

THE SECOND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON TRAINING, EMPLOYABILITY AND EMPLOYMENT

22-23 September 2005

Organised by the Centre for the Economics of Education and Training at Monash University
In conjunction with the Centre for Industrial Relations and Human Resource Management
at Leeds University Business School

INFORMATION FOR DELEGATES

VENUE

Monash University Centre in Prato
First floor of the Palazzo Vaj,
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WELCOME RECEPTION and REGISTRATION

WEDNESDAY 21 September 2005 6.00 – 8.00 pm
Welcome Reception will be held at Monash University Centre in Prato, Terrazzo

REGISTRATION

THURSDAY 22 September 2005 10.00 – 11.00 am
FRIDAY 23 September 2005 8.30 – 9.00 am
Registration desk will be located at the main entrance of the Monash University Prato Centre.

SESSION TIMES

THURSDAY 22 September 2005 11.00 – 4.30 pm
FRIDAY 23 September 2005 9.00 – 4.30 pm

PROGRAM

Changes or updates to the Conference program will be recorded on the CTEE web site at –
<http://www.monash.edu.au/cmo/CTEE05>

NAME TAGS

Delegates are asked to wear their Conference nametag at all times.

WALKING TOUR of PRATO

WEDNESDAY 21 September 2005 5.00 – 6.00 pm
This is a complimentary tour of the town for delegates

OPTIONAL SOCIAL TOUR

Optional Social Tour to Pisa
Saturday 24 September
Departing Monash Prato Centre at 10.30 am returning by 5pm

Includes:

- City Monuments
- Climb of the Tower of Pisa
- Visit to the Cathedral
- Lunch

Please note if you have not registered to go on the Optional Social Tour and would like to come along, please download registration form and fax it to our office on + 61 3 9905 1343.

MESSAGES

Messages for delegates will be left on the bulletin board next to the Conference Secretariat and Registration Desk.

CATERING

Morning and afternoon teas will be served at the Monash University Centre in Prato and lunches will be provided at the Hotel Flora during Conference.

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES

Conference organisers and the Conference Management Office will not be responsible for any incidental expenses incurred by delegates during the Conference.

TRANSPORT TO PRATO

Please visit the following web site that gives you detailed instructions of getting to Monash University Prato Center whether it is on foot, by car or train.

<http://www.ita.monash.edu/getting.html>

TIME DIFFERENCE

In September, Italy is eight hours behind AUS EST. When it is 12 noon in Prato it is 8.00pm in Melbourne and Sydney.

CURRENCY

The monetary unit used in Italy from 2002, as for all Europe, is the "Euro." Foreign currency or travellers' cheques can be freely exchanged at banks, hotels and the airports. Automatic teller machines are located in central locations in Prato and Florence and Credit Cards are readily acceptable at most restaurants, shops and all conference hotels.

CLIMATE

The weather in northern Italy in September is usually a pleasant autumn average of a comfortable 20°C. Delegates are advised that on occasions greater variations occur and provision for both cooler and much warmer temperatures is advised. Evenings are usually cooler, approximately 11°C on average.

SHOPPING

Shops are usually open during the following hours:

Monday	4pm - 7.30pm
Tuesday Saturday	8.30 / 9.30am-1.00pm
	4 pm - 7.30 pm

Clothing stores may open later between	9.00am and 10.00am
Most other stores will open between	8.30am and 9.00am
Many food stores (bakeries etc.) close on Wednesday afternoons	

What to do - Out of Prato

From Prato there are many great Italian towns and cities that are easily visited by train.

Florence

The best way to find out about Florence's innumerable offerings is to go to the tourist information office at Via Cavour, 1r.

Open:

Monday to Saturday	8.30am - 6.30pm
Sundays and public holidays	8.30am - 1.30pm
http://www.aboutflorence.com or http://www.studentsville.it/	

Day Trips from Prato

Many of Italy's most popular towns are easily reached by train from Prato.

Rome	2hrs 20mins (from Florence on the Eurostar)
Bologna	45mins - 1hr
Pisa	1hr 30mins
Lucca	55 mins
Viareggio (seaside town)	1hr 15 mins

Where to Eat in Prato

Listed below is a selection of restaurants which have been recommended by the Monash University Prato Centre. Many restaurants are closed on Tuesdays and some on Mondays.

Restaurants/Pizzeria

Donchisciotte

Piazza Mercatale 38/39

Ph: 0574 39023

Delicious wood oven pizzas at a reasonable price, plus other main dishes including seafood.

Antica Fiaschetteria

Piazza Lippi 4

Ph: 0574 41225

This is easily the best medium priced restaurant in Prato. Mostly southern Italian inspired cooking. The service is friendly and there are a good range of wines available.

La Veranda

Via dell'Arco 10 (just off Piazza San Marco)

Ph: 0574 38235

Serves typical Tuscan dishes and a wide variety is available. Efficient service with menus in English if needed. Main courses priced slightly higher than 'trattoria' prices.

Il Rifrullo

Piazza Mercatale 18/19

Ph: 0574-25062

Simple pizzeria, but good, cheap entrees and big sized pasta/rice portions.

Pizzas also good and inexpensive. Can take larger groups.

Outdoor section available.