

Minimising INTECOL's Ecological Footprint

The organisers of the 10th INTECOL Congress are making every effort to ensure we minimise the environmental impacts of the Congress, during Congress preparations and delivery.

Strategies for achieving a minimal ecological impact include:

- ☀ Choice of venue: the BCEC provides regular and reliable public transport access to and from the venue to all locations around the City.
- ☀ Inter-state and International delegates are encouraged to utilise the Brisbane Air train service. A discounted rate of A\$15 return ticket is being offered to INTECOL 10 delegates. Each return ticket represents a saving of 6.6 kg of exhaust creating carbon emissions. For more information please [click here](#)
- ☀ Promoting cycling as an option to move to and from accommodation by providing delegates information about bike hire and bike paths. For more information please visit the Brisbane City Council [website](#)
- ☀ Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre offers bike racks for delegates arriving to the venue by bicycle.
- ☀ Providing many accommodation options within walking distance to the venue. For more information on accommodation properties please [click here](#)
- ☀ Sourcing local produce where possible for all catering
- ☀ Using coffee from Rainforest Alliance Certified™ farms
- ☀ Minimal use of packaging for catering purposes, where packaging is necessary – all packaging will be environmentally responsible and recyclable
- ☀ All Congress handbooks and delegate information packs will be printed on 100% post-consumer recycled paper
- ☀ Congress abstracts will be provided on USB data sticks
- ☀ The supply of satchels, program books and USBs will be tailored to the registration numbers thereby avoiding left over materials.
- ☀ Encouraging on-line registration, a paper-free process
- ☀ Minimising all face-to-face meetings, by conducting meetings via phone and skype

Levy on registration

Some impacts however cannot be avoided.

Delegates are strongly encouraged to contribute an extra \$5.00 at the time of registration, based on calculation of the likely carbon footprint of the Congress - this will be paid by the organisers to an accredited carbon offset program. This information will be reported on during the Congress.

For unavoidable impacts from the Congress, we will calculate the likely impact in terms of Greenhouse gas emissions, and offset the impact by investment in projects for the abatement and sequestration of gases in the form of carbon.

A number of airlines now provide calculators and offset programs which are readily accessed during booking enquiries. Some of these do not allow the traveller any choice about the kind of carbon neutral product in which their offset contribution will be invested.

