Expression of Interest for
#PIACongress17 Study Tours

2017 Congress: Growing Up, Growing Out

It’s an exciting time to be a planner. There’s probably no better place to demonstrate that right now, than in Sydney.

Our cities are grappling with growth challenges: where and how to accommodate the growing population, who are they, where will they work, what services are needed, and how will they get there? How do we create well designed, high quality built environments that are sustainable, are great places to live and that support greater productivity? How are the global megatrends playing out in our cities under our growth scenario? How do we adapt and grow our cities to accommodate the population against a backdrop of growing community concern and active opposition, coupled with arguably an increasingly unstable political environment?

How has Sydney dealt with these challenges and opportunities? #PIACongress17 study tours are the perfect opportunity to showcase your city to your planning colleagues attending Congress.

Study Tour Details

The Study Tours will be held on Wednesday, 3 May 2017 as the prelude to the National Planning Congress to be held at the International Convention Centre (ICC) on 4-5 May 2017.

PIA is extending this opportunity to our members to host/sponsor one of FOUR separate tours that will commence in Sydney city at approximately 9.30am and conclude at the ICC at 4.30pm. The tours can include travel by bus, train, ferry and foot and must fit into this time frame.

Each tour can be solely ‘owned’ by a single organisation – organise and host the tour along with the cash sponsorship of $3,000 + GST. A sole host/sponsor will be the only company logo appearing on all branding / marketing of the tour.

Alternatively, two organisations can work together and ‘co-own’ a tour – working together to organise, host and pay the $3,000 + GST sponsorship component. Co-hosting of a tour will allow both companies logo to appear on all branding / marketing of the tour.
The EOI on-line submission must include a written response to the following selection criteria:

- The organisation/s involved
- Brief description of the tour (suitable for marketing)
- Proposed itinerary including estimated timings
- Method of transport (this will be booked by the PCO)
- Suggested morning refreshment and lunch stops (these will be booked by the PCO)
- Minimum number of attendees for the Tour
- Maximum number of attendees for the Tour
- Staff / Delegate ratio
- Driving route (if applicable)
- OHS Issues
- Are delegates required to bring or will you supply any PPE?
- Desire to self-sponsor
- Potential co-sponsor

Study tours need to address one or more of the following Congress key topics:

**Growth**

THINK: How much, where and in what form. Planning approaches to guide and manage urban growth. Connecting infrastructure to support housing, jobs, and services growth. Engaging with the community to explain and shape growth.

**Density**

THINK: What form and density should growth take. Density at different heights and forms in different parts of cities and suburbs. Economically viable, socially acceptable and environmentally responsible density – is it possible to have any or all three. Are planning systems, policy and practice facilitating good density outcomes. Affordable housing and living.

**Design**

THINK: Value of good design and planning’s role. Height and apartment guidelines. Design quality of the public and private realm. The role of iconic buildings and public space in quality of life and economic development. Does planning inspire design excellence or reward the mediocre. Design review panels – are they working.
Economic development
THINK: How is planning facilitating economic development. Changing nature of work, service provision and infrastructure - how that will shape productive cities. New models of facilitating development including community led development deals, value capture and City Deals. Reducing red tape to support economic development without compromising the quality of planning outcomes.

Democracy and engagement in planning
THINK: How is society and government changing. Communities mobilising on planning issues - what is happening and what does it mean for planners. The ethical interplay for planners in dealing with community opposition and competing demands of current and future generations. Ideology and planning – are we speaking a different language or are we coming from fundamentally different places.

Disruption
THINK: What are the emerging and potential next big things on the horizon that change the nature of how cities can work and how we plan for them. How will digital cities support growth, economic development and better user experiences. How can new planning approaches disrupt the norm. Could automation of planning systems change outcomes and impact the profession. Is planning leading or following. Are we driving the agenda or facilitating a vision, what is the future of the profession.

How to Apply:
To submit your EOI, please do so via this portal*:

*Please Note: For best results we suggest you open the Portal with Google Chrome

Please note that EOI’s of Study Tours are due
Monday 14 November 2017

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