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Western Australia is adored for its brilliant blue skies, warm sunny climate and white sandy beaches. It is a land blessed with some of the world's most precious natural phenomena including the dolphins of Monkey Mia, the 350-million-year-old Bungle Bungle range and the towering Karri forests of the South West.

Spanning over 2.5 million square kilometres (1 million square miles), Western Australia extends into different climatic zones simultaneously. When it is warm and dry in the north of the State, it is cool and wet in the south - that is how big Western Australia is. Perth, the capital city of the State, is home to 1.38 million people and enjoys more hours of sunshine than any other capital city in Australia.

Sophisticated yet uncomplicated, the lifestyle in Western Australia is a relaxed one. Perth offers visitors a variety of multi-cultural restaurants, cafes, bars and nightclubs. Spend a day shopping, cruising on the Swan River, relaxing on a secluded beach, or play a round of golf on one of Perth's many courses. Take a day tour south to Wave Rock, north to the Pinnacles, or south to the Margaret River region. Rottneet Island also makes a wonderful day out, with pristine blue water, and long stretches of white sandy beaches. Spend a day exploring the island by bicycle, catch the bus or train tour and explore spectacular marine life. Bordered largely by desert to the east, Western Australia is bound by 12,500 kilometres (7,813 miles) of the world's most pristine coastline to the west.

The big variety of landscapes and climates in Western Australia means there is always plenty of sunshine, making it a perfect year-round destination. It is a land blessed with spectacular diversity where the deep reds of ancient interior rock formations contrast with the sparkling blue of the Indian and Southern Oceans and the lush greenery of the stunning southern regions.

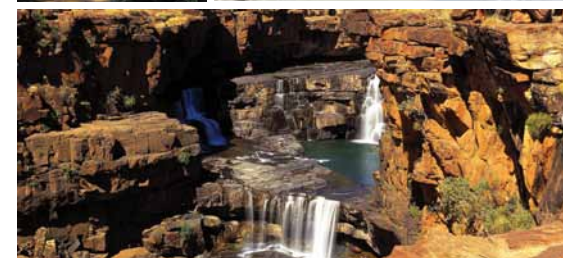
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17th International Congress of the World Muscle Society

9-13 October 2012 • Perth, Western Australia



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Invitation To Attend

On behalf of the Local Organising Committee I invite you to attend the World Muscle Society Annual Congress in Perth Western Australia from the 9th -13th October 2012.

Western Australia has a strong history and strong current research in neuromuscular disorders. Some of this is reflected in the four Themes selected for the 2012 Congress which are challenging, diverse and, as always, at the cutting edge of neuromuscular disorders.

The World Muscle Society has a history of holding its Annual Congress in exotic locations. Perth, Western Australia is certainly an exotic location, even for those of us who live here.

We look forward to hosting you during the best time of year to visit Western Australia - our spring. We encourage you to make the most of this opportunity by taking the time while here to visit many other parts of this great country, the parts that you have always wanted to visit.

The Australian flora and fauna are largely unique and spring is an excellent time to see them.

Nigel G Laing

Chair Local Organising Committee
WMS2012

Congress Themes

- 1 Impact of New Diagnostic Techniques on Clinical Practice in Neuromuscular Disorders
 - 2 Congenital Myopathies
 - 3 Standards of Care in Neuromuscular Disorders (inc. cardiac, respiratory, orthopedic, swallowing and feeding, physical medicine/therapy and rehabilitation)
 - 4 Advances in Therapy for Neuromuscular Disorders
- Contributions will also be welcome on new advances across the neuromuscular field

Key Dates

Registration and abstracts open: 1 December 2011

Abstracts close: 31 March 2012

Early Bird Registration closes: 30 April 2012

Pre-congress Teaching Course:

Royal Perth Hospital – 8 and 9 October 2012

Congress Venue

Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre

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Registration Fees

Fees set out below are in Australian Dollars and inclusive of 10% Australian Goods and Services Tax

Registration Type	Early Bird Fee Closes 30 April 2012	Regular Fee From 1 May 2012 onwards
WMS Member Full Registration	\$695	\$810
Non Member Full Registration	\$965	\$1080
Accompanying Partner	\$200	\$200

Full Registration Fee Inclusions:

- Congress Welcome Reception, Tuesday 9th October 2012, Fraser's Kings Park
- Access to Congress Sessions over the four days of the Congress, Wednesday 10 October 2012 to Saturday 13 October 2012
- All tea breaks and lunches during the Congress
- Attendance at Poster, Wine and Cheese Sessions, Wednesday 10 October 2012 and Thursday 11 October 2012
- Delegate Bag, Name Badge and Program Handbook
- "Neuromuscular Disorders" Abstract Issue
- Congress Dinner, Friday 12 October 2012

In addition to the above Non Members will receive a one year membership to the World Muscle Society.

Accompanying Partner registration includes one ticket to both the Welcome Reception and the Congress Dinner.

Information and Registration

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