

ACREW / KCL 2006

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1 – 4 July 2006

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INFORMATION FOR DELEGATES

VENUE

Monash University Centre in Prato
First floor of the Palazzo Vaj,
26 Via Pugliesi, Prato, Italy

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WALKING TOUR OF PRATO

SATURDAY 1 July 2006 5.00 – 6.30pm

Optional complimentary tour of Prato. Please meet at Monash Prato Centre. The walking tour will focus on the Middle Ages and Renaissance Prato and will visit the mid 13th century castle built by the Hohenstaufen Emperors, the almost perfectly preserved medieval walls which enclose the ancient city centre, a Romanesque cum Gothic cathedral dedicated to San Stefano with an external pulpit by Donatello and Michelozzo, the church of S.Maria delle Carceri by Giuliano San Gallo, and the well preserved Palazzo Datini, the fifteenth century home of the famous 'Merchant of Prato', Francesco Datini.

WELCOME RECEPTION and REGISTRATION

SATURDAY 1 July 2006 6.30 – 8.30 pm

Welcome Reception will be held at Monash University Centre in Prato, Terrazzo

REGISTRATION

SUNDAY 2 July 2006 8.00am – onward
MONDAY 3 July 2006 8.30am – onward

Registration desk will be located at the main entrance of the Monash University Prato Centre.

SESSION TIMES

SUNDAY 2 July 2006 9.00am – 4.40 pm
MONDAY 3 July 2006 9.00am – 4.40 pm
TUESDAY 4 July 2006 9.00am – 4.40pm

PROGRAM

Changes or updates to the Conference program will be recorded on the ACREW web site at –
<http://www.monash.edu.au/emo/ACREW2006>

NAME TAGS

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

CONFERENCE DINNER

MONDAY 3 JULY 8.00pm
Medici Villa "La Ferdinanda"

Bus departs 7.30pm from Monash University Prato Centre

MESSAGES

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

CATERING

Morning / afternoon teas and lunches will be served at the Monash University Centre in Prato 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

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 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 July is usually a pleasant summer average of a comfortable 31°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 15°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.