



# INTERNATIONAL SHOW CAVES ASSOCIATION

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### 7<sup>th</sup> ISCA CONGRESS

While attending the Australasian Cave and Karst Management Association (ACKMA) 2013 Conference in Waitomo, New Zealand, over 12-17 May 2013, I had the opportunity to meet with Dan Cove a number of times. As most of you may know, Dan is the Manager of Cave Operations and Assistant General Manager at Jenolan Caves in New South Wales, Australia, the host of the 7<sup>th</sup> Congress of ISCA, to be held 2<sup>nd</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> November 2014.

Dan has assembled a superb team together to organize what promises to be a cracker of a Congress. This team, headed by himself, comprises Scott Melton, Domino Houlbrook-Cove, and Sandy McFeeters. In addition to this team, stalwart Andy Spate has agreed to chair the panel to deal with the papers submitted to the Congress. Andy is in the process of inviting a few others to join him in dealing with the papers.

I have been privileged to see a draft of the 1<sup>st</sup> Circular that Dan intends sending out in the near future. As those of you who know Dan will know, you can expect a circular that is innovative and very different!

There is no doubt that our 2014 Congress will be a very special event and one that will be a lifetime experience. Having made several visits to Australasia in recent years I can assure everyone that just planning the travel to down under is tremendous fun all in itself. It is not too early to start this planning.



## **8<sup>th</sup> ISCA CONGRESS**

It may seem strange for this subject to be brought up so far in advance, but a very important thing that we must do in 2014, is to select the venue for our 2018 Congress. It is not too early for those of you, who may be considering hosting a Congress, to start the process.

As a direct challenge to our European members, it is appropriate that I remind everyone, that soon we will have had two of our last three Congresses held outside of Europe!

If you are starting to think about hosting a Congress it is not too early to start the initial planning. If anyone has any questions about hosting a Congress, Renata and/or myself stand ready to field them.

## **ISCA SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

On 24<sup>th</sup> June, 2013 the ISCA Board of Directors elected Arrigo Cigna as Chairman, and Friedrich Oedl as a Member, of the Scientific and Technical Committee. I take this opportunity to welcome Arrigo back as Chairman and Friedrich as a Member of this important committee.

## **GROWTH OF ISCA**

I am pleased to report that the growth of ISCA continues. Since Newsletter No. 22 of 28<sup>th</sup> March 2013 we have had two more caves join ISCA. I welcome Seneca Caverns (Denise Bell) of the United States and Capricorn Caves (Ann Augusteyn) of Australia, to our ranks. The world is becoming more and more complete!

## **CONCLUSION**

President's Newsletter No.24 will follow shortly. The subject of this Newsletter will be the speech that your President delivered at the ACKMA Conference on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2013. This is to keep you all abreast of the messages that your President is delivering.

President's Newsletter No.25 will come to you in early July 2013, and will be devoted to the ISCA Guidelines (formerly the Management Guidelines).

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