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Dear Prof Lyu,

On behalf of the Organising Committee for the 17th Asian Chemical Congress & 19th General Assembly of FACS, we formally invite you to register.

The conference is to be held from 23 - 28 July 2017 at the Melbourne Convention Centre, Australia.
Please see <http://www.racicongress.com/17ACC/> for detailed information about the registration process

Don't forget to apply for your Visa!

Under Australia's universal visa system, all visitors to Australia must have a valid visa to travel to and enter Australia (other than New Zealand passport holders who will normally be granted a Special Category visa on arrival, provided they meet health and character requirements; and permanent residents of Norfolk Island who may be granted a Permanent Resident of Norfolk Island visa on arrival). For more information, see the fact sheet:

The passport which you hold determines whether you are eligible to apply online, or need to lodge a paper based application. Depending on your eligibility, you may be able to apply for one of the following visa:

- Electronic Travel Authority (ETA) (subclass 601)
- eVisitor visa (subclass 651)
- Visitor (Business Stream) visa Subclass 600
- Temporary Work (Short Stay Activity) visa (subclass 400)
- Temporary Activity visa (subclass 408)

There are many visa options available to people wishing to visit Australia. The appropriate visa option will depend, amongst other things, on the person's purpose for visiting Australia.

If you are planning to visit Australia to participate in a business event such as a conference, trade fair or seminar or expo, and you are not being paid by an organizer for your participation at the event, you may be eligible for an ETA (subclass 601). eVisitor visa (subclass 651) or Visitor (Business Stream) visa (subclass 600) as long as you:

- Do not work for or provide services to a business or organization in Australia
- Do not sell goods or services to the public

See www.border.gov.au/Trav/Visi/Visi

More information on ETA, eVisitor and Visitor (Business Stream) visa is available on the department's website.

See: www.border.gov.au/Trav/Visa-1/601-

See: www.border.gov.au/Trav/Visa-1/651-

See: www.border.gov.au/Trav/Visa-1/600-

The Temporary Activity visa (subclass 408) visa is the appropriate visa for those intending to undertake one or more of the following roles/activities:

- People involved in the organisation or delivery of the event
- Speaker, presenters or delegates who are being paid (including appearance fees) for their participation -eg

Independent journalist, correspondent for an overseas news organization who will not be taking part in film, television broadcast in Australia

· Exhibitors engaged in retail activities

More information is available on the department's website.

See: <http://www.border.gov.au/Trav/Visa-1/408>

See: www.border.gov.au/Trav/Visa-1/400

NB: These are the visa options available presently but the Department reserves the right to change regulations.

Health and character requirements

All visa applicants will be required to meet certain character and health requirements as part of their visa application process. These requirements exist to uphold the safety and security of the Australian community. The following links provide further information on these requirements,

See: www.border.gov.au/Trav/Visa/Health

See: www.border.gov.au/Trav/Visa/Character

Where to lodge paper-based visa applications

The department has Australian Visa Offices located around the world that are responsible for specific countries, regions or economies. Use the attached link to find the responsible Australian Visa Office for each location, including details on how to lodge a paper-based visa application: See: www.border.gov.au/about/contact/offices-locations

Service Delivery Partners (SDPs) that operate Australian Visa Application Centres (AVACs) and Australian Biometric Collection Centres (ABCCs) are also located in various countries. These centres provide visa application lodgement or biometric collection services on behalf of the department.,

See: www.border.gov.au/Trav/Visa/Biom

Please note that visa applicants who lodge their applications through an Australian Visa Application Centre will need to pay a fee to use this service. This service fee is separate from the visa application charge and cannot be waived.

It is recommended that before registering, you check immigration details with your airline, travel agent or nearest Australian embassy or consulate (see www.border.gov.au for full list).

After registering to attend the conference, a 'Letter of Confirmation' will be sent which you may use with your visa application. Please apply for a visa to Australia at least two months before your proposed departure.

We look forward to welcoming you to Australia.

Yours Sincerely,



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