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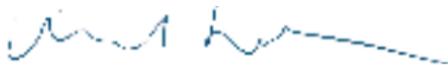
Dear FIAF friends and colleagues

Welcome to the National Film and Sound Archive's first newsletter for the 71st FIAF Congress to be held in Australia in 2015.

As the second congress ever to be held in Australia, we are designing it to provide the pleasures of both Sydney and Canberra as venues during the week. Beginning in the heart of Sydney we hope to draw a diverse audience for the symposium *Barely legal* (working title). *Film archiving, legislation and how the current state of play supports or impedes a sustainable archiving sector.*

There will be many opportunities to enjoy this most metropolitan of cities and we will then travel through the scenic Southern Highlands of New South Wales to assemble at the National Film and Sound Archive's headquarters in Canberra, the nation's capital, for the workshops and congress. In Canberra we will have the opportunity to meet many of the NFSA's staff as well as colleagues from other national cultural institutions, and to enjoy our splendid Arc cinema screenings at the end of our very busy days of FIAF business.

This is a very exciting opportunity for the NFSA to meet and work with the FIAF network of archives and we are enormously pleased to welcome you all to the Antipodes for what promises to be a wonderful congress. Please join us for an invigorating professional gathering and the opportunity to enjoy this unique's country's hospitality.



Best wishes

MICHAEL LOEBENSTEIN

CEO

National Film and Sound Archive
of Australia



PROGRAM

SYDNEY

SAT 11 APRIL

Executive Committee Meeting
Commission Meetings

SUN 12 APRIL

Registration of delegates
Opening night

MON 13 APRIL

Registration of delegates
Symposium
Dinner or Reception

TUE 14 APRIL

Symposium
Free evening for delegates

WED 15 APRIL

Organised tour
Bus trip to Southern Highlands
Lunch in the Southern Highland
Bus trip to Canberra
Reception and screening

CANBERRA

THU 16 APRIL

2nd Centenary Forum
Commission Presentations
Lunch
Regional Association Forums
Free evening for delegates

FRI 17 APRIL

General Assembly
Commission Presentations
Closing Night Reception

SAT 18 APRIL

Continue General Assembly
(if necessary)
Tour of the NFSA storage facilities
Tours of the Australian War
Memorial, National Library
of Australia and Museum Of
Australian Democracy.



SYMPOSIUM

The topic for the symposium is *Barely legal* (working title). *Film archiving, legislation and how the current state of play supports or impedes a sustainable archiving sector.* Speakers will be sought from archival, legal and cultural perspectives to consider those issues critical to FIAF's long term interests.

EXHIBITION

Currently investigating opportunities for technical exhibitors during Symposium.

SIMULTANEOUS INTERPRETATION

Simultaneous interpretation in English, French and Spanish will be provided on site during the General Assembly as well as during the Symposium



PASSPORT AND VISA

Unless you are an Australian or New Zealand citizen, you will need a visa to enter Australia. New Zealand passport holders can apply for a visa upon arrival in the country. All other passport holders must apply for a visa before leaving home. You can apply for a range of visas, including tourist visas and working holiday visas, at your nearest Australian Consulate. You can also apply for certain types of visas online.

There are important things you should know before applying for, or being granted, an Australian visa. These include applying for the right type of visa, application requirements, your obligations while in Australia and the importance of complying with visa conditions.

For more detailed information visit the **Australian Government Department of Immigration and Citizenship** website.

(<http://www.immi.gov.au/Visas/Pages/Find-a-visa.aspx>)



CURRENCY

Australia's national currency is the Australian dollar which comes in denominations of \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50 and \$100 notes. Coins come in 5, 10, 20 and 50 cent and one and two dollar denominations.

Currency can be easily exchanged at the airport, banks and auto banks which are readily accessible. Credit cards are accepted almost everywhere.



TRANSPORTATION

SYDNEY

Sydney International Airport is a modern and large airport for international flight arrivals and departures. Situated c. 16 km from the centre of Sydney it takes about 30 minutes from the airport to hotels by taxi. It is also very easy to reach hotels by rail or shuttle bus.

www.sydneyairport.com.au/go

CANBERRA

Canberra Airport is currently domestic service only and is situated c. 20km from the centre of the city.

It takes about 15-25 minutes from the airport to hotels.

www.canberraairport.com.au



CLIMATE

SYDNEY

Sydney enjoys a sunny, Mediterranean-style climate all year round with more than 340 sunny days per year. Summers are warm to hot and winters are mild, with rainfall spread fairly evenly throughout the year. In summer (December - February), average maximum temperatures are around 26°C. It can also be humid at this time with an average humidity of 65 per cent. Average maximum temperatures in the winter months (June-August) are around 16°C. Sydney's rainfall is highest between March and June.

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CANBERRA

Canberra has a mostly dry climate with warm to hot summers and cool winters. Canberra has around nine hours a day of sunshine in summer, dropping to around five hours in winter. January is the hottest month with average maximum temperatures of 28°C. The average annual rainfall is 629 mm with October the wettest month. During winter snow falls in the nearby Australian Alps. Average daily temperatures in the city in winter are around 11°C; dropping below 0°C at night.

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LOGISTICS AND MEALS

A communication centre with photocopier, fax machine, computers, printers, internet access, and the traditional pigeonhole mailboxes will be provided in both Sydney and Canberra, at the disposal of the delegates.



ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation will be recommended in both Sydney and Canberra to ensure easy access by foot or public transport and to allow from budget through to top-quality options

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