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Bounded by the spectacular Indian Ocean and the beautiful Swan River, the historic port of Fremantle has welcomed convicts, pioneers, sailors, prospectors, migrants and visitors from all over the world for over 180 years and now invites delegates for the 2012 ASID Annual Scientific Meeting.

Fremantle is a bustling, vibrant and energetic city famous for heritage architecture, music, arts and culture and serves as the perfect base for exploring the unique attractions of Western Australia, including its unparalleled beaches, world-renowned wineries and opportunities for amazing outback adventures. The meeting will be held in the graceful and historic Esplanade Hotel, where heritage and opulence meet today's technology, with fabulous restaurants, lobby bar, pools, spas, sauna plus outstanding meeting convention facilities in the heart of Fremantle.

The meetings focus is to explore what the future holds for infectious diseases. Specific topics will include the origins and spread of new infectious diseases, how host factors may determine outcomes from infection, what tools we can use to predict, diagnose, manage and monitor infections, as well as a range of other topics including malaria, travel-related infections, viral hepatitis, antimicrobial use and abuse, current controversies in infectious diseases and the emergence and spread of multiresistant organisms in the community. Three renowned international speakers with diverse areas of expertise have been invited to contribute to the meeting.

Professor Robert Read

Robert Read is Professor of Infectious Diseases and Honorary Consultant Physician in Infectious Diseases at the University of Sheffield Medical School, Sheffield, UK. Professor Read trained in Infectious Disease and Internal Medicine in various posts in Leeds, Bristol, London and Nottingham, at the National Heart and Lung Institute, Imperial College London, and at the Division of Infectious Diseases, UCSF at San Francisco General Hospital, USA. His research interests include the pathogenesis and prevention of rapidly lethal infections, notably meningococcal sepsis, influenza and pneumococcal disease.

Professor Thierry Calandra

Dr. Thierry Calandra is a Professor of Medicine, and Head of the Infectious Diseases Service, Department of Internal Medicine, Centre Hospitalier Universitaire Vaudois, Lausanne, Switzerland. For the last 20 years, Dr. Calandra's research interests have focused on innate immunity, sepsis and infections in the immunocompromised host. He has published more than 150 monographs, book chapters, reviews and original articles, which have appeared in journals such as Nature Medicine, New England Journal of Medicine and Lancet. He has received career award grants from the Swiss Science Foundation and the Leenaards Foundation.

Thomas J. Walsh, MD

Dr. Walsh is Director of the Transplantation - Oncology Infectious Diseases Program of Weill Cornell Medical College of Cornell University, New York, NY. He serves in adjunct faculty positions at the University of Maryland School of Medicine and the John Hopkins University School of Medicine. Dr. Walsh directs a combined laboratory and clinical translational research program that is dedicated to the investigation of the antifungal pharmacology and chemotherapeutics, augmentation of host defenses, and molecular detection of invasive fungal infections in immunocompromised children and adults with cancer, stem cell transplantation, and other immunodeficiencies.

In keeping with ASID tradition, a range of exciting social events will be held at various iconic Fremantle locations that will make the meeting a truly memorable experience.



Fremantle Prison is recognised nationally and internationally as one of the most intact convict-built heritage sites in the world and represents an important and irreplaceable part of Western Australia's cultural heritage. Dress sharp in black and white to dine within the main cell block. This amazing venue will provide a memorable backdrop for the ASID Annual dinner, with entertainment ensuring delegates will be doing the jailhouse rock by the end of the evening.