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NEWS- LETTER

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Dear Friends

The invitation to propose presentations for the symposium topic : Fairly Legal. Intellectual property, content regulation and film archiving: where are we heading? is generating keen interest and we look forward to a stimulating and perhaps challenging two days of debate, with archival and industry representation assured. Over the coming weeks we will also discuss the topic and shape of the Second Century Forum and the Commission workshops with the EC and the heads of Commissions. A number of special events are also being planned for both our Sydney and Canberra stays, with film screenings, special guests and a visit special screening at the Australian Parliament House included. **Online registration will be open from December.** The online registration will include information on accommodation, activities and costs. We will also launch a website detailing information on the Congress around this time.

Attending our important annual gathering in Australia will introduce many of you to the way the NFSA collects, preserves and shares our national audiovisual collection. Furthermore we plan to introduce you to colleagues from the region, including our friends from Ngā Taonga Sound & Vision - the New Zealand Archive of Film, Television and Sound, and extend an invitation from our colleagues in SEAPAVAA to visit their congress in Singapore on the way home. Meanwhile, as this is an election year for the FIAF Executive, we would also encourage you to consider possibly nominating for the next period, and the FIAF Secretariat will be providing the usual alerts in the near future. We very much look forward to welcoming you all to Australia. And yes - you will be introduced to kangaroos and koalas, as well as fellow curators and archivists.

Warm wishes from the National Film and Sound Archive of Australia.



MICHAEL LOEBENSTEIN

CEO

National Film and Sound Archive



SEAPAVVA PROGRAM

22 & 23 April 2015

Symposium
Trade Show
Welcome Dinner
Archival Gems Screening

24 April 2015

Restoration Asia II

25 April 2015

Workshop I
"Advocacy: The Why and How Of It"

Workshop II
"Succession Planning:
A Step To A Sustainable
Archive"

26 April 2015

19th SEAPAVAA General
Assembly
(closed session)

27 April 2015

Institutional Visits
Farewell Dinner

28 April 2015

Excursion

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF SEAPAVVA

On behalf of the South East Asia Pacific Audio Visual Archive Association (SEAPAVAA) I would like to invite everyone travelling to Australia for the 2015 FIAF Congress to consider a stopover on your way home in spectacular Singapore and join us for the 19th SEAPAVAA Conference being held from the 22nd to 28th of April.

The theme for our conference is "*Advocate, Connect, Engage*" where we will be examining the myriad of issues surrounding the evolving relationships between archives and their stakeholders. More information can be found at www.seapavaa.com.

I'm looking forward to seeing you in Singapore!

MICK NEWNHAM

President
South East Asia Pacific Audio Visual
Archive Association

TRAVEL HINTS

Power plug - In Australia the standard voltage is 230 V. The standard frequency is 50 Hz. The power sockets that are used are of type I.

Smoking - Australia has strict smoking laws and it is not permitted in enclosed public places and outdoor eating and drinking places.

Drinking water - Water can be drunk straight from the tap in Australia. Bottled water is also easily accessible.

Quarantine - Australia has strict quarantine rules in order to keep out pests and diseases that could affect plant, animal and human health. All luggage is x-rayed on arrival. Any items of concern are further inspected, treated and if necessary confiscated and destroyed. Breaches of quarantine regulations can result in large fines.

Sun Protection - The Australian sun is very strong. Always wear a shirt, hat, sunglasses and SPF 30+ sunscreen lotion, even on cloudy days. If spending the whole day outdoors, reapply sunscreen regularly. Stay out of the sun during the middle of the day when the sun is strongest. Make sure you drink plenty of fluids to avoid dehydration.

Medications - Medicine brought into Australia for personal use is subject to controls and must be declared on your arrival. It is recommended you bring a prescription or letter from your doctor outlining your medical condition and the medicine you are carrying. For more detailed information go to <http://www.humanservices.gov.au/customer/enablers/medicare/medicare-card/new-arrivals-and-visitors-to-australia>.

Currency - Australia's currency is Australian Dollars (AUD) and currency exchange is available at banks, hotels and international airports. The most commonly accepted credit cards are American Express, Bankcard, Diners Club, MasterCard, Visa, JCB and their affiliates

Goods and Services Tax - Australia has a Goods and Services Tax (GST) of 10 per cent. You may be able to claim a refund of the GST paid on goods bought here if you have spent AUD\$300 or more in one store, no more than 30 days before departing Australia. Tourist Refund Scheme facilities are located in the departure area of international terminals

Tipping and Bargaining - Hotels and restaurants do not add service charges to your bill. In up market restaurants, it is usual to tip waiters up to ten per cent of the bill for good service. However, tipping is always your choice. It is not custom to bargain in Australia.

Emergency - The emergency number for police, ambulance and or fire brigade is 000.

FUN FACTS



AUSTRALIA IS AS WIDE AS THE DISTANCE BETWEEN LONDON TO MOSCOW.



MORE THAN **85%** OF AUSTRALIANS LIVE WITHIN **50KM** OF THE COAST.

KANGAROOS AND EMUS CANNOT WALK BACKWARD, ONE OF THE REASONS THAT THEY'RE ON THE AUSTRALIAN COAT OF ARMS.



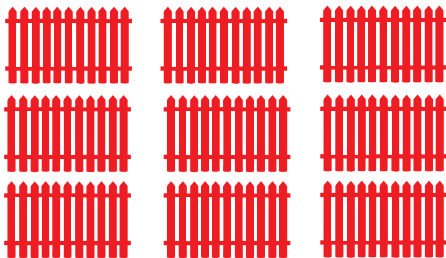
AUSTRALIA IS VERY SPARSELY POPULATED: THE UK HAS

248.25 PERSONS PER SQUARE KILOMETRE, WHILE AUS HAS ONLY **2.66** PERSONS PER SQUARE KILOMETRE.

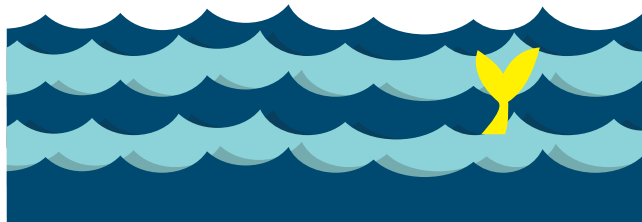


FORMER PRIME MINISTER **BOB HAWKE** SET A WORLD RECORD FOR SCULLING 2.5 PINTS OF BEER IN **11 SECONDS.**

AUSTRALIA IS HOME TO THE **LONGEST** FENCE IN THE WORLD. IT IS **5,614 KM** LONG, AND WAS ORIGINALLY BUILT TO KEEP **DINGOES** AWAY FROM FERTILE LAND.



IF ALL THE SAILS OF THE OPERA HOUSE ROOF WERE COMBINED, THEY WOULD CREATE A PERFECT SPHERE. THE ARCHITECT WAS INSPIRED WHILE EATING AN ORANGE.



IF YOU VISITED ONE NEW BEACH IN AUSTRALIA EVERY DAY, IT WOULD TAKE OVER **27 YEARS** TO SEE THEM ALL.

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