

# ICAR2024

**37<sup>TH</sup> International Conference  
on Antiviral Research (ICAR)**  
Hosted by the International Society for Antiviral Research (ISAR)



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## Know Before You Go!

We are excited to welcome you as an onsite attendee to ICAR2024 to be held at the Crowne Plaza Surfers Paradise Hotel in Gold Coast, Australia. To help you prepare for your trip, we have put together this guide so you're ready for a successful event. Details can be found on our website at [www.isar-icar.com](http://www.isar-icar.com).

### Official Conference Location

#### Crowne Plaza Surfers Paradise

2807 Gold Coast Highway, Surfers Paradise, Queensland 4217 Australia

Tram Stop: Florida Gardens

Check-In Time: 3:00 PM / Check-Out Time: 11:00 AM

All conference events will take place at the Crowne Plaza. There is a complimentary car parking for all attendees on scheduled event days only. The hotel has a 24-hour fitness studio, outdoor pool, and full-size tennis court.

### Getting from Airport to Hotel

**IMPORTANT: All visitors to Australia need a valid passport and an Australian visa or Electronic Travel Authority (ETA) Visa.** [Click here for more info.](#)

**From Gold Coast Airport to hotel:** Gold Coast Airport, located at Bilinga on the Gold Coast's southern end, is approximately 25 kilometers from Surfers Paradise. There are multiple transportation options from which you can choose. An airport bus service operates from Gold Coast Airport. Look for route 761 or 777 to reach Surfers Paradise in approximately 45 minutes. There are taxis and Ubers available just outside the airport terminal entrance. There is no hotel shuttle.

[View Gold Coast Transportation Options](#)

**From Brisbane Airport to hotel:** A convenient way to transfer to the Gold Coast from Brisbane Airport is using the Airtrain service. Trains depart regularly from the Brisbane Airport to the Gold Coast, where connections can be made from Airtrain stations via G:Link or bus connection to popular Gold Coast locations. You can also choose to transfer from Brisbane Airport by bus, private transfer, or limousine. Brisbane Airport is located approximately 80km from the Gold Coast and transfer times are dependent on traffic conditions, so check when you make your booking how long it is likely to take.

[View Airtrain Information](#)

### Registration Hours

ICAR Registration will be located on the ground level near the hotel foyer. All attendees must check-in at registration to pick up their badges and conference materials. Your badge must be worn at all times. Registration hours for the duration of the conference are below:

Monday, May 20 – 11:00 am - 5:30 pm

Tuesday, May 21 – 8:00 am - 7:00 pm

Wednesday, May 22 – 7:45 am - 2:00 pm

Thursday, May 23 – 8:00 am - 6:00 pm

Friday, May 24 – 8:30 am - 12:30 pm

## Practical Information

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**Currency:** Australian dollars (AUD). Australia has a goods and services tax on purchases (10%), but you may claim this and the Wine Equalisation Tax when departing.

**Electricity:** 240/250 volts AC 50Hz Universal outlets for 110 volts (shavers only) standard in hotels, apartments, motels.

**Emergency:** Dial 000 for police, ambulance, fire.

**Smoking:** Queensland has strict tobacco laws. There is no smoking in indoor public places.

**Time Zone:** Gold Coast is located in the Australian Eastern Standard Time zone (GMT +10 hours).

**Weather:** Autumn temperatures fall between 16-26°C (61-77°F). Hinterland areas may be cooler and wetter.

## Conference Program

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The ICAR2024 Program and Abstracts Book will be available to all attendees by electronically via the virtual platform and the members only section of the ISAR website. The book will be posted by Monday, May 20. Some useful links may be found below to help with planning your schedule.

[Detailed Schedule \(includes invited and short oral presenter talks\)](#)

[Presenter Information](#)

[Conference FAQ](#)

## Conference Meals

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Coffee/Tea service will be provided Tuesday through Friday morning prior to the start of sessions. Breakfast will not be provided. There will also be morning and afternoon breaks each day. Light food and beverages will be provided on Tuesday, May 21 at Poster Session 1. Lunch will be provided on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Dinner will be provided at the Closing Event on Thursday, May 23.

## Networking Events

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Looking for just a little more time to discuss the latest in your field, network with fellow colleagues or meet new colleagues?

- **Women in Science Roundtable** - Monday, May 20 from 12:00 pm - 1:45 pm (Phoenix Room) *This event is at capacity, so please contact [info@isaricar.com](mailto:info@isaricar.com) if you would like to be added to the waitlist.*
- **Opening Reception** - Monday, May 20 from 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm (Relish Grill and Bar) Connect with colleagues and friends over hors d'oeuvres and drinks.
- **PechaKucha Competition** - Tuesday, May 21 from 10:00 am - 11:00 am (Norfolk Ballroom)
- **Career Development Interactive Roundtable** - Tuesday, May 21 from 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm (Phoenix Room)
- **Closing Event** - Thursday, May 23 from 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm (Norfolk Ballroom and Poolside)
- You can also connect with fellow attendees at any time via the virtual platform!

## Social Media – Be Sociable – Share!

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We are crowdsourcing our Conference photos, so all onsite attendees are encouraged to share their best photos from the Conference (sessions and networking events) using **#ICAR2024**. Please do not include any presentation content in the background of your photos.

## Virtual Platform

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**All registered attendees (virtual and onsite) will have access to the virtual platform.** On Monday, May 20 you will receive an email with your log-in details to access the virtual platform. When you log-in to the platform, you can update your time zone in your profile to ensure that you are viewing the schedule times for your location. All registered attendees have access to the virtual platform where you can view all posters, chat with poster presenters, watch on-demand videos of recorded oral sessions, and chat with fellow attendees. There is no live Q&A for posters or oral sessions. All content will be accessible on the virtual platform for registered attendees through June 24, 2024.

View [Conference FAQ](#) on our website for additional information and tips.

## Getting Around

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Taxis and Ubers are readily available. Buses, trains, and G:link trams operate on the Translink network and the easiest way to ride is to buy a Go Card ticket which can be purchased at any 7-eleven store, visitor information services, most train and tram stations plus select news agents. G:link trams also use Smart ticketing, so a tap of your preferred credit card or smartphone can be used for payment. A Go Explore card is another great option for travelers - allowing unlimited use of the Translink service for just \$10 a day and \$5 for kids. **A tram and bus stop are located directly in front of the hotel: [Florida Gardens](#).**

[Go Explore Card Info](#)

[Public Transport Journey Planner](#)

## Things to See and Do

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Revitalize the mind in the lush rainforest of the hinterland or enjoy landscapes unmatched anywhere in Australia. Bask in the Gold Coast's breezy beach culture. The Gold Coast offers every type of on-water adventure imaginable. You can also take in local wineries, distilleries, see local produce and arts as well as sample the culinary temptations at an ever evolving array of restaurants, lounges, and pop-up venues,. So many options to create your own Gold Coast memory!

Check out our [City Information](#) page for tour ideas and additional information.

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**We look forward to seeing everyone next week in Gold Coast.**

*Safe Travels!*

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