

Subject: AAPA IKT 2016 - Europe - Organiser News Release Five - The last week !
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Attachments: Round House Menu Nottingham - IKT 2016.pdf

Hi "Team"

Nick Argyropolous, Russell Clayton, Brendan Cole, Tanja Conners, Stuart Dack, Erik Denneman, Les Marchant, Les Millar, Mark Moro, Andrew Papacostas, Laszlo Petho, Mike Pickering, Nigel Preston, Con Rimpas, Jerry Tan, Su Tao, Gana Varendran, Tony Wehl, Graham Wilson & me (welcome to Tanja Conners who has taken Michael Caltabiano's place)

The IKT 2016 to Europe starts this week with some leaving on Friday. It will be a refreshing and stimulating time, chance to make new friendships and meet lots of interesting people.

Michael Caltabiano, AAPA's CEO will not be with us on the visit and I have asked him for a message to those still fortunate to go on IKT 2016:

"With a few days to go until uplift to Europe for the AAPA IKT 2016 it is an exciting time filled with anticipation of what we will all see, do, and learn. Our key topic areas will provide guidance for the duration of the journey and allow you, the IKT participants, the opportunity to query and question our hosts to gain great insight into how things are being done and the journey taken to get there.

It is important to keep in the back of your mind that upon your return to Australia the journey continues with the dissemination of the knowledge gained to our Australian pavement engineering professionals. This is a very rewarding part of the overall IKT journey and as you start your travels in England take the opportunity to make notes and record observations that will reinforce to your colleagues at home the interesting insight you gained"

Thanks to Michael for his efforts in pulling the IKT together, setting direction, providing contacts and sorting out the evening events.
I am sorry he can't be with us, but acknowledge that the needs of family always come first.

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IMMEDIATE ACTION FROM YOU PLEASE:

We have to select our meal for Tuesday 24 May in Nottingham at The Round House restaurant. One of the many fun things you will do on the IKT 2016

Please let me know by **Thursday this week** your selection from the attached menu – S#, M#, D# (My order is S3, M8, D1)

So far:

You should have received the following:

1. Air tickets and travel documents from Jason Brownley at Belmore Travel – if not, contact him ASAP
2. An IKT backpack with clothing, water bottle, etc from me – we have tracked delivery and all (bar Les Millar's) has been marked as delivered
3. An express bag with additional IKT stuff including the “delegates booklet” – from me – if not there by Tuesday let me know.

What's next from the organisers:

1. Updates of the travel itinerary, meeting plans and other electronic information will be regularly updated and put on DROP BOX ([here](#)) and the WEB ([here](#)). Bookmark them so that you can keep up to date.
2. Meet me on Sunday night in London, in the hotel foyer at about 18:30 then to restaurant close to the hotel.
3. I will have my phone +61 414 533 481 available during the IKT 2016.

What you should do:

1. Pack light – we will be using rail a lot and the times can be boarding can be short.
2. Laundry – set for Paris & Prague – that means about 4 day gaps.
3. Bring the IKT 2016 jacket, clothing and backpack – and use them – I have been using the back pack for the last month and it is durable.
4. Meeting dress – as for Australia – we meet with government, contractors, researchers, equipment suppliers – generally it will be smart casual. E&E dinner is the tops.
5. Ensure your travel insurance is up-to-date – bring the proof with you.
6. Check you have all the passport, etc documents to allow you in and out.
7. Have spending money available – IKT 2016 picks up your “living needs” but the extras are yours.

What you should know:

1. The names of your fellow IKT delegates – read the details in the booklet you have been sent.
2. The two week weather forecast is unreliable – but it does predict rain on some of the days – be prepared.
3. Our hosts have gone out of their way to set up meetings, dinners and support our IKT – we need to acknowledge and value that.
4. Read the themes, questions and about the E&E (and RILEM for those going) congress sessions, themes and even the abstracts.
5. When we come back we need to capture the findings and report that back.

See you soon!

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Hi "Team IKT 2016"

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This is the [Organiser News Release Four](#) and covers the IKT handouts, clothing etc, the need for PPE info from you and a reminder of some actions you have to cover.

AAPA's Study Tours and International Knowledge Transfer.

You are participating in the peak technology capture and transfer process for road pavements and road construction in Australia. For over 30 years these visits have brought back products and systems ranging from Stone Mastic Asphalt, Thin Surfacing, Materials Transfer Devices to more recently EME and the value of TILES systems. The systems that impact on Australia for safety, environmental norms and green house mitigation and evaluation measures have been assessed and the tour delegate inputs have guided their use in Australia.

We embark on the 21 May to seek guidance and answers to the themes and questions that we have posed. Attached is the latest set of **Questions** which have been expanded by feedback from AAPA's Knowledge Series Breakfasts where the topics have been shared and extras questions sought. When you come back, your feedback will include helping provide the answers in a report and in presentations at the various centres across Australia.

Thoughts from AAPA's CEO Michael Caltabiano on his first "tour" in 1992 and the learnings since then:

SMA's resulted from the 1992 visit which included getting insights into the use of the Nottingham Asphalt Tester and understanding of the modulus and engineering properties in dense graded asphalt. The visit to Shell in the Netherlands also promoted a greater understanding of the bitumen tests that were available and the potential for their use in Australia. Delegates on these visits have learned how important it is to bring back the findings and to manage the technological change – without careful attention, the good ideas can be distorted by adopting local variations to the technology before the transfer as been achieved. SMA's suffered from this early in its transfer into Australia. We have learned from that which helped Australia avoid the UK difficulties when they first introduced EME2 based on local test methods. Our direct copy of the French approach has established a firm foundation for its use in Australia and the right to claim its international performance history. There are many opportunities open to the 2016 IKT and delegates should be seeking to gain knowledge and to share our own experiences with our European hosts.

Delegates

We are now at 20 for the 2016 IKT, 18 in week one, 15 in week two and 5 to RILEM in week three. The list of delegates is attached – as you will be part of that team please have a look at who you will be sharing conversations with, eating meals together, asking our hosts similar questions and appearing in shared photographs. Remember to submit your short BIO and PIC which we use to share your info with our hosts before and during our visits.

PPE and safety clothing

I am still getting feedback on PPE from our hosts in France and Germany – my goal is that we would not take any but have it provided when we get to their sites.

For Tarmac, I need your PPE sizes for our visit to the Tarmac Harper Lane Asphalt Plant – they want:

(MARK UP AND RETURN DETAIL TO ME ASAP!! By Tuesday 2 May 2016)

your JACKET size (have got that already so OK)

your TROUSERS (PULL OVER) S M L XL XXL (pick one)

Your SHOE SIZE (UK) 7 8 9 10 11 12 (pick one)

Delivery of IKT 2016 travel clothing and gear – during the week of 9 to 12 May you will receive the following from the AAPA office:

One rucksack (really nice and sturdy)

Smart & warm AAPA IKT 2016 jacket

Long sleeve polo shirt (to the size you have given)

Short sleeve polo shirt (to the size you have given)

AAPA peak cap with IKT 2016 branding

Delegates Booklet – containing details of itinerary, meetings and tour info.

Additional stationery, pen, usb etc

Two name badges

AAPA stainless steel water bottle

Travel documents & air ticket information

Belmore travel will be sending the travel docs etc to you by 12 May, to the address you provided as the delivery address for your documents & parcels.

We will confirm when they are dispatched so you will know if they have gone missing.

Itinerary updates

Version 6 of the itinerary is attached. Have a look at the details, there have been some changes. On Friday 27th May we go to Nantes from Paris by TGV to meet with IFSTTAR and back for an end of week one dinner in Paris. Addresses of the meeting places and hotels are included. Next will be an additional document covering meeting agenda's which are under development and concentrating on getting those questions addressed.

E&E Congress details

Have a look at the program, papers and social events / congress – you are registered to attend all of them <http://www.eecongress2016.org>

Program attached – note the two streams.

Web data on IKT 2016

We are setting up a web page of information for our delegates. Details will be made available shortly.

The intention is that you should be able to access all the relevant tour info electronically to put onto your mobile device.

Please contact Christine Everson or me if you need any information on the visits.

Things to remember - actions

This IKT will not be as rushed as the recent past . . .

But, it will help to be able to snooze on trains & planes

To travel light, we will be using a number of high speed trains, they don't stop for long at stations

Remember you are responsible for **your travel insurance** – make sure you are covered

Phones and data – the travel agent has indicated that the local phone companies daily fixed price roaming charges are used by most customers. The alternate is to buy a UK SIM and use in Europe.

Dress code 1 – Europe is generally more conservative than Australia and the USA – the clothing provided by AAPA would be considered informal but smart.

Dress code 2 - The E&E Congress Dinner is semi-formal which means suit and dark tie as a rule, but then Aussies break rules . . .

Looking forward to our time together!!!!

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Subject: AAPA IKT 2016 - Europe - Organiser News Release Three - Itinerary, Questions & Delegates

Dear Delegates & Sponsors

Nick, Michael, Brendan, Stuart, Erik, Les, Leslie, Mark, Andrew, Laszlo, Mike, Nigel, Con, Jerry, Su, Gana, Tony and Graham

This is Organiser News Release Three and contains the latest list of delegates, the itinerary & meetings and the latest list of questions to be answered.

Delegates

Have a look at the attached, there is still one potential delegate and some are pending final clearance by their sponsors.

The group will change during the IKT with week 1 at 17 delegates, week 2 at 15 and to 4 maybe 5 to RILEM. The Scandinavian option has been withdrawn.

We will be looking for information from you to prepare the handout to our hosts containing your photo and a short SV to help them quickly catch up with our background.

Also to come are the IKT back pack, jacket, shirts and other tour gear with the air tickets and additional travel items being posted to you before your departure.

Itinerary & meetings

The Itinerary & Meetings file is at version 5 and still has some finer detail needed. The tickets for the air flights are being / have been finalised and will be included in the itinerary for the international splits to Melbourne, Sydney and Perth later. Thanks for your support of Jason Brownley at Bellmore Travel who has done a great job in sorting out your specific modifications.

Travel

Bellmore Travel have provided us with Country Guides covering the "state of the nations" and aspects to consider around visa's and health.

Guides (and other documents) can be downloaded from [HERE](#) - this site (please let me know if you cannot access it) will be kept up to date with the latest info.

If you have any questions on your travel requirements or health insurance please contact Jason at Bellmore Travel or come back to me.

Questions

As indicated in the previous News Releases, the questions we send to our hosts forms the basis of our communication. The agenda for the meetings and discussions are based on the themes & questions which includes the staff and experts they nominate to be at our meetings. **So, please go through the Questions file attached, and provide me with feedback on additional or more detailed questions.** The questions submitted to date have been "worked into" the version 4. Note that a separate document is being developed which will contain the agendas for each meeting.

Finances

As you can imagine we have to pay the costs up front before we leave and they all have a deadline for payment - that is past or in this week. Invoices have been issued for your contribution to the IKT - please follow-up and ensure the payments have been made. For those in the pending stage - we accept that you cannot transact the payment until your sponsor has confirmed - but we would value fast tracking of the payment when approval is given.

Thanks again for helping us get this far with the IKT planing and for your participation.

Kind regards, Rob

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Subject: AAPA IKT 2016 - Europe - Organiser News Release Two - Conference Bookings & Air flights have commenced!

Dear Delegates, Aspirant Delegates and Delegate Sponsors,

This Organiser New Release Two is to give you an update on the registrations at the E&E Congress, make sure I know who should be registered for the RILEM conference and to confirm the International Travel Bookings that Belmore Travel should make.

E&E Congress <http://www.eecongress2016.org>

Your name is on this list below because you are assumed to be 90% or greater chance of being on the IKT 2016 to Europe.

We have done the registration for the 17 delegates at the Early Bird price of 875 EUR each, note that full rego is 1075 EUR and late rego 1275 EUR

RILEM <http://mcd2016.sciencesconf.org>

We need to register for RILEM early bird before 27 March and I want to know who expects to be taking that option. I am assuming it currently is Les Marchant, Mike Pickering, Andrew Papacostas and me - please let me know if you want to be included in this option by latest Thursday so that I can do the registration over the weekend.

ACTION - tell me if you want this option by Thursday so that I can early bird register

SCANDINAVIA

As for the other option, we need to have minimum number attending to make the option workable. Currently we have Nick Argyropoulos, Mark Moro and Michael Caltabiano committed, please let me know if you want to take up this option by Thursday as well - it affects the flights back.

ACTION - tell me if you want this option

FLIGHTS

The prices in the budget are based on group concessions which require us to commit over the Easter Weekend. The table below (and attached) is our guess as to what you will be doing.

Please look through the headings | E&E Rego - when you were registered | RILEM - so far | Scandinavia - so far | Home airport - where you will be leaving from and returning to |

| Flight organiser - AAPA means we do it all, Delegate means you do it all, or changes some of the flight details and you must tell Belmore travel or your plans |

| Depart - first one is when you leave | Depart - the second one is when you leave to return home (actual day back varies) - these return dates are still being fine tuned |

ACTION - check that we have got your flight planning details right and let me know - we will book the AAPA flights based on the below - on the weekend

QUESTIONS

Thanks for those that have sent in and have told me they are sending in - will consolidate over the Easter Weekend and provide an update.

ACTION - send me the questions you already have

OTHER DELEGATES

We have a number of possible delegates who are not included in this listing below but will be receiving this News Release.

Obviously the organisation of the IKT is progressing and we really need you to let us know of your possible participation.

If you don't reply, Michael Caltabiano or I will be contacting you directly to get some idea of your potential involvement.

Note - if there is a **Turquoise** shading behind any of the fields in the table then we do not have that information yet and you (**ACTION**) are asked to provide in the personal detail forms - Christine supplied the link.

Thanks again for your participation.

Next Organiser News Release will include more details of the itinerary and questions.

Regards, Rob

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Previous list of delegates removed

From: Robert Vos <robert.vos@aapa.asn.au>

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Subject: AAPA IKT 2016 - Europe - Organiser News Release One - Your questions please!

Hi,

You are receiving this "first organiser news release" from me for the AAPA IKT 2016 because . . .

I am guessing that you will be on the IKT or will be involved in sending someone.

So if this is a surprise, talk to me, or your potential sponsor.

Questions

Attached is a MS Word document for you to add your, and your sponsors questions, which we should try to answer as part of the visit to Europe.

A master copy of the questions will be created and circulated (repeatedly) to all IKT participants and, closer to departure, to our hosts in Europe.

IPT and Options

The core IKT is two weeks from 21 May to (about) 5 June, this includes the E&E Congress.

There are two options for the week after the core IKT one to the RILEM Conference in Nantes, France and the other to Scandinavia.

Both options leave to return on weekend 10-11 June.

Deadlines

We are locking down accommodation, flights and conference registrations.

Thanks to those participants who have submitted their deposits and commitments.

For those not yet 100% we have to make some risky decisions on the deposits and will be engaging in correspondence with you on how to assess and handle the risk.

Delays will likely push up the cost of your package.

Conference early bird rego's by Friday! Flights deposits already required and accommodation being juggled.

Who's going - delegates list

100% : (or close to 100%)

Nick Argyropoulos (NA Group), Jerry Tan (Downer), Andrew Papacostas (VidRoads), Brendan Cole (Fulton Hogan), Tony Wehl (RPQ), Graham Wilson (Puma Bitumen), Stuart Dack (Puma Bitumen), Nigel Preston (Viva Energy), ARRB Nominee 1, Michael Caltabiano (AAPA), Rob Vos (AAPA)

90% :

Matthew Ferreira (Transurban), Mike Pickering (QTMR), RMS Nominee 1, WA Main Roads Nominee 1, Boral Nominee 1, Colas Nominee 1, Con Rimpas (part tour)

50% :

ARRB Nominee 2, Boral Nominee 2, RMS Nominee 2, QTMR Nominee 2, GHD Nominee, Fulton Hogan Nominee 2

Total of 20 expected on core IKT with about 8 to 10 on the options

International flights

As in the past, you are at liberty to pay to fly at a higher class than included in the tour costing and, if needed, organise the flight booking through your own travel agent. These details & the specific billings are handled through our travel agent who you should contact if you have any need to change your flights in/out or provide your own international travel.

Details - Jason Brownley, Belmore travel 0408 032 829 jason@belmoretravel.com.au

Costs

Core IKT \$16 750 & GST

RILEM & Scandinavian options each \$4250 & GST

Contact me if you need a breakdown of the cost structures.

International flight costs for the core IKT from Australia to Europe and back are \$2325

Hosts and program

Below is a first sweep at the Itinerary & Meetings list, it is rough. An electron copy is being prepared with growing details.

There will be an additional "Meetings Agenda" for each of our stops with the hosts, that will be issued closer to departure.

In summary:

Core IKT

21 May Saturday - Australia - UK

22 May Sunday - London 7am

23 May Monday - Highways England (maybe TRL) - where we are to meet is being clarified - likely not London

24 May Tuesday - TARMAC & construction sites on way to Nottingham

25 May Wednesday - Nottingham University - afternoon/evening train to Paris

26 May Thursday - Paris - Colas - lab & construction

27 May Friday - Paris - IFSTTAR - French Road Agency Asset & Technology - possible coach visits

28 May Saturday - Paris at leisure & group event

29 May Sunday - Paris to Mannheim, Germany - morning by train. Afternoon at leisure, evening group event.

30 May Monday - Mannheim - Equipment manufacture and use - Vögele and construction

31 May Tuesday - Mannheim - Contractors, sites & road agency. Afternoon/evening Fly Frankfurt to Prague, Czech Republic

1 June Wednesday - Prague - E&E Congress

2 June Thursday - Prague - E&E Congress

3 June Friday - Prague - E&E Congress

4 June Saturday - Prague - morning at leisure. Afternoon - depart for Australia

5 June Sunday - Australia

RILEM option

5 June Sunday - fly Prague to Nantes, France in afternoon

6 June Monday - Nantes - preconference tour

7 June Tuesday - Nantes - RILEM Conference

8 June Wednesday - Nantes - RILEM Conference

9 June Thursday - Nantes - RILEM Conference

10 June Friday - train to Paris, fly France to Australia

Scandinavian option

5 June Sunday - Fly Prague to Helsinki, Finland

6 June Monday - Helsinki - Finish Contractors Association and Road Agency - materials and asset management advances

7 June Tuesday - Helsinki - above continued

8 June Wednesday - Fly Helsinki to Gothenburg, Sweden. Equipment supplier - Volvo - Next generation road use and driverless vehicle implementation

9 June Thursday - Gothenburg - as above

10 June Friday - depart Gothenburg for Australia

Delegate details

Christine Everson will be chasing you for your clothing sizes, passport details, frequent flyer etc - there is a standard form with the details required.

Other details are required for the conference / congress rego's she will be in touch for that as well.

Links

2012 AAPA Study Tour to Europe report & references <http://www.aapaq.org/g/2012st/2012str.html>

2016 E&E Congress <http://www.eecongress2016.org>

8th RILEM Conference <http://mcd2016.sciencesconf.org/resource/page/id/6>

Please contact me if you need any additional info, and please get those questions mack to me so that I can let our hosts know.

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