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Conference Programme

We are delighted to release further details of the conference programme, now available via the programme page of the conference website www.safety2012.org.nz

You will also find details of the Satellite Meetings that have been confirmed pre and post-conference.

Important Dates

September 2011	Call for abstracts & scholarship application submissions open
February 2012	Online registrations open
March 2012	Call for abstracts & scholarship application submissions close
August 2012	Early bird registration closes
1 - 4 October 2012	Safety 2012 World Conference

Sponsorship & Exhibition Opportunities

A range of sponsorship opportunities and an exhibition floor plan are currently being confirmed and a full Sponsorship and Exhibition Prospectus will be available on the conference website in the next few weeks. Should you wish to register your interest in becoming a sponsor or exhibitor, we invite you to contact our Conference Manager:

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About New Zealand

New Zealand's awesome landscapes, lush forests, amazing wildlife and pleasant climate make it a haven for many outdoor activities, and a great place to unwind. New Zealand society is diverse, sophisticated, and multicultural, and the honesty, friendliness, and openness of Kiwis will impress you. And the great advantage of New Zealand is that all of its diverse physical, cultural, and artistic landscapes are so close to each other!



Our host, Wellington, is New Zealand's capital city, and it's also known as our arts and culture capital. A special blend of heritage buildings, museums and galleries, fine food and live entertainment opportunities make this city a great place to visit in any season. Immerse yourself in sophisticated Wellington next spring and enjoy its array of cafés, bars, shops and galleries. Experience the delights of this beautiful harbour city and its neighbouring wine regions.

Customs & Biosecurity

New Zealand has very strict policies on the importation of food and other organic materials. All luggage will be X-rayed on arrival. Instant fines may be levied for any undeclared food items found. Please ensure you either declare or dispose of food before entering the customs area.

Exchange Rates

Banks should be able to tell you what the current exchange rate is with the NZ Dollar. The Reserve Bank of New Zealand website www.rbnz.govt.nz provides a monthly online summary of the NZ Dollars average against the US Dollar, the Pound, the Australian Dollar, the Yen and the Euro. You can calculate the approximate value of about 30 currencies in NZ Dollars on the Bank of New Zealand website www.bnz.co.nz. The rate you are offered in your home country is likely to differ slightly.

Goods & Services Tax

All goods and services are subject to a 15% Goods and Services Tax (GST) included in the displayed process. Visitors cannot claim this tax back, however when a supplier ships a major purchase to a visitor's home address the GST will not be charged.

Health & Medical Facilities

No vaccination certificates are required. There are no snakes or dangerous wild animals in New Zealand. New Zealand's public and private medical and hospital facilities provide a high standard of treatment and care. Medical services are not free to visitors. Travel and health insurance for delegates and partners is strongly recommended.

Language

New Zealand has three official languages. English is spoken almost universally. The other official languages are New Zealand Maori and New Zealand Sign Language.

Local Time

Local Wellington time during October is 13 hours ahead of GMT (GMT +13).

Passport/ Visa Information

For information on requirements for traveling to New Zealand please visit www.immigration.govt.nz or talk to your local travel agent. For information about New Zealand's visa requirements, please visit www.immigration.govt.nz/migrant/stream/visit

Safety

New Zealand is one of the safest travel destinations in the world, with a relatively low crime rate, few endemic diseases and a first-class healthcare and accident compensation system. However, we recommend you observe the same precautions with your personal safety and your possessions as you would in any other country or at home. We recommend that all attendees take out their own personal travel insurance before attending.

Water

New Zealand cities and towns have excellent water supplies and tap water is fresh and safe to drink. Water from rivers and lakes should be boiled, chemically treated or filtered before drinking to avoid stomach upsets. Bottled spring water is available for purchase through the hotels or any supermarket in Wellington city.

For more information on New Zealand please visit the conference website www.safety2012.org.nz

Further Updates

In the interest of ensuring your colleagues receive the most up to date conference information available, we invite you to forward this message on to your network and encourage them to register their interest via the conference website www.safety2012.org.nz. These e-newsletters will only be published at key dates when relevant, updated information is made available.

We look forward to welcoming you to Wellington and thank you for your interest in Safety 2012!

National Organising Committee (NOC)

NOC Co-Chairs: Dr Carolyn Coggan (SCFNZ); Professor Hank Weiss (IPRU); Jennifer Brown (ACC)

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