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The international community for hearing voices

Notice of the INTERVOICE MEETING, Perth, Australia, 6th - 8th November 2008

Dear colleagues,

On behalf of the Hearing Voices Network Australia and the Richmond Fellowship of Western Australia I am pleased to advise the following details regarding the INTERVOICE Conference to be held in Perth Western Australia on 6, 7 & 8 November 2008.

1. Dates:

The INTERVOICE Meeting will occur on the following dates:

From early evening of Thursday 6 November

All day Friday 7 November

All day Saturday 8 November

2. Venue:

2.1 The location will be the Bel Eyre Comfort Inn in Guildford which has accommodation for Australian \$100 per night. Some rooms can be shared which will reduce costs for people sharing. We will put up details of this accommodation in May and booking through the link we provide will result in cheaper rates than booking directly with the hotel. This location is about 20 minutes from Perth City centre but buses pass the front of the building. We have chosen a location at which both accommodation and the meeting venue can be provided. There is other accommodation close by at varying prices but this is the most competitive. Accommodation in Perth City is very expensive and we would advise delegates who are also wishing to attend the Recovery in Psychosis conference (see below) that they should stay in the Bel Eyre Comfort Inn for the whole time as it is the cheapest option. However, this is up to the delegates and there will be accommodation options identified in promotional material to enable people to stay in the city centre close to the Perth Convention Centre.

2.2 Two official delegates from each attending country (one worker, one voice hearer) are provided free places for INTERVOICE (e.g. accommodation and registration) as is the tradition with INTERVOICE meetings, whilst groups that wish to take up additional places are expected to pay for them.

2.3 Those staying at the Bel Eyre are advised to use taxis at night to go to and from Perth as this will be more effective use of time. A taxi fare is approximately \$30 which can be shared if traveling in groups. Maxi cabs which take larger numbers can be booked in advance; otherwise a normal taxi will take 4 passengers. Alternatively, there is the option of a short taxi ride into historic Guildford which has a number of attractive restaurants and pubs of interest.

2.4 For those of you wishing to stay on beyond INTERVOICE, you might want to book backpacker accommodation in the city (Northbridge) which will allow you easy walking distance access to Perth and transport to other areas such as Fremantle.



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3. Registration Fees

for additional national delegates and other members wishing to attend the INTERVOICE meeting:

As with previous meetings, whilst two free places are provided for the two official delegates from each attending country, other members are welcome to attend at their own cost. The registration fee is likely to be Australian \$90 per delegate to contribute towards the costs of catering. Note: This would be in addition to your accommodation costs. (See 2.1 above for costs of accommodation at the Bel Eyre Comfort Inn).

4. Themes:

This is yet to be determined by the INTERVOICE Executive but in line with previous meetings the agenda will include the following:

- Presentations on new research and action regarding hearing voices from around the world
- Exchange of information between the National Groups and individual members
- INTERVOICE: report on the work of the last year and future development plans

5. Speakers:

So far the INTERVOICE Meeting speakers or participants include Marius Romme, Sandra Escher, Paul Baker, Mike Smith, Ron Coleman, Dirk Corstens, Rufus May, Jacqui Dillon, Marcello Macario, Julie Downs, Peter Bullimore, Lyn Mahboub and Marlene Janssen and others. John Watkins (Australia), author of Healing Schizophrenia, will also attend.

Additional note:

RECOVERY IN PSYCHOSIS CONFERENCE PRIOR TO THE INTERVOICE MEETING

This will be held on Tuesday 4 and Wednesday 5 November at the Perth Convention Centre. The fee is expected to be around Australian \$400 in total and some of the proceeds will be used to subsidize the INTERVOICE meeting. We will try to strike a special fee for INTERVOICE delegates but it too soon to identify this yet. Delegates wishing to attend the Recovery Conference and who are staying at the Bel Eyre will have a bus provided daily to take them to and from the Perth Convention Centre each day (one time at the beginning and end of each day). The speakers identified above for the INTERVOICE Meeting will be presenting workshops at the Recovery in Psychosis Conference.

We will provide regular updates in the coming weeks on both the INTERVOICE Meeting and the Recovery in Psychosis Conference.

Warm regards

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