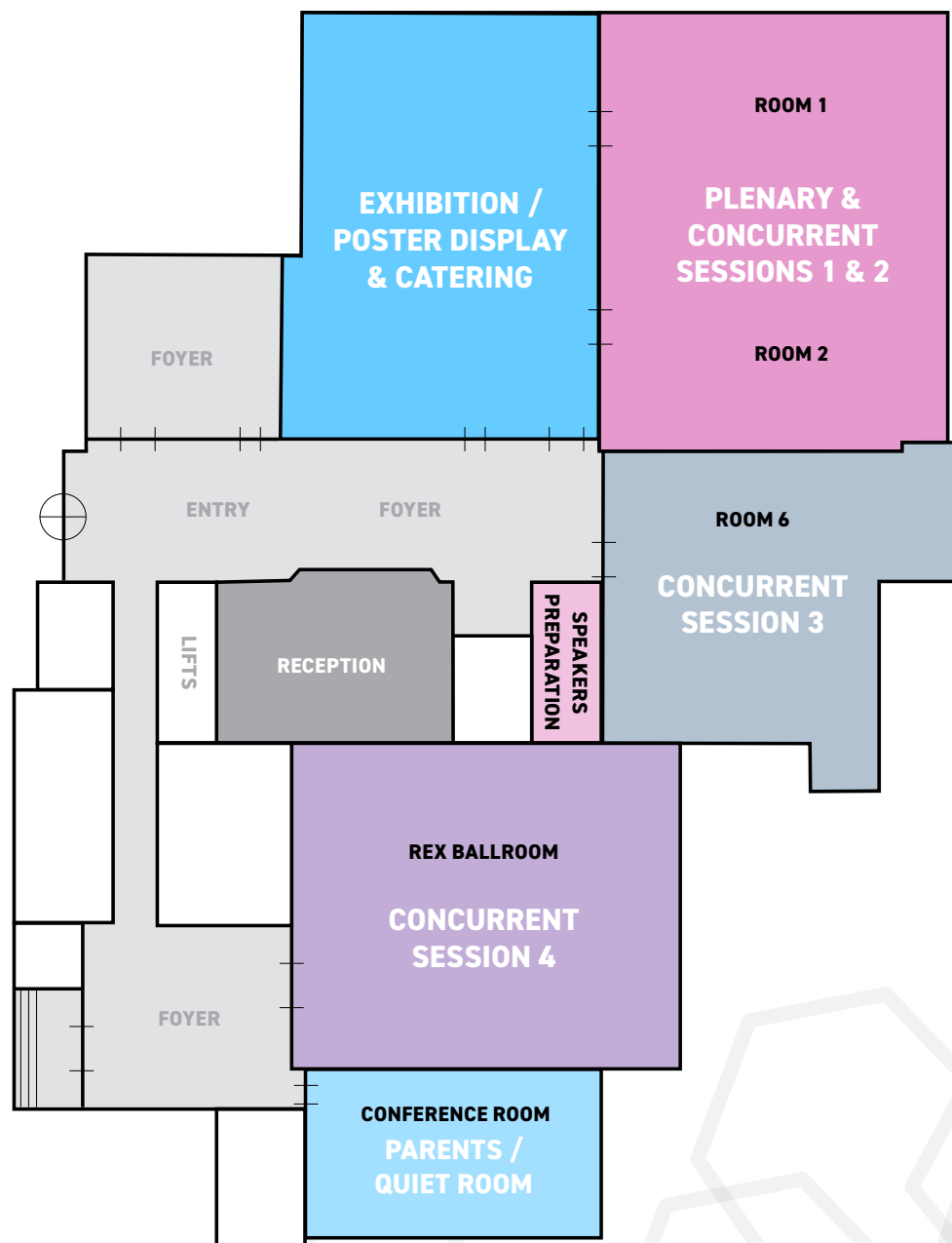
Built in 1959 as "the Luxury Hotel" in the nation's capital, the Canberra Rex has stood as an iconic landmark for over 55 years. A home away from home for accommodations and celebrations enjoyed by all including royalty, foreign dignitaries, world famous entertainers, prime ministers and US Presidents.

The Rex Hotel has been beautifully restored to its former glory, making it one of Canberra's prominent landmarks the epitome of classic elegance and style. With stunning rooms, spacious suites, amazing apartments, fabulous restaurant, fantastic facilities and personal service, there is really no where better to stay.

Located on Northbourne Avenue, the gateway to the CBD, the hotel offers warm and personal service with a unique blend of bespoke accommodations styling with modern comfort to meet the needs of guests today.

A convenient central location, with easy access to National attractions, shopping, restaurants and business precedents make the Rex Hotel the obvious choice.

The Canberra Rex Hotel – at your service.



# SPONSORSHIP PACKAGES

All sponsorship packages are shown in Australian Dollars (AUD\$). If you'd like to discuss your involvement, we are happy to combine packages to meet your needs for the level of exposure you are aiming to achieve.

## PLATINUM SPONSOR INVESTMENT \$11,000

### PROMOTION

- Exclusive recognition as Platinum Sponsor of 39APS
- An opportunity to address the symposium during the opening plenary session (5 minutes maximum)
- Exclusive sponsorship of the Symposium Dinner, with an opportunity to welcome guests to the dinner (3 minutes)
- Sponsor of Monday Refreshments
- Logo recognition as the Platinum Sponsor in all symposium promotional material, including symposium Mobile App, website (including link and company profile) and signage
- Opportunity to provide a small, branded gift for each delegate at the dinner (to be provided by sponsor)
- Recognition as the Platinum Sponsor on dinner menus and signage
- Verbal recognition throughout as the Platinum Sponsor
- Sponsor's own signage displayed at the Symposium Dinner (sponsor to supply. A maximum of two pull up banners to be displayed)
- One electronic advertisement for inclusion on the symposium Mobile App (finished artwork to be supplied by sponsor)
- Dedicated EDM to conference delegates with your content
- 2 x social posts to polymer community
- Opted-in delegate list – name, organisation, position, city and country

### REGISTRATION AND EXHIBITION

- Three full registrations to attend the Symposium including day catering, Welcome Reception, Poster Session and Symposium Dinner
- Five additional tickets to attend the Symposium Dinner (in addition to those already included in registrations)
- Two dressed trade table and two chairs in a prominent location





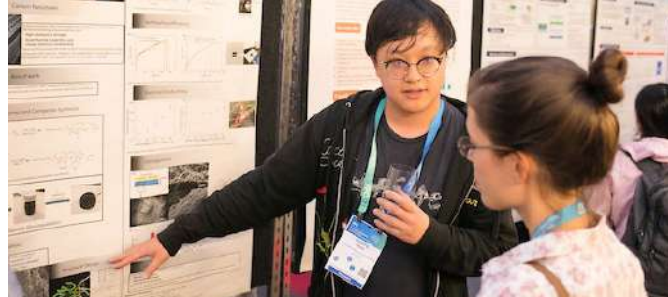
## GOLD SPONSOR INVESTMENT \$9,900

### PROMOTION

- Exclusive recognition as Gold Sponsor of 39APS
- Exclusive sponsorship of the Symposium Welcome Reception, with an opportunity to welcome guests at the end of the opening Plenary session before guests move through to the Welcome Reception
- Sponsor of Tuesday Refreshments
- Logo recognition as the Gold Sponsor in all symposium promotional material, including symposium Mobile App, website (including link and company profile) and signage
- Your signage will be prominently displayed at the Welcome Reception (sponsor to supply. A maximum of two pull up banners to be displayed)
- One electronic advertisement for inclusion on the symposium Mobile App (finished artwork to be supplied by sponsor)
- 2 x social posts to polymer community
- Opted-in delegate list – name, organisation, position, city and country

### REGISTRATION AND EXHIBITION

- Two full registrations to attend the symposium including day catering, Welcome Reception, Poster Session and Symposium Dinner
- One dressed trade table and two chairs in a prominent location



## SILVER SPONSOR INVESTMENT \$7,700

### BARISTA CART

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#### PROMOTION

- Recognition as a Silver Sponsor of 39APS
- Naming rights and exclusive sponsorship of the 39APS Barista Cart and Lounge
- Opportunity to brand the barista cart area – two pull up banners and promotional material within the area
- Opportunity to supply corporate branded aprons, caps and coffee cups
- Logo recognition as the Barista Cart Sponsor in all symposium promotional material, including symposium Mobile App, website (including link and company profile) and signage
- One electronic advertisement for inclusion on the symposium Mobile App (finished artwork to be supplied by sponsor)
- Opted-in delegate list – name, organisation, position, city and country

#### REGISTRATION AND EXHIBITION

- One full registration to attend the symposium including day catering, Welcome Reception, Poster Session and Symposium Dinner
- One dressed trade table and two chairs

**Choose to be aligned to these elements within the symposium.**

### NAME BADGE AND LANYARD PROMOTION

- Recognition as a Silver Sponsor of 39APS
- Exclusive sponsorship of the Delegate Name Badge and Lanyard
- Logo recognition as the Delegate Name Badge and Lanyard Sponsor in all symposium promotional material, including symposium Mobile App, website (including link and company profile) and signage
- Your organisation's logo printed on each delegate's name badge and lanyard alongside the 38APS conference logo
- One electronic advertisement for inclusion on the symposium Mobile App (finished artwork to be supplied by sponsor)
- Opted-in delegate list – name, organisation, position, city and country

#### REGISTRATION AND EXHIBITION

- One full registration to attend the symposium including day catering, Welcome Reception, Poster Session and Symposium Dinner
- One dressed trade table and two chairs

### POSTER SESSION PROMOTION

- Recognition as a Silver Sponsor of 39APS
- Exclusive sponsorship of the Poster Session
- Logo recognition as the Poster Session Sponsor in all symposium promotional material, including symposium Mobile App, website (including link and company profile) and signage
- Sponsor logo to be printed on all poster numbers
- Your Sponsor's own logo to appear on the screen in the plenary hall prior to the Poster Session and acknowledgement given by the last sessions chair
- One electronic advertisement for inclusion on symposium Mobile App (finished artwork to be supplied by sponsor)
- Opted-in delegate list – name, organisation, position, city and country

#### REGISTRATION AND EXHIBITION

- One full registration to attend the symposium including day catering, Welcome Reception, Poster Session and Symposium Dinner
- One dressed trade table and two chairs



## BRONZE SPONSOR INVESTMENT \$5,500

### MOBILE APP PROMOTION

- Recognition as a Bronze Sponsor of 39APS
- Exclusive sponsorship of the 39APS Mobile App
- Logo recognition as the Symposium App sponsor on access instruction information
- Your organisation's logo on the landing page of the app
- Logo recognition as the Mobile App Sponsor in all symposium promotional material, including symposium Mobile App, website (including link and company profile) and signage
- One electronic advertisement for inclusion on the symposium Mobile App (finished artwork to be supplied by sponsor)
- Opted-in delegate list – name, organisation, position, city and country

### REGISTRATION AND EXHIBITION

- One full registration to attend the symposium including day catering, Welcome Reception, Poster Session
- One dressed trade table and two chairs

Choose to be aligned to these elements within the symposium.

### WI-FI PROMOTION

- Recognition as a Bronze Sponsor of 39APS
- Logo recognition as the Internet (Wi-Fi) Sponsor on access signage around venue
- Logo recognition as the Internet (Wi-Fi) Sponsor in all symposium promotional material, including symposium Mobile App, website (including link and company profile) and signage
- One electronic advertisement for inclusion on the symposium Mobile App (finished artwork to be supplied by sponsor)
- Opted-in delegate list – name, organisation, position, city and country

### REGISTRATION AND EXHIBITION

- One full registration to attend the symposium including day catering, Welcome Reception, Poster Session
- One dressed trade table and two chairs

### PLENARY SPEAKER

#### 4 AVAILABLE

### PROMOTION

- Recognition as a Bronze Sponsor of 39APS Exclusive sponsorship of one Plenary Speaker
- Logo recognition as the Plenary Speaker Sponsor in all symposium promotional material, including symposium Mobile App, website (including link and company profile) and signage
- Verbal Recognition by the Chair prior to and at the conclusion of the plenary speakers presentation
- Organisation logo to appear on the screen in the session room prior to and at the conclusion of the plenary speaker's presentation
- One electronic advertisement for inclusion on the symposium Mobile App (finished artwork to be supplied by sponsor)
- Opted-in delegate list – name, organisation, position, city and country

### REGISTRATION AND EXHIBITION

- One full registration to attend the symposium including day catering, Welcome Reception, Poster Session
- One dressed trade table and two chairs

# COPPER SPONSOR INVESTMENT \$3,300

Choose to be aligned to these elements within the symposium.

## EARLY CAREER RESEARCHER LECTURES

7 AVAILABLE

### PROMOTION

- Recognition as a Copper Sponsor of 39APS
- Sponsorship of the Early Career Researcher Lectures
- The sponsor will be aligned to ECR presentations in a selected theme
- Logo recognition as the Early Career Researcher Lectures Sponsor in all symposium promotional material, including symposium Mobile App, website (including link and company profile) and signage
- Verbal Recognition by the Chair prior to and at the conclusion of each Early Career Researcher presentation
- Organisation logo to appear on the screen in the session room prior to and at the conclusion of the session
- One electronic advertisement for inclusion on the symposium Mobile App (finished artwork to be supplied by sponsor)
- Opted-in delegate list – name, organisation, position, city and country

## SCIENTIFIC THEME

7 AVAILABLE

### PROMOTION

- Recognition as a Copper Sponsor of 39APS
- Exclusive sponsorship of one Symposium Theme
- Logo recognition as the Theme Sponsor in all symposium promotional material, including symposium Mobile App, website (including link and company profile) and signage
- The opportunity to display one pull up banner in the session room
- Organisation logo to appear on the screen in the session room prior to and at the conclusion of the session
- One electronic advertisement for inclusion on the symposium Mobile App (finished artwork to be supplied by sponsor)
- Opted-in delegate list – name, organisation, position, city and country





## Symposium Marketing & Public Relations

A professionally planned marketing strategy will ensure the benefits of attending 39APS are widely known internationally. Extensive direct mail campaigns, an official website supported by regular email newsletters plus editorial and advertising in professional publications will provide potential delegates, sponsors and exhibitors access to current information about the symposium.

## Exhibition Details

All conference lunch and refreshment breaks will be held in the exhibition area to ensure a high traffic flow of delegates.

Please note the floor plan is subject to change at the discretion of the venue or the conference organisers at any time. The floor plan for the exhibition will be forwarded as soon as it is finalised.

## Additional Tickets and Registrations

An additional exhibitor registration can be purchased for \$800 each, which includes:

- Daily catering
- Attendance at symposium sessions
- Attendance at the Welcome Reception

Dinner tickets may be purchased separately. Venue and price to be announced.

This Exhibitor/ Sponsor Pass is significantly reduced from the standard delegate fee as recognition of your company's support of the event. Please note there is a maximum of two additional exhibitor registrations per sponsor or exhibitor.

## Appliance Testing

All electrical appliances and leads used on site must comply with the Australian Standard AS/NZ 3760:2010, which requires the appliance to be inspected, tested and tagged. Items that do not comply will not be

permitted to be used onsite. Electrical items such as switchboards, cables and outlet fittings must comply with the Australian electrical wiring standard AS/NZS 3000:2007 and be installed by a qualified A grade electrician. Note: Double adaptors will not be permitted on site, instead power boards with overload cut off are permitted. NO TE: The venue is at liberty to check that the electrical appliances you bring on site are appropriately tagged.

## Event Sponsorship and Exhibition Application Terms and Conditions

A full set of terms and conditions for conference sponsorship and exhibition packages are available on the conference website. When you complete the online acceptance form, you will be required to acknowledge your agreement to these terms and conditions to complete the submission process.



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