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ICRAV MELBOURNE 2026 – FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT

Dear AORC and IGSRV members,

The Organising Committee is pleased to announce that the **24th International Conference of Racing Analysts & Veterinarians will be held from 28 February to 7 March 2026** in Melbourne, Australia, at the Crown Promenade. The conference and official accommodation are located in the heart of Melbourne, in the popular Southbank precinct.

Melbourne is Australia's home of racing, and the conference will open with a race meeting at Flemington Racecourse – home of the world-famous Melbourne Cup. The conference theme is **Synergy between Species**, with joint sessions featuring anti-doping and welfare issues in equine, canine, human, camel, and even avian sports, focusing on what we can learn from each other.

Details of pre-ICRAV analytical and veterinary workshops will follow in future announcements, as will details of the Young Scientists Awards for 2026.

The conference website is live at <https://www.icrav2026.org/>. The organising committee members and their contact details can be found on the website. We will notify members when abstracts and registrations will open.

ICRAV is the perfect opportunity to network with international colleagues and stay up to date with the latest in animal welfare and drug testing research, in a warm and friendly Australian setting.

We look forward to welcoming you to the 24th ICRAV in Melbourne in 2026.

Best regards,



David Batty
Chair, ICRAV Melbourne 2026 Organising Committee