



World Hospital Congress coming Down Under in 2018

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Hosting rights for the 42nd World Hospital Congress to be held in 2018 were awarded today to the Australian Healthcare and Hospitals Association (AHHA).

‘Hosting the World Hospital Congress is a great honour and a chance to showcase Australian health care ingenuity and expertise on the world stage’, said Alison Verhoeven, Chief Executive of the AHHA.

The World Hospital Congress of the International Hospital Federation (IHF) dates back to 1929, when it was first held in Atlantic City, USA.

It is a unique global forum for exchanging and promoting knowledge, expertise and experiences in health sector management and service delivery.

The Governing Council of the International Hospital Federation made the announcement in Durban, South Africa after the conclusion of the 40th World Hospital Congress. Several bids for the 2018 hosting rights were considered. In announcing Australia as the successful bidder, IHF CEO Eric de Roodenbeke commended the quality of the AHHA submission as ‘the best ever received’.

‘The Congress was last held in Australia in 1997 when it attracted over 1,300 delegates and 80 speakers’, said Ms Verhoeven.

‘After a 20-year gap, Australia is excited to welcome the world back, to learn from our international colleagues and showcase our own innovative health system.’

The 42nd World Hospital Congress will be held from 10 to 12 October 2018 at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre. It is expected to attract around 2,000 leaders of key national and international hospital and healthcare organisations to discuss drivers of healthcare policy, management, financial trends and solutions, as well as best-practice hospital and healthcare management and service delivery.

‘We are looking forward to this once-in-20-year opportunity to put on a congress that will inform, inspire, and strengthen long-term international collaboration’, Ms Verhoeven said.

For more information on the World Hospital Congress, visit www.hospitalcongress2018.com

For more information on the AHHA, visit <http://ahha.asn.au>.

The Australian Healthcare and Hospitals Association is the national peak body for public and not-for-profit hospitals, community and primary healthcare services, and advocates for universal, high quality and affordable healthcare to benefit the whole community.

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