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Invitation

We invite you to attend the IAEA annual conference (IAEA2009) in Brisbane Australia, 13–18 September 2009. We are looking forward to extending our hospitality to you in what we expect will be another hugely successful IAEA conference. Each IAEA conference has a special character and this conference will be noted for being right in the heart of beautiful and bustling Brisbane, capital of the state of Queensland and fastest growing city in Australia.

IAEA2009 Conference website

The IAEA2009 Conference website is now on-line at <http://www.iaea2009.com>.

This website is our main means of providing you with details about the conference. It is also the main means for submitting proposals for presentations and for conference registration. Please tell your friends about the conference and the conference website, and pass on this newsletter.

Conference registration

Conference registration is now open. All the details are on the conference website where you can find also the on-line registration form. We expect that most registrations will be made through the on-line registration form. However, alternatives are available, and these are also explained on the conference website.

Under **Useful Information** on the conference website, you will find information on visas. Please note that it is necessary for all visitors to Australia (except those from New Zealand) to obtain a visa and that it is wise not to leave this until the last moment. Please note that we will not be issuing any personal invitations to attend the conference. We regret any personal inconveniences but the issuance of visas by the Australian authorities is beyond our influence.

Also under **Useful Information**, you will find a currency converter that updates daily. The Australian dollar rose over the past decade from \$US0.50 to around \$US0.96 a year ago, but has retracted over the past year to between \$US0.60 and \$US0.70. In the current economic climate, it is not possible to say what the conversion rates will be in the future, but current rates might be considered reasonably favourable. However, you should take your own advice on this. We cannot accept any responsibility for currency movements, whether up or down.

Proposals for presentations

Proposals for presentations can be submitted on-line through the conference website. There are two things to note. First, we have devised a structure of topics within themes and ask you to nominate one topic that you think best fits your presentation. This will help in organising parallel sessions for the conference. Second, as well as regular papers (involving 20 minutes presentation + 10 minutes discussion), we are offering the option of organising a group of papers to form a symposium of 90 minutes. There is a further option of running a workshop that involves more deliberate teaching and interactive participation than is typical. Please give all these possibilities your consideration and remember that the due date is 27 March 2009.

We look forward to your attendance at and participation in the conference.

Seasons greetings.

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