

AIFST23 CONVENTION

DELEGATE INFORMATION



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SECURITY & SUSTAINABILITY

24-25 JULY 2023 MELBOURNE

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AIFST23 Convention Delegate Information

12 July 2023

Dear Convention Delegate,

We look forward to welcoming you to AIFST23, the AIFST Annual Convention, to be held in Melbourne on July 24 & 25 at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre (MCEC).

Please see following important information for you as a delegate.

We hope this is of assistance and allows you to plan your time at the Convention to make the most out of this event.



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Overview

The theme for AIFST23, *The Science of Food Security & Sustainability*, speaks to the challenges and exciting opportunities ahead for the agri-food industry and the vital role food science and technology will play.

Over two days with plenary and three concurrent session streams, the convention will feature over 50 scientific and food industry speakers from across the agri-food sector. Food safety will feature strongly alongside advances in health and nutrition, sensory and consumer science, food security and resilience, sustainability, and packaging.

We will also recognise excellence in the food industry and food science at our Annual Awards ceremony.

Our popular evening networking event on Monday July 24th provides the opportunity to reconnect with colleagues and build new connections.

Our Young Professionals & Mentoring Networking Breakfast will provide the opportunity for our younger members to network and connect.

Whether you are a professional or student, member or non-member, marketer, or scientist, working in food processing and distribution, food safety or quality assurance, training, or retailing, AIFST is here to support you.

AIFST and foodpro have a long and successful association and the co-location of our premier events brings together a large and diverse agri-food industry audience. This is an excellent opportunity to attend two events in one venue. We invite you to visit us at the AIFST foodpro Stand 50

We look forward to a great event and would like to thank all our partners, delegates, and visitors for making AIFST23 Convention and foodpro 2023 a great success!

My AIFST23 Convention Checklist

Before you go:

- How will I get there?
- Plan to get there early to register, from 7.30am, as Convention starts at 9.00am sharp on Day 1.
- Plan which sessions you would like to attend by reviewing the Convention Program. [CLICK HERE](#)
- Do I have any questions?
Email: aifst@aifst.com.au
Mobile: 0447 066 324

When I get there:

- Where do I go when I get there?
Melbourne Exhibition & Convention Centre
Clarendon Foyer & Auditorium
- Check in at the Registration Desk on Level 1, to receive your name badge and lanyard to be worn throughout Convention.
- Check out [foodpro](#) on the Ground Floor
- Enjoy the AIFST23 Convention!

AIFST23 Convention Delegate Information

1. Convention Date & Location

The Convention will be held on **Monday 24th & Tuesday 25th July** at the Melbourne Convention & Exhibition Centre (MCEC), 1 Convention Centre Place, South Wharf, Melbourne VIC 3006.

Please refer to the venue maps provided as Figures 1 & 2.

2. Convention Registration

Convention Registration is between 7.30am and 8.45am on both days - we strongly advise you arrive early to avoid missing the start of Convention at 9.00am sharp.

The registration of the AIFST convention is located on Level 1, along with AIFST staff office (Secretariat).

The conference sessions will take place on Levels 1 & 2 in the Clarendon Auditorium, and Clarendon D/E and A.

On arrival you will need to check in at the Registration desk in the Clarendon Auditorium Foyer to collect your name badge. Refer to the venue maps provided at the end of this document.

Please note – you will not be able to enter the conference area without a name badge. Your name badge will also give you access to foodpro.

3. Convention Program

Here is a link to the current Convention Program: [AIFST23 Convention Program](#)

Please review the program in advance so you can decide which sessions you would like to attend.

We strongly encourage you to plan to stay until the end of the plenary session and panel on day 2.

A full delegate program will be provided to all delegates the week before the convention – this will be provided as a soft copy. Note: we are not providing hard copy printed programs.

4. Speakers

Here is a link to the current Speaker Information: [AIFST23 Speaker Information](#)

5. Session Housekeeping

Sessions will start on the time indicated in the program. Please be prompt so as not to disturb other delegates and speakers.

ALL SESSIONS WILL BE RECORDED, SO YOU WON'T MISS OUT ON ANY SPEAKERS OR SESSIONS.

All delegates will be provided with access to the session recordings following the convention. This is included in your registration fee.

The biographies and abstracts for each speaker are available on the AIFST23 Convention page on the AIFST website. Please review these before the convention or save the link to review at the convention.

6. Stay in touch – free WIFI.

All delegates will have access to the venue WIFI for free so you can access convention information on the AIFST website.

Social Events

2023 Awards Ceremony

5.30pm – 6.30pm, Monday 24 July

Join us in recognising the achievements of our members at the 2023 AIFST Awards Ceremony. During the ceremony we will be presenting our annual AIFST awards, competition winners and recognise our newly appointed Fellow Members.

Food & Wine Networking Evening

6.30pm – 8.30pm, Monday 24 July

Level 1 Clarendon Foyer

The Food & Wine networking event is on again for another year!

Tickets are included in all full and Monday only registrations and have been provided to all pre-registered delegates.

The Food & Wine event is proudly brought to you by GS1 Australia.

Young Professionals & 2023 National Mentoring Networking Breakfast

7.30am – 8.50am, Tuesday 25 July

Level 1 Clarendon Foyer

The Young Professionals Networking Breakfast has once again expanded to include the 2023 Mentoring Program. This is a must for all under-30 food professionals to come and enjoy breakfast, network with other young members, and speak to Mentors and Mentees involved in this year's Mentoring Program.

For catering purposes, attendance to the breakfast is pre-booked during delegate registration.

The Young Professionals & Mentoring Networking Breakfast is proudly brought to you by Kantar.

foodpro

The [foodpro exhibition](#) is located right next to AIFST23 and runs from Sunday July 23 to Wednesday July 26.

AIFST has a booth at foodpro – booth #50.

Your AIFST name tag will also give you access to foodpro.



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Before the Convention

AIFST Staff Contacts:

Should you have questions in the days leading up to the Convention, do not hesitate to contact us.

Email	aifst@aifst.com.au
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During the Convention

2023 Volunteers:

Our Convention Volunteers are food science and technology student members and are on hand to support AIFST staff, the convention, and you, to ensure that the Convention runs as smoothly as possible. You can find them in their white AIFST22 T Shirts.

AIFST Staff

It won't be possible for us to monitor the phone or email during the Convention, but if you need to find us this is what we look like!



Melinda, Carilee, Fiona, Clive, Melissa

EVENT PARTNERS

We thank our AIFST23 Event Partners



VENUE INFORMATION

Location

Clarendon Auditorium, Level 1 Exhibition Centre, Melbourne Convention & Exhibition Centre (MCEC), 1 Convention Centre Place, South Wharf, Melbourne VIC 3006.

The closest entrance to AIFST23 and foodpro is the Clarendon Street entrance.

[Google Maps Link](#)

Getting There

Car

If you're being dropped off at the **Exhibition Centre**, the Clarendon Street entrance is the closest entrance. If you're driving in, there is an abundance of convenient secure car parking available around MCEC. Nearby options include the [South Wharf Retail](#), [Siddeley St](#), [Freeway](#) and [Montague Street](#) car parks.

Trams

Tram routes 96, 109 and 12 (Stop 124A Casino/MCEC) will all take you to the Clarendon Street entrance. Otherwise, tram routes 70, 75 and the City Circle (Stop D5) take you to Flinders Street. From there, it's just a short walk up Clarendon Street until you reach us. For tram timetables or further trip planning, use [Public Transport Victoria's Journey Planner](#).

Trains

The closest station is Southern Cross. Once you exit the station, you can catch the 96, 109 or 12 tram routes and arrive at MCEC in just a few stops. For train timetables or further trip planning, use [Public Transport Victoria's Journey Planner](#).

Bus

From Monday to Friday, bus route 237 goes via Southern Cross Station to Lorimer Street, which is roughly a five-minute walk to MCEC. For bus timetables or further trip planning, use [Public Transport Victoria's Journey Planner](#).

Venue Layout

The registration area of the AIFST23 Convention is in the foyer of the Clarendon Auditorium located on Level 1 of the Exhibition Centre.

The AIFST staff office (Secretariat) is on Level 1, Clarendon Room F.

The conference sessions will take place on Level 1 in the Clarendon Auditorium, Clarendon D and E and Level 2, Clarendon A.

Please refer to Figures 1 & 2 following for venue location.

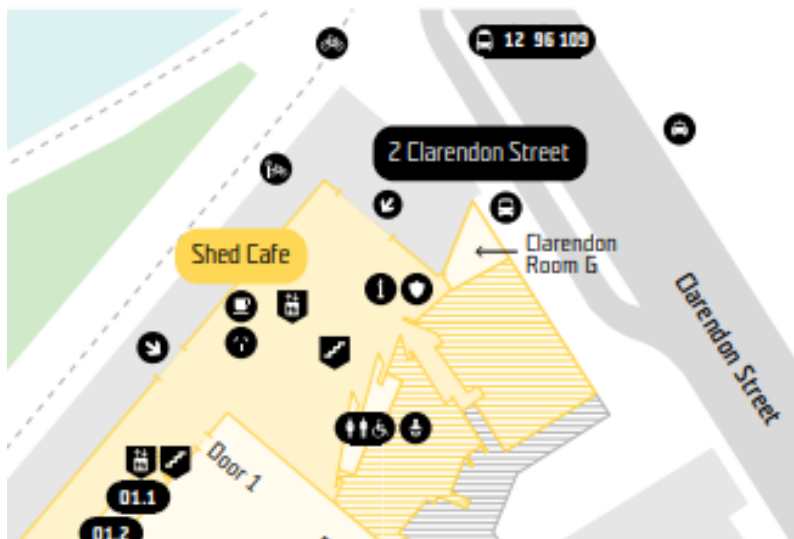


Figure 1: Entrance to the MCEC for the AIFST convention

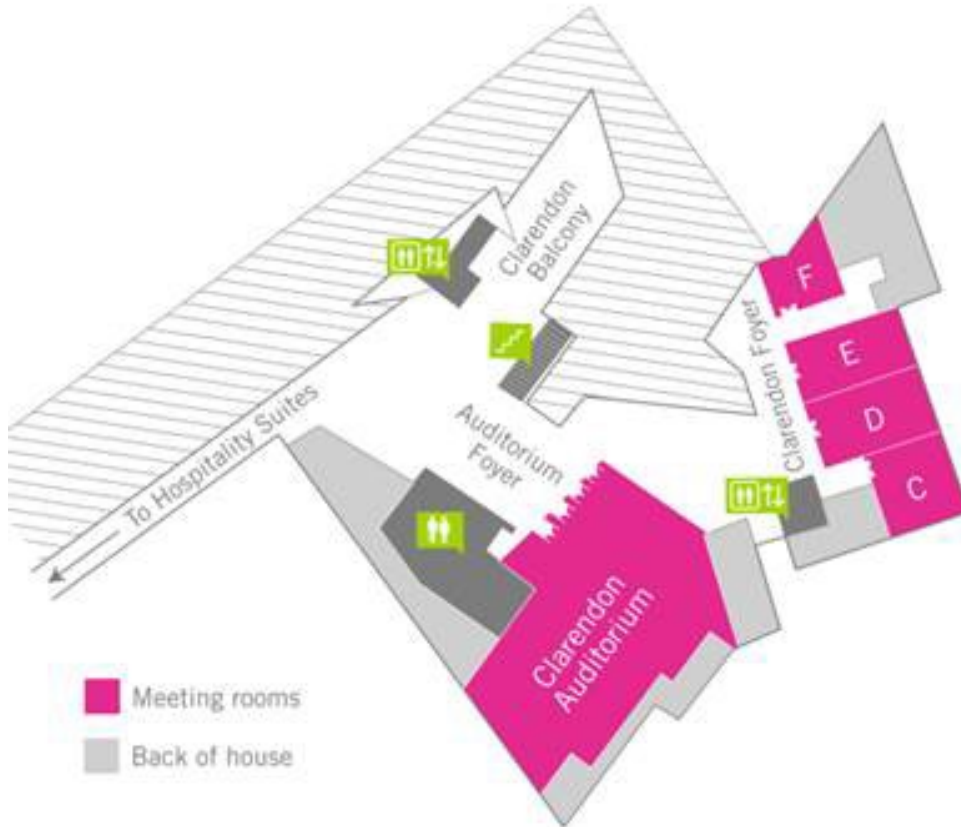


Figure 2: AIFST convention location at the MCEC

COVID-Safe Guidelines

Face to Face Events

In hosting face-to-face events AIFST expects all presenters and attendees will be able to interact directly.

AIFST will monitor the COVID-19 situation and relevant guidance, and formulate modifications, if necessary.

AIFST will follow advice from the respective State Government of the State where the event is being held.

AIFST will operate under the venue protocols for our attendance guidelines.

Irrespective of the current situation and for the foreseeable future, we will continue our duty of care to all our members, event attendees, venue staff and AIFST staff and will continue to support the implementation of additional health and safety and cleaning measures implemented by the venues where AIFST runs events.

Attendees

All attendees must register online with accurate contact information including name, contact number and email address, which in addition to being held in a secure database by AIFST, will assist with contact tracing where required.

Name badges will be issued at registration and must be always worn.