

8TH IEA CONGRESS - 1982

CASE FOR AUSTRALIA

1. The Australian Society has the initiative, resources and ability to organise the 8th Congress. This is demonstrated by the time and effort spent in preparing its Invitation and by sending delegates to IEA Council meetings to support the Invitation. It can be seen from the quality of the Invitation and the attendance of Australian delegates that the Australian Society has the backing of the Sydney Visitors Bureau, the Australian Tourist Commission and Qantas Airlines. The Australian Society also has the support in principle from the State and Federal Governments.
2. The City of Sydney and the Australian Society have the facilities for meeting the requirements set out in the IEA's Policy on support of Ergonomic Conferences, viz. scope, attendance, financial support, location facilities and promotion. Sydney is an international city with international conference facilities.
3. It is not appropriate for the Australian Society to hold a joint conference as it would not have sufficient international status to attract overseas participants. The Australian Society has a successful Annual Conference which any member of the IEA Federated Societies can attend.

It requires the triennial Congress to provide the incentive for cooperative effort and the attraction for overseas delegates to participate.

4. The Australian Society has members of international reputation, e.g. Professor Alan Welford, Professor David Ferguson and Professor Robertson. It is a relatively young and small Society whose members are involved in the practical application of Ergonomics; e.g. visual guidance landing system for aircraft - adopted worldwide; road safety (use of seat belts), and public and occupational health.
5. The problem of the long distance involved in travelling to Australia and the relatively high cost of air fares can be lessened by consideration of the following:
 - (i) the Australian Government has stated that it expects air fares to Australia to be reduced by 1980.
 - (ii) it is an excellent opportunity for overseas delegates to combine business with holidays. Visits to places of technical interest can be arranged and combined with touring the country - Australia is a beautiful country with all types of climate and geography.
 - (iii) the expenses involved in coming to Australia may be allowed as a taxation deduction.
6. The IEA is international in make-up and whilst the Australian Society supports in principle the promotion of Ergonomics internationally, it feels that the IEA should acknowledge the problems of its member Societies and strive to provide a meaningful service to them.

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