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Importance: High

January 27, 2016

TO: Members of the World Information Technology and Services Alliance (WITSA)
FR: Dr. Jim Poisant, Secretary General
RE: **WITSA BOD and Committee Meetings in Canberra & AIIA Summit Registration Code**

Dear Colleagues,

Further to our previous announcements (below), members are kindly invited to register for the March 8th AIIA Navigating Privacy and Security Summit and Dinner at a reduced rate via the following link: <https://ti.to/australian-information-industry-association/2016summit/discount/GOVEB>. This is the same rate reserved for AIIA members. All members participating in our March 9-10 Board and Committee meetings are strongly encouraged to participate in the AIIA Summit. Should you have any questions regarding the AIIA event, please contact Angela Sands at a.sands@aia.com.au.

If you have not already made your hotel reservations at the Hotel Kurrajong, where the WITSA meetings will take place, please use the following link and booking code:

Link: [Book Now](#)

Code: TH8340749

Website : <https://gc.synxis.com/rez.aspx?hotel=59755&Chain=14687&locale=en-US&promo=TH8340749&arrive=03/07/2016>

Hotel contact:

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Hotel Kurrajong Canberra

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BOOK NOW | TFEhotels.com/kurrajong

Those of you who will need a visa should send an urgent request to Tim Conway at tim.conway@c-metrics.com (with a Cc to crainey@witsa.org and ahlvorsen@witsa.org) in order to receive an invitation letter from AIIA (which will also be sent to the relevant embassy). We need the following information for that letter:

- Full Name
- Gender
- Position/Organization
- Nationality
- Passport Number
- Passport Expiry Date
- Address

As a final reminder, if you have not already done so, please be sure to send your RSVP to crainey@witsa.org and ahlvorsen@witsa.org at your earliest opportunity.

Agenda and meetings documents will be circulated shortly.

Looking forward to seeing you in Canberra!

Best regards,
Jim

January 12, 2016

TO: Members of the World Information Technology and Services Alliance (WITSA)
FR: Dr. Jim Poisant, Secretary General
RE: **[Hotel & Venue Update] WITSA BOD and Committee Meetings; March 8-10 [RSVP]**

Dear Colleagues,

Further to our announcement last week, members are kindly encouraged to make their room reservations at [Hotel Kurrajong](#) (which will also be our meeting venue on March 9-10). It is situated very centrally to the Parliamentary Triangle and across the road from Microsoft, where we are having a working lunch with the AIIA Board on the Wednesday (9th), and within walking distance of the AIIA Summit dinner the previous evening, which is being held at the Australian National Gallery. Accommodation rates (in \$AUD) are:

Classic room – King bed

\$200.00 – room only

\$220.00 – including breakfast for one

Heritage room – King bed

\$240.00 – room only

\$260.00 – including breakfast for one

(that's about \$US140-182)

Best Regards,

Jim

Dr. James H. Poisant

Secretary General

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January 8, 2016

TO: Members of the World Information Technology and Services Alliance (WITSA)
FR: Dr. Jim Poisant, Secretary General
RE: **MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Next WITSA BOD and Committee Meetings; March 8-10 [RSVP]**

Dear Colleagues,

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all you a Happy New Year and I am looking forward to working with you on the many exciting projects we are planning for 2016. As was agreed at our meeting in New Delhi last month, AIIA has kindly agreed to host our next Committee and Board meetings in Canberra, Australia. Our meetings will be held in conjunction with AIIA's March 8th "Navigating Privacy and Security Summit" and all participating *members are kindly requested to participate* in this important event as well. The schedule for the Canberra meetings will be as follows:

March 8: AIIA "Navigating Privacy and Security Summit" & Gala Dinner (ref. <https://www.aiaa.com.au/events/navigating>)

March 9: WITSA Committee meetings, joint lunch with the AIIA Board of Directors & Reception

March 10: WITSA Board of Directors meeting

We are pleased to inform that you will be granted the same preferential rates for the March 8th Summit as AIIA members. Information regarding venue and hotel options will be circulated shortly.

Please note that everyone coming to Australia, other than holders of an Australian or New Zealand passport, requires a visa -- see <http://www.border.gov.au/Trav/Visa-1>. The good news is that for many countries (but not all) this is done by the travel agent booking the airfare, or by the traveler via applying for an Electronic Travel Authority (ETA) online --<http://www.border.gov.au/Trav/Visa-1/601->. However, there are some exceptions, and some BoD members will need to research their position and see what they need using the first link above. Some may need an invitation letter, which AIIA will be happy to provide. Should you require an invitation letter, please contact Tim Conway at tim.conway@c-metrics.com (with a Cc. to Anders Halvorsen at ahalvorsen@witsa.org and Cathryn Rainey at crainey@witsa.org).

We hope to seeing many of you in Canberra and look forward to receiving your RSVP as soon as possible.

Best regards,
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