

Melbourne IASP World Conference 2028.

25–28 September 2028 • Melbourne, Australia

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World's most liveable
city – EIU 2025

\$130B

Innovation ecosystem
value (AUD)

#1

Asia-Pacific sustainability
leader – GDS-INDEX 2025

#52

Global innovation cluster
– GII 2025

Why Melbourne?

*World-leading science, design, culture and international education.
In September 2028, experience a city unlike any other.*

Within minutes, delegates can move between Nobel Prize-winning research, globally connected innovation precincts, laneway dining, world-renowned galleries and major sporting stadiums, all connected by the world's largest free tram network.

A city you can walk

A city designed to be explored on foot. Laneways, rooftops, galleries and nightlife, all on your doorstep.

September in Melbourne

Warm spring days (18–22°C), and the city buzzing with Fashion Week, Spring Racing, the AFL Finals and more!

Asia-Pacific Knowledge Hub

Where world-leading universities, industry and community come together to shape the future of cities.

Built to welcome the world

One of the world's safest cities, home to people from 200 countries speaking more than 233 languages.

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[See Melbourne's bid here](#)

From gold rush boomtown to Asia-Pacific knowledge capital. Thirty years since IASP last visited Australia, Melbourne is ready to welcome the world to our shared innovation culture.

A city built to innovate, create and regenerate.

One of the world's five leading biomedical centres

13 research institutes, 11 teaching hospitals, 23,000 workers. Nobel Prize-winning immunology. Home to CSL, Moderna and Pfizer.

Social impact and inclusive growth

First Nations-led programs, social enterprise across every precinct, and the world's first 6-Star Green Star conference venue powered by 100% renewable electricity.

Australia's AI and data capital

Home to Australia's \$124M National AI Centre and the Australian Synchrotron, producing light one million times brighter than the sun.

Creative industries and cultural economy

A \$41.2 billion creative economy. Design, screen, music and digital media. Asia-Pacific's most dynamic creative capital.

World-class startup ecosystem

Ranked ahead of Hong Kong, Dublin and Barcelona, Melbourne has produced five unicorns and more than \$1.1B in early-stage venture capital investment.

Asia-Pacific gateway

The Asia-Pacific's most connected innovation hub and gateway city, shaped by one of the world's largest international populations.

\$41.2B

Creative economy value (AUD)

515+

International flights per week

23K

Biomedical precinct workers

4%

Global research output from 0.3% of the population

“Melbourne doesn't just host innovation. We live it through our precincts, our laneways, our research labs and our communities.”

– Tom Bentley

Supporting organisations

Convened through the Melbourne Innovation District (MID)

