

1st IMO-GloFouling Research & Development Forum on Biofouling Management

Meeting and accommodation information

Venue:	<i>Melbourne Conference & Exhibition Centre, Melbourne</i>
Dates:	1 to 4 October 2019

ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation should be booked directly by the participants. The GloFouling Project will provide a per diem to cover the cost of accommodation, meals, incidentals and travel to/from the airport.

There are numerous options for booking accommodation in Melbourne to attend the 1st R&D Forum. The following websites can be used to book hotels, serviced apartments, bed and breakfasts, houses and other accommodation types:

Trivago (<https://www.trivago.com.au/>)

Booking.com (<https://www.booking.com>)

Expedia (<https://www.expedia.com/>)

Wotif.com (<https://www.wotif.com/>)

There are many other websites. Please note there is no specific endorsement of any of these websites by the GloFouling Project, UNDP, GEF, IMO or the organisers of the event.

Below are listed some accommodation options within walking distance of the conference venue (Melbourne Conference & Exhibition Centre, Southbank), and similarly close to the vibrant Southbank entertainment precinct and Melbourne's CBD. This is by no means an exhaustive list and there is no particular preference or recommendation.

Hilton Melbourne (South Wharf) (350 m to venue)

2 Convention Centre Place, South Wharf 3006

Phone: +61-3-9027-2000

Each of the stylish guest rooms, suites and executive rooms in the Hilton Melbourne South Wharf hotel have been innovatively designed and are inspired by the forms and tones of the iconic Yarra River. Take in panoramic views of the bay or bustling city from stunning floor to ceiling windows, unwind in the oversized bathroom or surf the web with WiFi. Upgrade to an executive room for outstanding views, turn down service and exclusive access to the Executive Lounge serving complimentary breakfast and refreshments.

Crowne Plaza Melbourne (300 m to venue)

1-5 Spencer Street, Melbourne 3008

Phone: +61-3-9648-2777

Crowne Plaza Hotel Melbourne is a 4½ star hotel in Melbourne city, located on Spencer St on the fringe of the CBD. Just a short stroll to Crown Casino, Docklands and South Wharf, Crowne Plaza Melbourne is a Southbank hotel ideally situated on the banks of the Yarra River. Providing guests with picturesque city and river views, Crowne Plaza Melbourne is known as one of the best hotels in Melbourne.

Quest Grand Hotel Melbourne (550 m to venue)

33 Spencer St, Melbourne VIC 3000

Phone: +61-3-9611 4567

Set in a grand stone building dating to the 1880s, this refined apartment hotel sits at the western edge of the city centre. It's a 4-minute walk from Southern Cross station and a 10-minute walk from the MCEC convention centre. Classic studio and 1- to 2-bedroom apartments offer full kitchens, sofas and desks, plus cable TV and paid Wi-Fi. The 1- and 2-bedroom apartments have mezzanine bedrooms and separate living areas; upgrades add contemporary decor and Nespresso

coffeemakers. Room service is available. Amenities include a casual restaurant and lounge bar, as well as an indoor pool, a hot tub and a sauna. Parking is available for a fee.

Vibe Savoy Hotel Melbourne (900 m to venue)

630 Little Collins St, Melbourne VIC 3000

Phone: +61-3-9622 8888

Set in a heritage building in the centre of Melbourne, this refined hotel is a 10-minute walk from the Crown Casino and Entertainment Complex, 3.1 km from the National Gallery of Victoria and 5 km from the Melbourne Zoo. The bright rooms and suites offer desks, flat-screen TVs, free Wi-Fi and iPod docks, as well as minibars, and tea and coffee making facilities. Suites add sitting areas. Amenities include a fitness room, a restaurant, a bar and valet parking (surcharge).

Crowne Metropol Melbourne (850 m to venue)

8 Whiteman St, Southbank VIC 3006

Phone: +61-3-9292 6211

This modern high-rise hotel has upscale rooms and suites come with floor-to-ceiling windows with views of the city or Port Phillip Bay, plus flat-screen TVs, iPod docks, minibars, and tea and coffee making equipment. Lofts and apartments have separate living/dining areas; apartments add whirlpool tubs in en suite bathrooms. Paid Wi-Fi is available. The hotel has a sophisticated city-view lounge offering high tea, a bar and upscale fare. Other amenities include an indoor pool and a spa, as well as meeting and event space.

Travelodge (South Bank) (1.2 km to venue)

9 Riverside Quay, Southbank 3006

Phone: +61-3-8696-9600

Travelodge Hotel Southbank is ideally located right by the Melbourne Yarra River, close to the CBD, major transport, shopping and dining. We are placed within walking distance of many major attractions in Melbourne. We offer fantastic Southbank Melbourne accommodation at great value. Join us and stay in one of our 275 hotel rooms. Our 24-hour reception assistance and friendly advice about the local area will help you to make the most of your stay. Ours is one of the best-placed Southbank Melbourne hotels for the smart traveller who appreciates great value and access to everything this diverse city has to offer.

Quest Serviced Apartments (Docklands) (1.1 km to venue)

750 Bourke Street, Docklands 3008

Reservations: +61-3-9630-1000

Quest Docklands serviced apartments offer guests a relaxed and comfortable accommodation experience. Quest Docklands Serviced Apartments has been stylishly refurbished to accommodate both the corporate and leisure traveller. Quest Docklands has 133 non-smoking serviced apartments in Docklands, Melbourne. Each apartment offers kitchen and laundry facilities with individually controlled reverse cycle air-conditioning. For the traveller who needs to stay in touch, our Docklands accommodation feature WIFI internet access, direct dial phones with voicemail, LCD televisions with Foxtel IQ to keep you entertained.

Travelodge (Docklands) (850 m to venue)

66 Aurora Lane, Docklands 3008

Reservations: +61-3-8615-1000

Travelodge Docklands is perfectly located in the Melbourne CBD, close to Southern Cross Station and many of the city's top attractions. Located close to Melbourne's transport options and a short walk to the exciting South Wharf precinct, shopping, and casino. Join us and stay in one of our 291 hotel rooms. We'll help you to make the most of your Melbourne stay, with our 24-hour reception assistance, tasty room service, friendly advice about the local area and much more. Enjoy breakfast in our Guest Lounge and take advantage of many great facilities around Travelodge Docklands. Ours is one of the best-placed Melbourne hotels for the smart traveller who appreciates access to everything this diverse city has to offer and great value.

Holiday Inn Melbourne (850 m to venue)

575 Flinders Lane, Melbourne 3000

Reservations: +61-3-9629 4111

Offering stylish and relaxed accommodation including Superior Rooms and Suites, Holiday Inn Melbourne on Flinders is located in the Melbourne CBD within walking distance of the city's main attractions, making it the perfect hotel for both leisure and business travellers. The proximity of Holiday Inn Melbourne on Flinders to Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre and Stock Exchange also make it the ideal Melbourne CBD hotel for business travellers. With public transport at the hotel doorstep, including trams and taxis, as well as Southern Cross Station for metropolitan trains, V-

Line trains and the SkyBus city to airport express, traveling to, from and around the city couldn't be easier and more convenient.

GETTING AROUND

Most visitors to Melbourne base themselves in the city centre, the buzzing commercial heart of Melbourne that's also home to museums, theatres, restaurants, bars and shops. The city's layout makes Melbourne an easy city to navigate, and almost everything is within walking distance – if it's not, simply hop aboard a train, tram or bus.

Maps for public transport networks can be found [here](#).

Tickets for Public Transport

myki is the smart card ticketing system for public transport around Metropolitan Melbourne. You can pick up a myki for immediate use at metropolitan premium train stations (these appear as a black dot on the metropolitan train network map), close to 800 metropolitan retail outlets (including 7-Eleven), from a myki machine at all metropolitan train stations (full fare myki only) and selected accessible tram stops and bus interchanges. Just look for stations or stores displaying the blue and yellow myki logo. A full fare myki costs \$6.00 and a concession, child or seniors myki costs \$3.00. NOTE: When you buy a myki it has no value on it, so you need to top-up with additional money before you travel.

See the Public Transport Victoria myki Website ([HERE](#)) for more information.

Trams

Melbourne's trams give the city character and provide a scenic way to explore the city and inner suburbs like Richmond, St Kilda and South Yarra. Trams run down the centre of the road on most of Melbourne's major thoroughfares. Services run regularly from 5am – midnight Monday to Thursday and till around 1.30am on Friday and Saturday nights. On Sunday, trams run 7am - 11pm. Many tram services link to bus and train routes.

The *Free Tram Zone* (see map below) in Melbourne's CBD makes it easier for commuters and tourists to move around the city. The principal boundaries of the Free Tram Zone are Spring Street, Flinders Street and La Trobe Street. Additionally, the tram routes along Victoria Street, William Street and Elizabeth Street that surround Victoria Market are also included as well as the Docklands area.

See the Public Transport Victoria myki Website ([HERE](#)) for more information.



Free City Circle Trams

Distinctive burgundy and gold City Circle trams provide free and convenient travel to city sights and attractions, with an automated commentary announcing points of interest along the route. Running along Flinders Street, Harbour Esplanade, Docklands Drive, La Trobe Street and Spring Street, a complete journey takes around an hour. Trams run in both directions every 12 minutes from 10am-6pm Sunday to Wednesday and 10am-9pm from Thursday to Saturday (except Christmas Day and Good Friday).

Trains

Melbourne has a user-friendly train system that can take you to a range of destinations. Metro trains begin or end their journey at Flinders Street Station, on the corner of Flinders and Swanston streets, while Southern Cross Station is

Melbourne's hub for regional and interstate trains. The City Loop is Melbourne's underground system, with five stations servicing the CBD: Southern Cross Station, Flagstaff, Melbourne Central, Parliament and Flinders Street (Flagstaff does not operate on weekends). There are 16 different lines which service the outer suburbs. Stations are all linked to bus or tram services.

Buses

Melbourne's bus network is made up of over 300 routes. Buses run frequently to major hubs, including shopping centres, schools, hospitals, leisure and sporting activities, and Melbourne's biggest attractions.

Refer to the Public Transport Victoria myki Website for more information.

Taxis

Melbourne taxis are numerous and easy to spot – they are all uniformly yellow. As well, drivers must always wear a neat uniform and have an identity card on show at all times. Taxi meters are usually clearly visible, so you can keep check of your fare. Late night taxi trips must be paid for in advance. Between 10pm and 5am in Victoria, the driver will ask you for an up-front deposit, based on a table of point to point estimates. You can use the fare estimator to work out what your up-front costs are likely to be. Melbourne cabs attract additional charges like a late-night surcharge from midnight to 5am, a fee for phone bookings, a fee for using the Citylink freeway and even a fee for taxis waiting at the airport rank. Visit the Taxi Victoria Fare Estimator website ([HERE](#)) to get an indication of fare prices based on pick-up and drop-off points anywhere in Victoria.

WEATHER AND CLIMATE

Melbourne's warmest months are generally January and February, which are often dry and prone to hot spells, although some respite is provided by the cooling sea breezes of Port Phillip Bay. June and July are the coldest months, while October is the wettest. The annual average rainfall for Melbourne is around 600mm, which is substantially less rain than Sydney receives.

During spring (September, October, November) average temperatures range from 9.6 - 19.6°C (49.3 - 67.3°F). The season is known as the most variable of the year, when weather can quickly change from calm and sunny to cold and windy. Pack your umbrella – October is the wettest month with roughly 10 days of rainfall.

	Sep	Oct	Nov
 Maximum temp	20.5	22.5	24
 Minimum temp	10.3	13.1	15.3
 Avg rainfall mm	61	72	81
 Avg rainy days	15	14	12