



Congress News

TRAVEL ADVISORY NOTICE

**14th International Congress of the
International Radiation Protection Association**

*"Practising Radiation Protection - Sharing the
Experience and New Challenges"*

Cape Town International Convention Centre

South Africa

9 – 13 May 2016

WELCOME



Dear Colleague,

This newsletter has been prepared to provide you, the congress participant with information and guidance that will make your travel to the 14th International Congress of the International Radiation Protection Association and South Africa pleasant and memorable. It covers aspects that facilitate easy transit through airports and immigration as well as Congress deadlines and hints on practical and social issues.

We look forward to welcoming you to Cape Town and to the Congress.

ON-SITE REGISTRATION PROCEDURE

Please bring your personal registration number on-site with you if possible, to collect your registration pack from the registration desk. If you are paying your registration fees on-site, please report to the On-site / Finance Desk. The Registration Desk Operating Hours will be as follows:

Sunday 8 May 2016	15h00 – 18h00
Monday 9 May 2016	07h00 – 18h00
Tuesday 10 May 2016	07h00 – 17h30
Wednesday 11 May 2016	07h00 – 17h30
Thursday 12 May 2016	07h00 – 17h30
Friday 13 May 2016	07h30 – 14h30

CAPE TOWN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AND TRANSPORT TO HOTELS

If you have pre-booked a transfer from the airport to your hotel and you experience difficulties due to flight delays, or if you want to make changes to your pre-booked transfer, please contact Thompson's Tours on: +27 (0) 21 5062555 or after hours at +27 (0) 83 327 4856.

PASSPORTS AND VISAS

All visitors to South Africa must be in possession of a valid passport and it is a requirement that the document should have at least 2 empty pages when you arrive in South Africa. The passport must be valid for no less than 30 days after the final date of your intended stay in South Africa. Your passport needs to be machine re-able.

Nationals of some countries are exempt from visas whilst for nationals of others they are a requirement. Visas must be obtained in your home country or from missions outside of South Africa and cannot be applied for at South African ports of entry.

LUGGAGE AT ARRIVAL AIRPORTS

South African customs regulations require that all checked luggage must be collected at your first airport of entry into South Africa, even though the airline may have checked that luggage through to your final destination.

For example, passengers arriving at OR Tambo International Airport, Johannesburg must collect their luggage at the international arrivals hall and proceed through customs before making their way to the domestic departures area. You must then re-check the luggage to Cape Town.

LUGGAGE ON DEPARTURE

There will be no luggage holding facility at the Cape Town International Convention Centre. We suggest that you make arrangements with your hotel to hold your luggage until you are ready to depart for the airport.

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

South Africa is often referred to as a world in one country and we would like you to experience the beauty and splendour of Cape Town and the rest of the country for yourself. A fine selection of sightseeing excursions has been arranged using quality tour operators at preferential rates for Congress participants. Turners Conferences excursion booking desk will be available on-site, for the duration of the Conference.

SOCIAL EVENTS

Welcome Reception

CTICC Exhibition Hall 1A

Sunday 9 May 2016

18h00 – 21h00

Opening Ceremony

CTICC Auditorium 1

Monday 9 May 2016

08h15 – 09h15

Gala Dinner

CTICC Ballroom

Wednesday 11 May 2013

Please contact Turners Conferences if you would like to reserve tickets for the Gala Dinner.

TRANSPORT

There will be no scheduled transport offered between appointed hotels and the Convention Centre for the duration of the event. Please visit the Tours/Transport desk at the ICC for any transport related queries.

SAFETY AND SECURITY

Cape Town has been the host to numerous international and national events, and our beautiful city is well prepared for your arrival. Like any large city however, we advise that you exercise good judgment when traveling alone or after dark.

Ask your hotel concierge or the information desk at the Congress venue for advice on how to get around and where to go.

Ostentatious displays of wealth in public places are not encouraged and valuables such as wallets, laptop computers and cameras etc. should be kept in a secure place such as your hotel safety deposit facility.

There is no reason not to visit the many wonderful attractions, historical and cultural sites, restaurants and shops that make Cape Town one of the world's most popular cities to visit.

LANGUAGE

The official language of the Congress is English

English-speaking visitors will have no problems travelling throughout South Africa and all signs are in English.

CURRENCY AND MONEY CHANGING

The following indicative rates of exchange are applicable on 31 March 2016.

1 Euro = ZAR17.30

1 British Pound = ZAR21.90

1 US Dollar = ZAR15.55

You may change your money at the airport on arrival or at any of the many banks in the city or at the Cape Town International Convention Centre during banking hours. Hotels will also assist but the exchange rates may be less favorable. Automatic Teller Machines (ATM) are available throughout the city for easy access to funds. Please do not hand your ATM card to anyone and be cautious of people offering assistance.

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY

South Africa's electricity supply runs at 220/230V, 50Hz AC. Sockets take round-pinned plugs. Most hotel rooms have sockets that will take 110V electric shavers, but for other appliances visitors might need adaptors.

IMMUNISATIONS

Vaccinations: Yellow fever certificates are required if your journey starts or entails passing through the yellow fever belt of Africa or South America.

Malaria: Cape Town is not considered to be a malaria designated area. You are advised however to take the necessary precautions if you are traveling to malaria designated areas located mainly in the northern areas of South Africa and you should consult your general practitioner for advice in this regard.

MEDICAL EMERGENCIES

Cape Town and South Africa have a number of excellent medical facilities, able to meet any medical emergency. As with any travel, you are advised to take out travel insurance to cover the cost of private hospital treatment.

DISCLAIMER

The information and content provided in this newsletter is intended purely as a guideline and service for participants and visitors to the 14th International Congress of the International Radiation Protection Association. The information may change at any time and without notice. The event and organizers accept no responsibility or liability whatsoever related to this publication.

FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please visit the IRPA14 Website <http://www.irpa2016capetown.org.za>

WELCOME!

IRPA14 2016 wishes you a safe and comfortable journey and looks forward to welcoming you to the Congress, Cape Town and South Africa.



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