



## World Conference on Drowning Prevention 2023

As the President and Secretary General of the International Lifesaving Federation (ILS) we are very pleased to confirm that there will be a World Conference on Drowning Prevention (WCDP) in 2023. With the generous support of the hosts Royal Life Saving Society Australia, and Surf Life Saving Australia, WCDP 2023 will be held at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre, Perth, Australia.

The confirmed dates for the conference are **4<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> December 2023**.

However, the hosts are offering more than just a 3-day conference, **extending the events from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> December**.

It will be an event to remember with delegates invited to participate in a week-long experience that will include pre and post conference workshops, field trips, and masterclasses during the entire period from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> December. The ILS Board and Commission meetings will take place during this period.

The conference registration system will be launched in January 2023 together with details of available accommodation in the area. A call for abstract submissions will also be made at this time.

We are excited to see that the drowning prevention experts of the world will come together for the first time in four years in Perth, to follow up on the great work done at our last WCDP event in Durban in 2019. It is also notable that this is the first time that our world conference will be held in Australia and we thank both of our member federations for agreeing to co-host WCDP 2023.

### The Venue

The Perth Conference and Exhibition Centre is centrally located in Perth with a large number of hotels of all budget categories and styles located within a short walking distance.



### Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre

- State of the art convention centre
- First class auditorium, concurrent and meeting rooms
- Walking distance to almost everything
- Train and bus station on doorstep

### **The Field Trips, and Workshops**

The Hosts plan to offer 2-day workshop/field trips combining subject matter experts with a taste of the tourism delights of Western Australia. More detailed will be shared soon, but organisers advise planning to be in Perth on the 1<sup>st</sup> December as field trips may leave early on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. This model was successfully implemented at WCDP2011 in Danang, Vietnam.

### **Delegate Registration and Call for Abstract Submissions**

More information on delegate registration options and rates, and the call for abstracts will follow very soon. Save the date for WCDP 2023! We look forward to seeing you there!

### **About the hosts**

The 2023 World Conference on Drowning Prevention will be co-hosted by Royal Life Saving Society Australia and Surf Life Saving Australia with both organisations sharing the financial and human resources support needed to deliver a quality conference for the global drowning prevention community.

Local bodies Royal Life Saving Society Western Australia and Surf Life Saving Western Australia are excited that the world is coming to their hometown, and are eager to welcome, learn and share with delegates from across the globe.

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