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Subject: WITSA Canberra Meetings: Important Information

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March 3, 2016

TO: Members of the World Information Technology and Services Alliance (WITSA)
FR: Dr. Jim Poisant, Secretary General
RE: **WITSA Canberra Meetings: Important Information**

Dear Colleagues,

We are looking forward to seeing many of you in Canberra next week or to speak with you if you are participating remotely. Please note that a detailed schedule, agendas and meeting documents have been posted at <http://witsa.org/witsa-wp-site/canberra2016/>. This site is continuously updated, so stay tuned! It can also be accessed through our members-only section of our web site at <http://witsa.org/witsa-wp-site/witsa-bod-committee-meetings/>

Below is a summary of the events taking place on March 08-10:

March 08: AIIA Summit (Navigating Privacy and Security) and Dinner: Registration [required](#)
Note that Chairman Gutierrez is slated to make a keynote at the Dinner and we will also be presenting the WITSA Eminent Persons Awards to [Dr. O'Sullivan and Dr. Percival](#)

March 09: Working lunch with AIIA BOD
WITSA Finance Committee meeting
WITSA WCIT Program

Committee

WITSA Global Trade Committee meeting
WITSA Global Policy Action Committee
Please note that these meetings will take place at the Microsoft offices across the street from Hotel Kurrajong
Following the committee meetings, you are invited to an "Innovation Reception" with local entrepreneurs and innovators, together with government officials and customers. This event take place at the Canberra Innovation Centre (a taxi ride from the hotel)
There is no registration fee for the luncheon or reception on March 9th.

March 10: WITSA Board of Directors meeting

Note: this meeting takes place in the Murdoc Room at Hotel Kurrajong. We are starting promptly at 9:00am and expect to finish early (around 14:15)

For those of you who plan on attending remotely, we have posted instructions for both days at <http://witsa.org/witsa-wp-site/canberra2016/>. **It is particularly important that Directors participate during the Decision Block** at the March 10th BOD meeting. This is the 45 minute part of the agenda where important decisions will be made, including the selection of WCIT 2021 host, appointment of a new Director and a new membership application. It will take place from 09:45-10:15am March 10th Canberra time. As we are covering many time-zones throughout our membership, we apologize for any inconveniences. Be careful to check the [Decision Block time-zone conversions](#) before connecting remotely. If possible, connect using the web link provided. Note that, depending on which time-zone you are in, the BOD meeting may take place on March 9th!

I have been advised that Hotel Kurrajong is located about 8km from the airport. Recommended modes of transportation are taxi or Uber.

We are wishing you safe travels and look forward to seeing you or taking with you soon. The detailed itinerary is provided below as well, for your information.

Best regards,
Jim

Schedule -- WITSA BoD events, CANBERRA, Australia 8-10 March 2016

Date	Time	Activity	Location
Tuesday 8 March	08:00 – 09:00 registration 09:00-17:15 Conference	AIIA Summit: <i>Navigating Privacy and Security</i> <i>(registration necessary to attend)</i>	National Convention Centre, 31 Constitution Avenue, (this is a short taxi ride from the Hotel Kurrajong)
Tuesday 8 March	18:00-20:00	AIIA Reception and Dinner <i>(registration necessary to attend)</i> -Presentation of WITSA Eminent Persons Award; -WITSA Chairman brief speech	Gandel Hall, Australian National Gallery, Parkes Place (this is a short walk towards the Lake from the Hotel Kurrajong) Dress: Business attire

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Wednesday 9 March	12:00-14:00	Working lunch with AIIA BoD	Microsoft offices, 6 National Circuit (this is literally across the street from the Hotel Kurrajong)
Wednesday 9 March	14:00-14:30	WITSA Finance Committee meeting	Brindabella Room, Microsoft offices, 6 National Circuit
Wednesday 9 March	14:30-15:00	WITSA WCIT Program Committee	Brindabella Room, Microsoft offices, 6 National Circuit
Wednesday 9 March	15:00-16:00	WITSA Global Trade Committee meeting	Brindabella Room, Microsoft offices, 6 National Circuit
Wednesday 9 March	16:00-17:30	WITSA Global Policy Action Committee	Brindabella Room, Microsoft offices, 6 National Circuit
Wednesday 9 March	18:00-20:00	Innovation reception Local entrepreneurs and innovators, together with government officials and customers	Canberra Innovation Centre, Level 5, 1 Moore Street (this is a taxi ride from the Hotel Kurrajong)
Thursday 10 March	0900-16:00	WITSA BoD meeting (includes AIIA Chair, Deputy Chair, CEO, and representative of NZ ICT)	Murdoch Room, Hotel Kurrajong

TO: Members of the World Information Technology and Services Alliance (WITSA)
FR: Dr. Jim Poisant, Secretary General
RE: **WITSA Canberra BOD Meeting Agenda (RSVP)**

Dear Colleagues,

Further to our previous announcements, please find attached a draft agenda for our March 10 Board of Directors meeting. If you have not already done so, please RSVP regarding your attendance (in person or via remote participation). Directors' participation is particularly important during the Decision Block, where voting on important issues such as the WCIT 2021 host will take place. Call-in details are provided in the attached agenda.

We would also like to remind all members participating in Canberra to register for the 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@aiia.com.au.

Best regards,
Anders

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@aiia.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:

Chantelle Flaherty | Reservations Coordinator

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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 ahalvorsen@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 ahalvorsen@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
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January 8, 2016

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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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