



31st IPSANZ Annual Conference

8 – 10 September 2017



This year's programme brings you sessions covering key issues presented by the highest calibre of speakers at the Sheraton Grand Mirage Resort, Gold Coast, Queensland, Australia, a 5 star beachfront resort situated amongst 6 hectares of sparkling lagoons and tropical gardens



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Registration & Accommodation Information

The registration fees are set out below. Please note that members can take advantage of the early-bird rate that is offered which gives members the opportunity to attend at a significant saving.

The registration fee for "Junior" members of the Society is to encourage them, in particular, to attend the conference. For this year's conference "Junior" members are regarded as articled clerks, employed solicitors, sole practitioners, technical assistants, employed patent attorneys, bar readers, corporate counsel, junior barristers and academics.

"Senior" members are regarded as partners or principals in law firms and patent attorney firms and senior counsel who have been appointed as Queen's Counsel or Senior Counsel and directors of companies.

Early-bird registration by 7 July 2017 entitles delegates to a lower rate.

Please pay close attention to select the registration fee applicable to you.

	Early-bird* (Payment by 7 July 2017)	Full (Payment on or after 8 July 2017)
"Junior" IPSANZ member	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 1,200.00
"Senior" IPSANZ member	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,350.00
Non-member	\$ 1,450.00	\$ 1,595.00
Accompanying Person	\$ 375.00	\$ 375.00

All of the above fees are quoted in Australian Dollars and are inclusive of 10% GST.

***In order for early bird registration rates to apply, PAYMENT must be received by 8 July 2017.**

Registration includes

For Delegates -

- Attendance at Friday afternoon Table Topics Session
- Welcome Drinks Reception
- Attendance of Business Sessions (Saturday and Sunday)
- Morning and afternoon teas and lunches (Saturday and Sunday)
- President's Dinner: Saturday night
- Conference materials (including delegate listing)

Delegate materials (speakers' papers) are provided to delegates electronically. These will be emailed to delegates in PDF format for downloading to tablets/laptop/computer. Materials are available on USB, upon request.

For Accompanying Persons –

- Welcome Drinks Reception
- President's Dinner: Saturday night
- Social lunch dining with delegates on Sunday

Non Members

Provided you join IPSANZ prior to the conference you may register at the Member rate. IPSANZ Membership forms are available from IPSANZ: <http://www.ipsanz.com.au/members/membership-benefits/>

Cancellations / Refunds

Where cancellation advice is received by letter, email or fax no later than 7 July 2017, a full refund of the registration fee and accommodation fee will be made. No refunds will be made after 8 July 2017; however, registrations can be transferred to a substitute delegate at no additional cost, provided the conference secretariat is advised by letter, email or fax in advance.

CPD / MCLE / MCPD Accreditation

IPSANZ has sought the approval of the various authorities governing the legal and attorney professions with regard to accreditation of its programme in order that delegates can earn points required to complete mandatory Continuing Legal Education/Continuing Professional Development. The relevant authorities have indicated the following:

- If you are the holder of a New South Wales, Queensland, South Australian, Victorian or New Zealand Practising Certificate, and this particular educational activity is relevant to your immediate or long-term needs in relation to your professional development and practice of the law, then you may be eligible to claim one MCLE/MCPD/CPD point for each hour of attendance (refreshments breaks not included).
- Registered patent and/or trade marks attorneys may claim CPE hours for attendance.
- Members may be able to claim a maximum of 6 CPD points in Competency Area 4 – Substantive Law: subject to seeking approval by the Western Australian Legal Practice Board: for further details please contact conference organiser.

Disclaimer

IPSANZ reserves the right to cancel, vary or amend, any part of the conference programme if circumstances arise which in the reasonable opinion of the Society's office holders, require such cancellation, variation or amendment. Neither IPSANZ nor any of its office bearers or members shall be liable for any loss, liability, damage or expense suffered or incurred by any person.

While all care is taken to ensure the safety of delegates, neither IPSANZ, nor any of its office bearers or members accepts liability for any loss or damage of any kind which may be incurred by conference participants or any accompanying person, whether during the conference or at any other time. It is recommended that delegates obtain their own travel insurance.

Disclosure of Registration Information

If you do not wish for your details to be included and published in the delegate list circulated to delegates, please tick the appropriate box on the registration form.

Programme

IPSANZ is pleased to bring to delegates a varied and interesting programme that includes high profile speakers (both local and international). As in previous years, a great deal of effort has been put into the programme to bring to you topics that are current and relevant to both IP practitioners and anyone else with a more general interest in IP issues.

Speakers

IPSANZ reserves the right to substitute a speaker or alter a session if necessary, without notice.

Welcome Drinks

Delegates and their accompanying persons are invited to attend the Welcome Drinks which are being hosted in the Grand Terrace of the Sheraton Grand Mirage, Gold Coast to welcome delegates to the official opening of the Conference.

Accommodation

Sheraton Grand Mirage Resort
71 Sea World Drive
Main Beach, Gold Coast, Queensland 4217
Australia
<http://www.sheratongrandmiragegoldcoast.com/>

Sheraton Grand Mirage Resort is beachfront resort located in Main Beach on the Gold Coast. It is Gold Coast's only 5 star beachfront resort. Set amongst 6 hectares of sparkling lagoons and tropical gardens, the luxury resort is accessible via a skybridge to the Marina Mirage shopping centre, which host a number of boutique shops and restaurant and cafes.

Delegates can experience 5 star indulgence at Sheraton Grand Mirage Resort, Gold Coast enjoying fresh seafood at the Oyster Bar or Terraces Restaurant or sit back and relax with a refreshing cocktail at the Oasis Pool Bar or at the contemporary Pearls Bar. The hotel's central location is also perfect for accompanying persons, be it business, shopping or sightseeing.

Accommodation information

Rates are quoted in Australian dollars (AU\$) and are inclusive of 10% GST. The rate of \$295.00 is a Run of House Room, single occupancy per room per night and is inclusive of a full buffet breakfast served in Terraces Restaurant. Bedding configuration is:

- Single occupancy – One king or two double beds for one guest
- Double Occupancy – One king size bed for two guests
- Twin occupancy – Two double beds for two guests
- Extra person: A \$75.00 charge is applicable for a third adult or rollaway bed (adult or child), inclusive of full buffet breakfast, with a maximum of one (1) rollaway per room, excludes suites. Complimentary cots are available on request.

Interconnecting rooms for families can be arranged however there are a limited number of these. Interconnecting rooms attract a standard tariff on each room (as per applicable rates). Please advise the Conference Organisers of your requirements.

Free WiFi is available in guest rooms when you sign-up for the SPG rewards program (it is free to sign up). Complimentary wi-fi access is also available in the Lobby and complimentary Link@Sheraton (adjacent to Lobby).

The agreed accommodation rate at the Resort for before and/or after the conference may be available three days pre and post conference dates. **Availability is limited** and the agreed accommodation rate pre and post conference is subject to the availability.

Note: A limited number of rooms are held and accommodation cannot be guaranteed after rooms have been allocated.

Additional Information

A pre-authorisation of incidental charge of \$150.00 per night may be required upon check-in into the Hotel. Full settlement of guest room account is required on check out. Check-in time is 3:00pm and check-out time is 12:00pm.

Breakfast

Terrace Restaurant is open 6:00am to 10:30am.

Full buffet breakfast in Terrace Restaurant is included in the room rate for one adult per day. Additional breakfast is charged at \$20.00 per adult per day, if booked at time of registration. Otherwise full breakfast is charged at full rate of \$43.00 per person per day.

Children aged up to 3 years are provided a complimentary breakfast with an accompanying paying adult.

Car Parking

Complimentary under cover self parking is available to all hotel guests of the Sheraton Grand Mirage Resort, Gold Coast.

Climate

The weather on the Gold Coast during the IPSANZ conference can be expected to range from a minimum of 18°C to a maximum of 24°C during the day, with cool evenings.

Dress Code

Dress for men is a jacket and collar but no tie. For women, it is smart casual.

Payment

Payment should be made in Australian dollars by cheque or bank draft payable to: **IPSANZ** or by Visa or MasterCard or EFT transfer. Please note American Express or Diners Club credit cards are not accepted.

- **Payment by cheque:**

Payable to The Intellectual Property Society of Australia and New Zealand Inc. "IPSANZ",
GPO Box 2491, Melbourne Victoria 3001

- **Payment by electronic transfer:**

Account Name: The Intellectual Property Society of Australia and New Zealand Inc. "IPSANZ"
BSB: 063 009
Account No: 0090 3138
Please e-mail confirmation of EFT payment, noting reference as "SURNAME-2017 AC"

- **Payment by Visa or Mastercard:**

Completion of details on registration and accommodation form or details can be provided to the Conference Secretariat by telephone. (61) (3) 9761 2833

Places of Interest: Gold Coast

Experience Oz

The Sheraton have teamed up with Experience Oz to bring you the best Day Tours Attractions (to name a few, Mt Tamborine, Hinterland Day Tours, Rainforest 4WD Tours), Theme Parks passes, (Dreamworld, SeaWorld or Movie World) lunch cruises and other exciting activities (to name a few, Balloon Flight, Horse Riding, Natural Bridge Glow Worm Tour, Winery Tours) to do in the Gold Coast.

For a full selection of activities and tours, please visit <http://www.sheratongrandmiragegoldcoast.com/tours-and-activities>

Transport to Sheraton Grand Mirage Resort, Gold Coast

The Sheraton Grand Mirage Resort, is located on Main Beach, Gold Coast, Queensland. Delegates can choose to arrive at the Gold Coast Airport which is around 45 minutes from the resort or the Brisbane Airport which is around 90 minutes from the resort, both offering international flights to New Zealand and most of the Asian region.

A shuttle service is available from the **Gold Coast airport** to the resort. Pre-booking is not required for transportation from the airport to the resort, but 24 hours notice is required for departure from the resort. Daily hours of operation are 7:25 am to 9:00 pm. Contact (61) (7) 1300 655 655. Fees are A\$21 adult and A\$13 children (4-13 year old). Travel time may vary as the shuttle may make stops at other hotels along the route. Travel time via shuttle service may be 60-90 minutes.

A shuttle service is available from the **Brisbane airport** to the resort. Pre-booking is not required for transportation from the airport to the resort, but 24 hours notice is required for departure from the resort. Daily hours of operation are 5:30 am to 10:00 pm. Contact (61) (7) 1300 664 700. Fees are A\$49 adult and A\$25 children (4-13 year old). Travel time may vary as the shuttle may make stops at other hotels along the route. Travel time via shuttle service may be 90-120 minutes.

IPSANZ looks forward to welcoming you to the 2017 31st IPSANZ Annual Conference.

All enquiries and bookings should be directed to

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