



NICE 2019 – This year.....South Australia!!!

The NICE organising committee is again this year partnering with VIDG, to hold our annual meeting in **Adelaide**. This, along with having our sponsors on board will help make same NICE meeting you know and love as successful as possible.

NICE has been held annually for the last 36 years and is a scientific meeting where Immunohaematologists meet and share information, experiences and opinions.

All attendees **must** present a five minute scientific talk. All attendees participate and are involved in the sharing of interesting and practical information. The presentations are topical and do not ramble on for hours! If a speaker has information of interest in their presentation, then ample opportunities exist to catch up over coffee or a meal to discuss the issues in detail.

Schedule

The NICE Meeting is short, sharp and economical.

Friday begins with an informal social gathering followed by a buffet dinner. There is no formal scientific component on Friday.

Saturday is a full day of scientific presentations, followed by a dinner.

Sunday features another ½ day of presentations and NICE concludes at Sunday lunchtime. Lunch is included.

The cost to attend the NICE meeting including 2 nights' accommodation ranges from \$360 to \$498 depending on the accommodation options chosen. Registration options without accommodation can be offered to local attendees **ONLY** (limited) by direct enquiry. More information can be found on the NICE 2019 registration form.

NICE IN A NUTSHELL

- ✓ NICE stands for 'National Immunohaematology Continuing Education'
- ✓ Held in Adelaide over the weekend of 11-13 October
- ✓ Informal scientific meeting where students, scientists and clinicians meet, present and share information on:
 - Case studies
 - Lessons learned
 - Emergency and overseas experiences
 - Open forum discussions on how to solve operational or serological problems
 - any other topic related to transfusion science
- ✓ All attendees must present a scientific talk no longer than 5 minutes. Group presentations are encouraged!
- ✓ All attendees must provide an abstract of their presentation.
- ✓ Programme includes conference presentations, abstract booklet, attendance certificate, welcome Friday dinner and themed dinner Saturday.
- ✓ Registration costs include, full program, accommodation and meals. Local attendees (**ONLY**) can enquire about registering with no accommodation (includes meals).
- ✓ Great opportunity to meet old and make new friends and network with like-minded people!
- ✓ Trade and commercial delegates are welcome to present, but presentations are not to be of a commercial nature. *The organising committee reserves the right to determine the appropriateness of any proposed presentation topic.*

Date and Times

Friday 11th October 2019

Hotel check-in is from 2pm.
Dinner from 6pm

Saturday 12th October 2019

Scientific program 8:00am to 5:00pm (approx.)
Dinner from 6.30pm

Sunday 13th October 2019

Scientific program 8:00am to 12:00pm,
Hotel check out 11:00am
Lunch and departure from 12.00pm (approx..)

Venue Details

Rydges Adelaide



Rydges Adelaide is a 4 star hotel and is located at 1 South Terrace, Adelaide. The hotel boasts spectacular views of the City, surrounding Parklands and Adelaide Hills.

<https://www.rydges.com/accommodation/adelaide-sa/adelaide-cbd/>

Travel

- Attendees from VIC, NSW, TAS, ACT, NT, TAS and WA can all obtain direct or 1 stop flights to Adelaide.
- Catch a taxi or bus from the airport.
- Complimentary car parking is available for NICE attendees.

Registration includes Accommodation

The hotel is positioned next to the Southern Parklands, Greenhill Road, Gouger Street Restaurant precinct and the Central Markets.

All rooms offer complimentary WIFI, in house movies and Foxtel. Flat screen TVs, workstations, tea & coffee, minibar, ironing and hairdryer facilities are provided. There is a rooftop pool and spa and fitness centre.



Meals

Registration includes the following meals:

Friday evening: Dinner

Saturday: Lunch, morning & afternoon teas, dinner (breakfast included)

Sunday: Morning tea and lunch (breakfast included)

Please advise of any special dietary requirements in the registration form, so appropriate arrangements can be made.

Social Program



Friday night

There is a welcome get to know you dinner on the Friday night. All participants should arrive by about 6pm to ensure you engage in the welcome activities

Saturday night – NICE is Out of this World!

The theme for Saturday night's dinner is Out of this World!!!

To celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Man on the Moon come dressed as something from outer space. Astronauts, aliens, or whatever your imagination allows are welcome. Be prepared to participate in some very space-aged events with your dinner table team. Fun to be had by all so be sure to bring your A game.

Registration

A Registration Form is included as part of the Registration Information Pack or can be downloaded at www.blood.gov.au/nice. Please email the completed Registration Form to suequiring@bigpond.com by **Friday 9th August 2019**.

Remember the number of attendees is **limited**; places will be assigned on a first paid first served basis. A Tax Invoice will be sent to you upon receipt of your Registration Form. Refunds will be given at the discretion of the organising committee.

Registrations will be void if payment is not received by Friday 6th September 2019

Scientific Component

One of the founding principles of the NICE Meeting is **that all attendees must present during the meeting – no exceptions**.

- Every speaker is allocated a *maximum* of 10 minutes, which requires a **5 minute** presentation, followed by a few minutes of discussion time.
- **10 minute joint presentations** may also be made in teams of two speakers, followed by discussion.
- All presentations should be in Microsoft PowerPoint format and we will have a laptop and data projector available.
- **All attendees are required to bring their presentations on CD or USB datakey to be loaded before your scheduled presentation - please do not email to NICE organisers.**
- The organising committee reserves the right to reject any scientific topic that is deemed to be unsuitable for the NICE Meeting.
- All content must be appropriately referenced. The Australian Institute of Medical Scientists (AIMS), provides instructions on appropriate scientific referencing: www.aims.org.au/news-media/instructions-to-authors-and-author-support

Abstracts

All attendees must provide an abstract of their presentation. Below are some tips for completing your abstract and an example has also been provided with the registration pack.

- It should be a succinct but detailed summary of your entire talk including data, outcomes and conclusions.
- Should be a **minimum of 3 paragraphs**.
- Abstracts should **only** be supplied in a Microsoft Word document format. Apple Mac users should ensure the file is saved in a form readable by Word.
- In attending the NICE Meeting, participants are consenting to having their abstract and presentation published.
- Abstracts booklets will be provided at the meeting and in an electronic CD form (both abstracts and presentations) to all attendees after the meeting.

Abstracts are required to be emailed to Jo Cameron (jo.cameron@blood.gov.au) by **Friday 13th September 2019**. Please get your abstracts in on time!

Suggested Topic Categories

NICE is open to any topic of relevance to immunohaematology and haematologists. Some examples of the presentation categories over the years have been:

- Transfusion medicine and clinical case studies
- Blood, blood product and component use
- Crossmatching
- Antibody case studies
- Blood grouping issues
- Lessons learned
- Quality and safety
- Automation
- Computer and software
- Trials of new techniques
- I need help with this issue (peer and expert advice on a specific issue to your laboratory)

Need help with your abstract?

We are always very happy to discuss any issues you may have or answer any questions. We can also help you compose your abstract and make sure it is of a suitable standard. Feel free to email Jo Cameron: jo.cameron@blood.gov.au

Financial Arrangements

Your invoice and payment receipt will be issued by VIDG. NICE is strictly run as a non-profit meeting, any proceeds go towards funding subsequent meetings. Registration costs are calculated to ensure the meeting costs are met and any surplus funds are kept to a minimum. All attempts are made to keep this meeting as affordable as possible. All transactions associated with this meeting will be recorded and accounting details, reconciliations and any surplus funds will be provided to fund subsequent NICE meetings.

Contact Details

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Checklist - Task	✓
Registration due by 9 August 2019	
Invoice received	
Payment made by 6 th September 2019	
Abstract due by 13 th September 2019	
Meeting start 11 October 2019	

