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Meeting Information

**ISO/IEC JTC 1/SC 32 Plenary Meeting,
ISO/IEC JTC 1/SC 32/WG Meetings,
Metadata Open Forum (SC32/WG 2)**

19-30 May, 2008 - Sydney, Australia

The ISO/IEC JTC 1/SC 32 plenary meeting, WG meetings and the Metadata Open Forum will be held in Sydney Australia from 19th through 30th May, 2008.

1. Meeting Schedule:

- SC32 Open Plenary : 26th May 2008,
- SC32 Closing Plenary: 30th May, 2008,
- SC32 Tutorials: 26th May, 2008,
- SC32 WG Meetings;
 - WG1: 9:00-17:00, 26th -- 29th May, 2008
 - WG2: 9:00-17:00, 22th -- 30th May, 2008
 - WG3: 9:00-17:00, 19th -- 30th May, 2008
 - WG4: 9:00-17:00, 26th -- 29th May, 2008
- Metadata Open Forum 19th – 22nd May, 2008

2. Meeting Location:



ISO/IEC JTC1 SC32 Plenary and WG Meetings will be held at:

Standards Australia
Level 10, 20 Bridge Street,
Sydney, NSW 2000
AUSTRALIA
Web: www.standards.org.au

The Metadata Open Forum: “*Metadata DownUnder – Metadata, Semantics and Interoperability in Practice*” will be held at:

Radisson Plaza Hotel Sydney
27 O’Connell St.
Sydney NSW 2000
Phone: +61 2 8214 0000
Fax: +61 2 8214 1000
e-mail: res.sydplaza@radisson.com
web: www.radisson.com/sydneyau_plaza

Accommodation at Radisson:

The following special rates have been set up in conjunction with the openforum:

Atrium Room \$240 per room per night (room only)

Premier Room \$255 per room per night (room only)

To obtain these rates either book via:

<http://www.radisson.com/reservation/itineraryEntrance.do?pacLink=Y&promoCode=META&hotelCode=AUSPLAZA>

Or call the hotel direct on +61 2 8214 0000 and quote META to receive the rate for the duration of the Open Forum or the SC32 meetings in May.

3. Meeting Rooms

The meeting rooms have broadband wireless Internet connectivity and a projector. Wireless broadband is available throughout the meeting area.

4. Meeting Registration:

Attached to this document is a meeting registration form. It should be send to ISO/IEC JTC1 SC32 Secretariat Timothy Schoechle (timothy@schoechle.org) by **5th May 2008**. Please also send to Michael Langdon, Standards Australia (michael.langdon@standards.org.au).

5. ISO/IEC SC32 Facilities Fee:

A voluntary contribution of AUD \$50 to assist with facilities costs is requested.

6. Metadata Open Forum:

A registration form for the Metadata Open Forum is also attached. For further information see www.metadataopenforum.org. Please email or fax to Michael Langdon by **5th May 2008**. A separate fee and separate registration applies to this event. These details will be available on the web site in due course.

7. Other information, Contacts:

All questions are welcome. Contacts are:

Standards Australia:

Michael Langdon

Project Manager, Standards Australia

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8. Summary of Meetings

	19/5	20/5	21/5	22/5	23/5	WE	26/5	27/5	28/5	29/5	30/5
	M	T	W	Th	F		M	Tu	W	Th	F
Metadata Open Forum	X	X	X	X							
SC32 Plenary							X				X
WG1							X	X	X	X	
WG2					X		X	X	X	X	X
WG3	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X
WG4							X	X	X	X	
Ad Hocs							X	X	X	X	



INFORMATION ABOUT AUSTRALIA

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. Should you require a letter of invitation, please contact Standards Australia.

More information is available from the Australian Department of Immigration's website at: [Electronic Travel Authority](#)

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 is an island continent, well protected from most animal and agricultural pests and diseases. To help maintain this, strict quarantine regulations apply, and the casual importation of food, seeds, animals, plants, animal or plant products is prohibited.

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 helpful Customs Officers will assess it. More information is available from: Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries

Customs

In common with most other countries, Australia allows in-bound passengers to import modest amounts of duty free alcohol, tobacco and perfume. High value gifts may be subject to a tax. More information is available at: [Australian Government Guide to Visiting Australia](#)

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 exchange rate is approximately 1AUD = 0.73 USD; but it fluctuates considerably and delegates should check the latest exchange rates at the following site: [Oanda.com](#)The Currency Site

Major credit cards such as American Express, Visa, MasterCard and Diners Club are widely accepted.

ATMs (Cashpoints) are very commonplace throughout Australia, and generally accept a wide range of cards, including Cirrus/Maestro cards.

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 AUD 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)

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.

Electricity

The electric supply in Australia is 230-250 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.

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. GSM mobile service (voice and Internet) is supported by Vodafone, and Telstra (1800 Mhz and 900 Mhz) and Singtel Optus (900 Mhz). The public payphones will either take a phone card or coins. A local call will cost at least 40 cents.

Shopping Hours

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.

Banking Hours

The banks are open from 9.30am to 4pm Monday through Thursday, and 9am to 5pm on Friday.

Tipping

Tipping is not customary or obligatory. It is at your own discretion and only for good service. As a guide, add 7 to 10% to a restaurant bill.

Smoking

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

Departing Australia

All persons 12 years and older must pay AUD 27.00 Passenger Movement Charge (Departure Tax). This is normally included in the airline ticket.

USEFUL LINKS

Travelling & Sightseeing

<http://www.australia.com> Provides tourist and general information available in English, German, Italian, French, Japanese, Spanish and Portuguese.

<http://www.sydneyvisitorcentre.com/> Providing you with comprehensive details on tours, accommodation and entertainment, in and around Sydney at the time of your visit.

Climate

<http://www.bom.gov.au/>

Online directories

<http://www.yellowpages.com.au> Complete consumer directory and guide to businesses and services in Australia

<http://www.citysearch.com.au> Australia's most popular business information, culture, lifestyle and entertainment directory

Airlines

<http://www.qantas.com.au> On-line schedules and flight reservations

<http://www.virginblue.com.au> Domestic on-line schedules and flight reservations.

<http://www.jetstar.com/au> Domestic on-line schedules and flight reservations.

CORPORATE ACCOMMODATION RATES

(Note: Standards Australia currently renegotiating.)

HOTEL	Rate \$AUS
<p>Radisson Plaza Hotel Sydney 27 O'Connell Street Sydney, NSW 2000 Phone: +61 2 8214 0000 Fax: +61 2 8214 1000 Email: res.sydplaza@radisson.com http://www.radisson.com/sydneyau_plaza</p>	<p>Premier Room - \$250 Deluxe Room - \$280 Plaza Club Room - \$305 Studio Spa Suite - \$345</p>
<p>Saville 2 Bond Street Cnr George & Bond Streets Sydney, NSW 2000 Phone: +61 2 9250 9555 Fax: +61 2 9250 9556 Email: 2bondst.info@savillehotelgroup.com http://www.savillehotelgroup.com</p>	<p>Executive Studio - \$199 1 BR Apt - \$ 216 1 BR Deluxe Apt - \$232 2 BR Apt - \$309</p>
<p>The Menzies Sydney 14 Carrington Street Sydney, NSW 2000 Phone: +61 2 9299 1000 Fax: +61 2 9299 1000 Email: contact@sydneymenzieshotel.com.au http://www.sydneymenzieshotel.com.au/</p>	<p>\$190 per room per night</p>
<p>Radisson Hotel and Suites Sydney 72 Liverpool Street Sydney, NSW 2000 Phone: +61 2 8268 8888 Fax: +61 2 8268 8889 Email: reservations@radisson-sydney.com.au http://www.radisson.com/</p> <p>Please note: this is approximately 15mins walk from Standards Australia's office.</p>	<p>\$172 - Studio Guest Room \$212 - One Bedroom Suite \$227 - Executive One Bedroom Suite</p>

Standards Australia is pleased to advise the above corporate accommodation rates for employees and committee members. Please ensure you ask for the **Standards Australia Corporate Rate** upon making your reservation. Rates valid to 30 December 2007.

Other hotels close to our office that we do not have corporate rates with include:
[The Harbour Rocks Hotel](#) and the [Travelodge Wynyard](#)

**ISO/IEC JTC1/SC 32 Plenary Meeting
ISO/IEC JTC1/SC 32 Working Group Meetings
19th – 30th May 2008
Sydney, Australia
* Meeting Registration Form**

Please fill in this registration form and send it by email or Fax to the JTC 1/SC 32 Secretariat, **no later than 5th May 2007**

Also send a copy of this registration form as attachment of the email to the host contact, Michael Langdon

Attention: **Dr Timothy Schoechle**
Farance Inc—JTC1/SC 32 Secretariat
Fax: +1-303-442-8186
Email: timothy@schoechle.org

CC: **Mr Michael Langdon**
Standards Australia
Fax: +61 2 9237-6010
Email: michael.langdon@standards.org.au

(Mr/Ms/Mrs)	
Given Names:	Surname:
Organisation:	
Address:	
City:	Country:
Telephone:	Fax:
Email:	
Country of Delegation:	
Date of Arrival:	

I will participate in the following meetings (please put an "X" in the appropriate field):

SC 32 Plenary	SC 32/WG 1	SC 32/WG 2	SC 32/WG 3	SC 32/WG 4

The 11th Open Forum
“Metadata DownUnder –
Metadata, Semantics and Interoperability in Practice”
19th – 22nd May 2008
Sydney Australia

*** Registration Form**

Please fill in this registration form and send it by email or fax Mr. Michael Langdon, **no later than 5th May, 2007** (most recent information see metadataopenforum.org)

Attention: Mr. Michael Langdon

Standards Australia
 Fax: +61 2 92376010
 Email: michael.langdon@standards.org.au

(Mr/Ms/Mrs)	
Given Names:	Surname:
Organisation:	
Address:	
City:	Country:
Telephone:	Fax:
Email:	
Country of Delegation:	
Date of Arrival:	

I will participate in the following Open Forum days and SC32 Meetings (please put an "X" in the appropriate field):

1 st Day	2 nd Day	3 rd Day	4 th Day	SC32 Meetings