



Genomes:
The Linkage
to Life

Dear Delegate

On behalf of the Congress Planning Committee we welcome your participation in XIX International Congress of Genetics to be held between 6-11 July, 2003 at the Melbourne Exhibition and Convention Centre.

The central theme of the conference is "Genomes – The Linkage to Life". The Congress will celebrate the fiftieth year since the publication of the Watson and Crick paper on the structure of the DNA molecule. The work of Watson and Crick and all that has stemmed from it will be discussed and celebrated.

The Congress will cover Genetics in all of its contemporary depth and breadth. There will be 9 plenary addresses and 54 symposia with a total of 280 invited speakers, considering basic research themes as diverse as mutation, development and evolution and a broad range of applied themes with relevance to agriculture and medicine using organisms ranging from viruses to humans. Ethical and legal issues will also be on the agenda.

All costs relating to your involvement in the Congress i.e., return airfare, registration, accommodation, and all expenses will be met by yourself or your organisation.

We hope that you will be able to attend and we look forward to welcoming you to Melbourne, Australia in 2003, and working towards a very successful Congress that will be of benefit to you and your organisation.

Yours sincerely,

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Chairman
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