ISO/IEC JTC 1/SC 29/WG 1
(ITU-T SG16)

Coding of Still Pictures

JBIG
Joint Bi-level Image Experts Group

JPEG
Joint Photographic Experts Group

TITLE: Calling Notice and Logistical Information for 86th Meeting of ISO/IEC JTC 1/SC 29/WG 1 18 – 24 January 2020, Sydney, Australia.

SOURCE: JPEG Convenor

PROJECT:

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DISTRIBUTION: WG 1 Distribution Lists

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The 86th WG1 – JPEG Meeting will take place in Sydney, Australia, from 18 to 24 January 2020.

REGISTRATION

The 86th ISO/IEC JTC 1/SC 29 WG1 meeting will be held in Sydney, Australia, 18-24 January 2020. Delegates are kindly requested to register through the ISO meetings portal at https://sd.iso.org/meetings

INFORMATION

⇒ Ad hoc Group Meeting Venue (18-19 January 2020)

UTS, Building 11, 15 Broadway, Ultimo, NSW 2017, Australia

⇒ Meeting Venue (20-24 January 2020):

Level 9, Exchange Centre, 20 Bridge Street, Sydney

⇒ Request for invitation letter (Visa purposes): events@standards.org.au
(Please provide your full name, organisation name, address, nationality, passport number)

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Organisation Details for Ad hoc Group Meetings for the 86th JPEG Meeting in Sydney, Australia.

Ad hoc Group Meetings on Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th January 2020 will be hosted by the Faculty of Engineering and IT, University of Technology Sydney.
Venue: UTS, Building 11, 15 Broadway, Ultimo, NSW 2017, Australia

Logistics:

UTS is conveniently located near Central Station (Southern Concourse Exit). Trains run frequently from stations in the Central Business District such as Town Hall, Wynyard and Circular Quay to Central, taking less than 10 mins to arrive at Central. Five rooms will be available at UTS for the AhG meetings. The rooms will be able to seat 31 (three rooms), 59 and 91 delegates. The majority of the rooms are on Level 4 of Building 11, while the 91 person room is on Level 3, easily reached by stairs or elevator from Level 4. Each room has equipment for AV display.

On Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th, access to the building will be open and additional security provided to allow delegates free movement into and out of the building as well as between the meeting rooms. Further details will be provided about room locations within the building closer to the event.

Wifi and equipment at UTS:

UTS requires individual accounts for wifi access on site. There is no provision at UTS for a general, single password, wifi account for an event or guests.

During the Ad Hoc Group meetings at UTS on the 18th to 19th of January, delegates needing wifi access will have three options:
1. Guests with access to the “eduroam” network, should be able to use this system automatically at UTS.

2. Guests may ask for an account in advance for the 'UTS-Guest' wifi connection. Please send an email to Stuart.Perry@uts.edu.au and he will arrange for an individual password to the 'UTS-Guest' connection. First name, last name and email address is needed. The list of people needing access will be collected in bulk and sent to the administrative people to arrange for the accounts a week or so prior to meeting. Then each person will be mailed their password. Unfortunately, for privacy reasons, Standards Australia cannot supply UTS with the details of people registering on the ISO Meetings website, hence this request for information.

3. Guests may request an account on the day of arrival. This can be achieved by logging onto the “UTS-Guest” wifi connection and giving some details. The system will request a sponsor and Stuart Perry (Stuart.Perry@uts.edu.au) can be given. Stuart is then sent an email and can approve the request. Please note that if many people request access on the day, there may be delays as Stuart needs to approve each request and might be busy with other arrangements on the day.

For those groups needing specialised equipment during the Ad Hoc Group Meetings on the 18th and 19th of January, the Perceptual Imaging Lab at UTS will be able to provide access to a 4K monitor (Eizo Coloredge CG318-4k) located on the 8th floor of the building. Potentially access to VR/AR headsets (Oculus Rift/HTC Vive/Oculus GO and Microsoft Hololens) as well as camera equipment (Canon EOS 5D and Ricoh Theta 360 cameras) are available, although UTS is not expecting VR/AR or camera equipment to be needed. If you require access to any of this equipment please send an email to Stuart.Perry@uts.edu.au in advance to arrange a time and people to give access to the lab space. At this current time, there is no plan for UTS to transport this equipment to the main meeting at Standards Australia.

For further enquiries, please contact A/Prof Stuart Perry on Stuart.Perry@uts.edu.au or +61 437 709 946

**Social Event**

The University of Technology Sydney (UTS) and Kakadu Software Pty Ltd, have arranged to co-sponsor a social event for the meeting on Wednesday 22nd January 2020. Standards Australia has arranged the event. The event will be a dinner at Café Sydney:

[https://cafesydney.com/home](https://cafesydney.com/home)

This venue is only a few minutes walk from the meeting venue. Further details will be supplied during the 86th Meeting, however if you have any questions or special dietary restrictions that need to be considered, please contact Stuart Perry and he will pass this along to the venue and Standards Australia.

**Hotel information**

The hotels below are within walking distance from the Standards Australia office at
Level 9, Exchange Centre, 20 Bridge Street, Sydney.

Radisson Plaza Hotel Sydney
27 O’Connell Street, Sydney, NSW 2000
Phone: +61 2 8214 0000
Email: res.sydplaza@radisson.com
http://www.radisson.com/sydneyau_plaza

Amora Jamison
11 Jamison Street, Sydney, NSW 2000
Phone: +61 2 9696 2500
Fax: +61 2 9696 2600
Email: admin@sydney.amorahotels.com.au
http://www.amorahotels.com

Four Seasons Hotel Sydney
199 George Street, Sydney, NSW 2000
Phone: +61 2 9250 3100
http://www.fourseasons.com/sydney

Sydney Marriott Hotel
30 Pitt Street, Sydney, NSW, 2000
Phone: +61 2 9259 7000

Intercontinental Sydney
117 Macquarie Street, Sydney, NSW 2000
Phone: +61 02 9253 9000
https://www.ihg.com/intercontinental-sydney

Travelodge Wynyard Sydney Hotel
7-9 York Street Sydney NSW 2000
Phone: +61 2 9274 1222
Email: twys@travelodge.com.au
http://www.travelodge.com.au

Please also look at the following certified accommodation deal websites for alternate accommodation:

- Wotif.com
- Lastminute.com

TRAVEL INFORMATION

Passports, Visas and Vaccinations
All travellers to Australia, other than Australian and New Zealand citizens, require a valid authority to enter Australia, either a visa or an Electronic Travel Authority (ETA). Visas are available from Australian diplomatic offices such as Australian Embassies, High Commissions and Consulates. Electronic Travel Authorities (ETAs) are issued electronically by participating travel agents connected to one of the major computer reservation systems, or from the reservation office of a participating airline.

More information is available from the Australian Government’s Department of Immigration’s website, [http://www.immi.gov.au/](http://www.immi.gov.au/) Should you require a letter of invitation, please email events@standards.org.au at Standards Australia for assistance. Vaccinations are not required unless you have come from, or have visited, a yellow fever infected country or zone within six days prior to arrival. You do not need any other health certificate to enter Australia.

**Quarantine**

Australia has strict quarantine regulations. Australia is free from many pests and diseases found elsewhere in the world. It is vital that you declare any food, plant or animal items upon arrival, including fresh and packaged food, fruit, eggs, meat, vegetables, seeds, animals, wood and plants. You can dispose of these items at bins found in international airports.

Quarantine regulations are strictly enforced, and penalties are very high. When you arrive in Australia, if you have any doubts about an item in your possession, declare it, and one of our Customs Officers will assess it. More information is available from the Australian Government Department of Agriculture website, [http://www.agriculture.gov.au/travelling/to-australia/advice-to-travellers](http://www.agriculture.gov.au/travelling/to-australia/advice-to-travellers)

**Duty free**

Duty-free concessions in Australia are different to those in other countries. Most personal items such as new clothing, footwear, and articles for personal hygiene and grooming (excluding fur and perfume concentrates) may be brought into Australia in your accompanied baggage, free from duty and tax.

For other goods, limits apply. These include goods that are purchased overseas and goods that are purchased in Australia duty or tax free (that have been previously exported), or from an inwards duty-free shop on arrival into Australia. Also included are goods for which a TRS claim has been made.


**Travel Insurance**

The organisers and hosts cannot accept any responsibility for accidents, losses and/or damages that may occur. Delegates are advised to obtain travel, medical, personal accident and luggage insurance in their home countries prior to departure.
TRANSPORT TO & FROM THE AIRPORT

Located in Mascot, Sydney Airport is approximately 8km from the central business district. Sydney Airport is easily accessible by all modes of transport including car, train, taxi or bus.

All terminals, T1 International, T2 Domestic and T3 Domestic, can be easily found by following signs to the airport - usually displayed by a simple aeroplane symbol. Most major routes will feature the symbol at decision points.

Taxi

Each terminal has its own sheltered taxi rank with supervisors on hand in peak hours to ensure a smooth flow of taxis for travellers. The approximate taxi fare from Sydney Airport to the City is $50. This fare is based on non-peak traffic conditions. Passengers pay for any bridge or road tolls on top of the fare. A $3.00 airport toll is payable by all passengers taking a taxi from any of Sydney Airport's taxi ranks.

Taxi Tips

Drivers are required to accept all fares, large and small, from the airport. The kerbside management team will help you and your driver with this request. Please note that taxis are not permitted to pick up passengers outside of the taxi ranks and the driver will be fined $5,000 for breaking the regulation.

Train

There are rail stations located at both the International and Domestic Terminals. The Domestic rail station is located directly between T2 and T3 Terminals and is accessible from within the terminals from the arrivals level.

The International rail station is located at the northern end of the terminal and is accessible from the arrivals level. Travel by the City Airport Link is a fast and convenient way to reach the centre of Sydney. Trains run approximately every 10 minutes and the journey into the city takes approximately 13 minutes. The International and Domestic rail stations link directly to the City Circle railway stations which means most city destinations are within a short walk of stations.

Please visit the website for further information on https://transportnsw.info/

Train travel to the Suburbs

Tickets can be purchased to all Sydney stations from the Airport rail station. Simply catch the train from the Airport rail station to Central station and change for all suburban services.
Train travel between Terminals

Airport Link offers a $5.00 (one way, per person) transfer ticket for passengers transferring between T1 International and T2/T3 Domestic Terminals. For more information visit www.airportlink.com.au

Bus Shuttle Service

KST Airport Shuttle bus services are available from Sydney’s Domestic and International Airports to the City, Kings Cross and Darling Harbour.

Return: $32 per person

One Way: $18.00 per person


Prices are subject to change.

Rental Car

Car Rental services at Sydney Airport are provided by the following operators. You'll find the car rental desks located on the arrivals level at the terminal.

AVIS
Phone: 13 63 33
www.avis.com.au

HERTZ
Phone: 13 30 39
www.hertz.com.au

THRIFTY
Phone: 1300 36 72 27
www.thrifty.com.au

BUDGET
Phone: 13 27 27
www.budget.com.au
RED SPOT RENTALS
Phone: 1300 668 810
www.redspotrentals.com.au

EUROPCAR
Phone: 1300 13 13 90
www.europcar.com.au

CURRENCY AND CREDIT CARDS

The basic unit of currency is the Australian Dollar. Notes come in AUD 100, AUD 50, AUD 20, AUD 10 and AUD 5 denominations. Coins come in 5c, 10c, 20c, 50c, AUD $1 and AUD $2 denominations.

The current exchange rate can be checked at http://www.xe.com/ucc/

Major credit cards such as American Express, Visa, MasterCard and Diners Club are widely accepted. ATMs (Cash points) are very commonplace throughout Australia, and generally accept a wide range of cards, including Cirrus/Maestro cards.

In the event of a lost or stolen credit card or cheques, call the company immediately:

AMERICAN EXPRESS
Credit cards 1300 132 639
Travellers' cheques 1800 688 022

DINERS CLUB
1300 360 060

MASTERCARD
1800 120 113
VISA
1800 125 440

TAX REFUNDS

Australia has a Goods and Services Tax (GST) of 10%, which by law is always included in the displayed or marked price. For tourists buying goods in excess of $300 as part of a single purchase, a refund of the tax is available when they are exported. This is obtained through the Tourist Refund Scheme (TRS) desk at your airport of departure. Please note, however, that most Australian shops serving tourists do provide a tax-free purchasing option on presentation of a valid passport and airline ticket. TRS does not apply in these cases.

ELECTRICITY

This plug has a grounding pin and two flat prongs forming a V-shape. There is an ungrounded version of this plug as well, with only two flat V-shaped prongs. Australia’s standard plug/socket system is used in applications up to 10 amps. The electric supply in Australia is 230 volts a.c. 50 Hz. You will need an adaptor to fit your plug into an Australian 3 pin socket. Adaptors are readily available at local stores and airports.

If your standard electric supply is 110 volts (North America/Japan), you will need an adaptor (which changes the shape of the plug) and a converter (which changes the voltage). Do not make the mistake of just using the adaptor unless the appliance you are using has a voltage switch on it.

TELEPHONES

Telephone outlets in major hotels take the American modular (RJ11) plug; however, some locations still require a unique Australian telephone plug. Adaptors are readily available at local stores.

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

In case of emergency, dial 000. This number connects to the ambulance, fire and police services. From analogue phones, 000 will connect callers, although many newer digital phones require the user to dial 112, the international standard emergency number. Consult your carrier if you are uncertain how to access the 000 emergency network.

Public Payphones

Australia has a modern and competitive telephone system. You can make local calls, long-distance calls within Australia (STD), and International Direct Dialling (IDD) calls. Local calls from public payphones
are untimed and charged at $A0.40. Long distance and international calls are usually timed. Public payphones accept Australian coins and some accept credit cards and pre-paid phone cards.

Telephone Useful Tips

- The country code for Australia is 61. The city code for Sydney is 02. To telephone Sydney from an overseas country: International dialling code + 61 + 2 + Local Number.
- Local Directory Inquiries is 1223. This service is free for most Telstra residential customers. A $0.50 fee applies to calls from Telstra business and mobile phones requesting numbers in Australia regardless of whether or not the requested number can be found by an operator.
- Optional through connection is available to eligible Telstra post-paid mobile, Pre-Paid mobile and fixed line callers by calling 1234. A connection fee applies to successful and attempted connection. Telstra charges apply for connected calls.
- International Directory Inquiries is 1225. The International dialling code is 0011. For dialling to an overseas country from Sydney: 0011 + Country Code + Area Code + Local Number.

OPENING HOURS

Banks

Central branches of major banks have foreign exchange facilities. (Fees apply) Trading hours: Mon-Thurs 9.30am-4pm, Fri 9.30am-5pm. Limited Saturday services are available at some banks and building societies.

Department Stores

Generally, shops do not stay open late in Australia. Most major shopping centres are open from 9am to 5.30pm Monday through Friday and 9am to 8pm on Thursday or Friday; 9am to 5pm on Saturday, and 10am to 4pm on Sunday.

Post Offices

Post Offices are open from 9am-5pm on Monday to Friday. Some suburban post offices are open on Saturdays. Most large hotels will be able to assist you with any postal services you may require.

Supermarkets

The two main supermarket operators Woolworths and Coles generally trade between 6am and 12 midnight 7 days a week, although some inner-city stores in Sydney operate 24 hours a day.

SMOKING

Smoking is not permitted within public buildings in Australia and is not permitted at all on public transport, including domestic air flights.
TIPPING

Whilst a tip is not essential and you should not feel obliged, it is appreciated for good service. A 10% tip is widely accepted as the standard in restaurants. In a taxi, a tip of $1-$2 is usual.

No service charges are added to hotel and restaurant bills.

USEFUL LINKS

Airlines

http://www.qantas.com.au

http://www.virginblue.com.au

http://www.jetstar.com.au

http://www.tigerair.com.au

http://www.webjet.com.au

Climate


Sydney during January can tend to be hot and humid with average daily highs of 26° Celsius and average daily lows of 19° Celsius, however days above 35° Celsius are not uncommon. Ultra-Violet radiation levels are higher in January than any other month of the year, so attendees are strongly advised to wear sun protection such as hats, sunscreen or clothing that covers arms and legs when going outside for extended periods. During January even periods of sun exposure as short at 10mins during midday can result in unpleasant sunburn.

Public Holidays


Travelling & Sightseeing


Tourist and general information in English, German, Italian, French, Japanese, Spanish and Portuguese languages

Information regarding accommodation and entertainment in and around Sydney

https://www.whereis.com/

Australian travel maps, street directory and driving directory.


Australia’s most popular business information, culture, lifestyle and entertainment directory