

# Integrated Governance: Linking up Government, Business & Civil Society

Monash University Centre  
Prato, Italy  
26-29 October 2005

## INFORMATION FOR DELEGATES

<b>VENUE</b>	<b>Monash University Prato Centre</b> First floor of the Palazzo Vaj, 26 Via Pugliesi, Prato, Italy Tel. + 39 0574 436921 Fax. +39 0574 436923
<b>RECEPTION &amp; REGISTRATION</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY 26 October 2005</b> <b>6.00 – 7.30 pm</b> A welcome reception will be held at Monash University Prato Centre, Terrazzo. Delegates will also be able to register on the night.
<b>SESSION TIMES</b>	<b>THURSDAY 27 October 2005</b> <b>8.30 am – 4.30 pm</b> <b>FRIDAY 28 October 2005</b> <b>9.00 am – 4.30 pm</b> <b>SATURDAY 29 October 2005</b> <b>8.30 am – 4.30 pm</b>
<b>CONFERENCE DINNER</b>	<b>FRIDAY 28 October 2005</b> <b>8.00 pm for 8.30pm</b>  Cartina del Redi Artimino s.p.a 59015 Artimino (Prato) Viale Papa Giovanni XXIII n.1.  Bus departs 7.30pm from Monash University Prato Centre
<b>PROGRAM</b>	Changes or updates to the Conference program will be recorded on the Integrated Governance Conference website at:  <a href="http://www.monash.edu.au/cmo/integrated_governance_05">http://www.monash.edu.au/cmo/integrated_governance_05</a>
<b>NAME TAGS</b>	Delegates are asked to wear their Conference nametag at all times.
<b>MESSAGES</b>	Messages for delegates will be left on the bulletin board next to the Conference Secretariat and Registration Desk.
<b>CATERING</b>	Morning/Afternoon teas and lunches will be served at the Monash University Prato Centre.

## PRATO

Prato is located at the centre of the northern part of Tuscany, some 20 minutes from Florence by train. Other major art cities nearby include Pisa, Lucca and Siena. Prato is a walled medieval city which is rich in historical and artistic attractions. The greater city of Prato has 170,000 inhabitants and is famous for its wool textile industry.

The Monash University Centre is located within the walled city and housed in the Palazzo Vaj.

## AUDIO VISUAL

Data and Overhead projector.

## WALKING TOUR of PRATO

**WEDNESDAY 26 October 5.00 – 6.30 pm**

The walking tour will focus on the Middle Ages and Renaissance Prato and will visit the mid 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

## OPTIONAL SOCIAL TOUR

### Optional Social Lippi Tour

Saturday 29 October

Entrance fee: € 8,00 per person

Departing Monash University Prato Centre from 5 to 7 pm

Bookings can be made at Monash University Prato Centre when you arrive.

### On the scaffolding with Filippo Lippi

The cycle of frescoes showing scenes from the lives of St. Stephen and St. John the Baptist painted between 1452 and 1465 in the central chapel of the cathedral of Prato represent, without a doubt, the highest point of the production of the Florentine artist, for the complexity and quality of the paintings.

For more information on the tour please visit

[http://www.restaurofilippolippi.it/english\\_version.htm](http://www.restaurofilippolippi.it/english_version.htm)

## ACCOMMODATION IN PRATO

The following is not an exhaustive list of available options. Delegates are advised to make their bookings directly with the hotels.

Hotel Datini / Hotel Flora

[www.prathotels.it](http://www.prathotels.it)

Hotel Giardino

tel. +39 0574 606 588

Residence Manassei

[www.mresidence.it](http://www.mresidence.it)

For further information on hotels please visit our website:

[http://www.monash.edu.au/cmo/integrated\\_governance\\_05/hotels.html](http://www.monash.edu.au/cmo/integrated_governance_05/hotels.html)

## **TRANSPORT TO PRATO**

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

Just click on this link <http://www.ita.monash.edu/getting.html>

### **By Plane**

Florence airport (Aeroporto Amerigo Vespucci di Firenze) is located between Prato and Florence, and is around 10 kilometers from the Monash Prato Centre. There are direct flights to Florence from most major European cities especially intercontinental hubs. Travelers from outside Italy can fly to international airports in Rome, Milan, or Bologna, or in some cases, to airports at Pisa or Florence.

### **By Train**

Florence's Santa Maria Novella station is the main rail node from the rest of Italy and Europe. The Galilei from Paris and the Italia Express from Frankfurt stop at Santa Maria Novella. However, il pendolino, Italy's express "bullet" train, stops at the Firenze Rifredi station. Two train routes connect Florence to Prato, the Firenze-Bologna and the Firenze-Lucca-Viareggio. The train journey between Florence and Prato takes 20 to 30 minutes. The Monash Prato Centre is 10 minutes walk from Prato's Stazione Centrale.

### **By Bus**

A local bus service provides transport around the greater city and regular connections to Florence.

## **CURRENCY**

The monetary unit used in Italy from 2002 is the "Euro." Foreign currency or travelers' cheques can be freely exchanged at banks, hotels and 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.

## **VISAS**

All foreign visitors entering Italy must be in possession of a current passport or other travel documents endorsed and valid for Italy. For very few foreign nationalities an entry visa is required. If you do require a visa, please contact the closest Italian Embassy or Consulate. Australian passport holders do not require a Visa.

## **CLIMATE**

The weather in northern Italy in October is usually a pleasant autumn average of 22°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.

## **INCIDENTAL EXPENSES**

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

If there are any queries, please do not hesitate to call me before 23 October 2005 on my office line +61 3 9905 1344. After 23 October please ring me on my mobile +61 408 512 783 or contact Dr Cristina Neesham on + 61 425 771 425. Please also note that Conference organizers will be contactable during the Conference at Monash University Prato Centre on +39 0574 436921.

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