



14th World Congress  
on Inflammation **Sydney, 2019**  
**A Harbour for New ideas**

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***And the winner is – Sydney!***  
**14<sup>th</sup> World Congress on Inflammation to be held in Sydney in 2019**

Sydney was today officially announced as the destination for the 14<sup>th</sup> World Congress on Inflammation, following a competitive international bidding process conducted by the International Association for Inflammation Societies.

The Congress will be Chaired by the Prof Jennifer Gamble from the Centenary Institute, Sydney and A/Prof Matt Sweet from the IMB, Queensland, with the support of a local organising committee made up of hospitals, universities and research institutes from Australia, Korea, China, Singapore, India, New Zealand and Japan.

This prestigious international conference will bring together scientists from around the world to report on and discuss the latest developments in inflammation research.

Professor Gamble, said this is a great opportunity to showcase Australia as a world-leader in inflammation research.

“People understand inflammation in terms of the local response for example, to a thorn in the hand during gardening. But inflammation also drives chronic diseases, such as cancer, cardiovascular disease, liver disease, diabetes, skin diseases, asthma and tuberculosis. Thus understanding how inflammation develops and why it fails to resolve is so important to our understanding of disease. Without that basic understanding of inflammation we will find it hard to develop new treatments” Professor Gamble said.

“Australia is home to some of the best and brightest minds working on understanding inflammation. This successful bid is a wonderful endorsement of Australia as a world leader in this incredibly important field of research.”

Sydney's bid for the 14<sup>th</sup> World Congress on Inflammation was supported by the NSW Minister for Medical Research, the Hon Pru Goward MP and the NSW Minister for Tourism the Hon Stuart Ayres MP.

The Centenary Institute and the local organising committee thank the NSW Government for their support of this Congress, as well as Sydney Business Events for their assistance throughout the bidding process.

**For further information about the World Congress on Inflammation, please visit**  
<http://www.inflammationsocieties.org/>