



**IDS** 2026  
*Brisbane*  
AUSTRALIA

# Sponsorship Prospectus

**21<sup>st</sup> Immunology of Diabetes Society Congress**

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**Australian Islet Study Group Meeting 2026**

April 20-24<sup>th</sup> 2026

Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre, Brisbane, Australia



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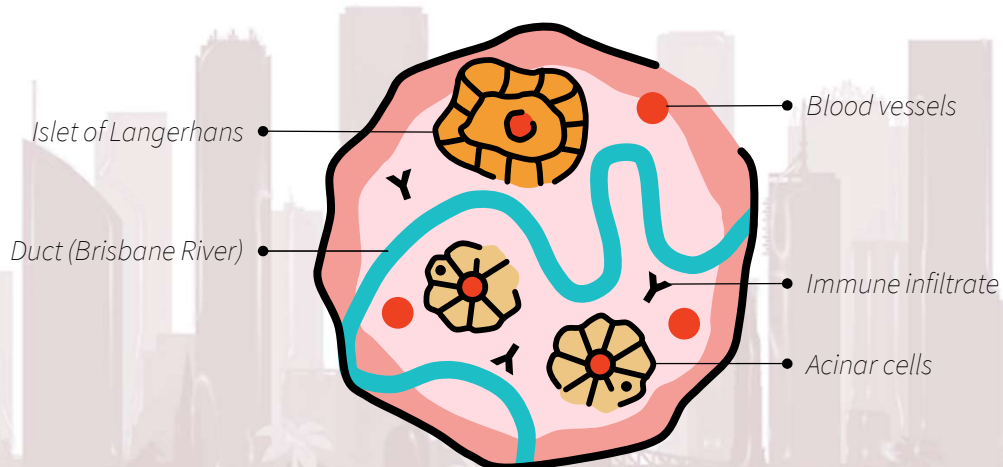
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# Introduction to the IDS

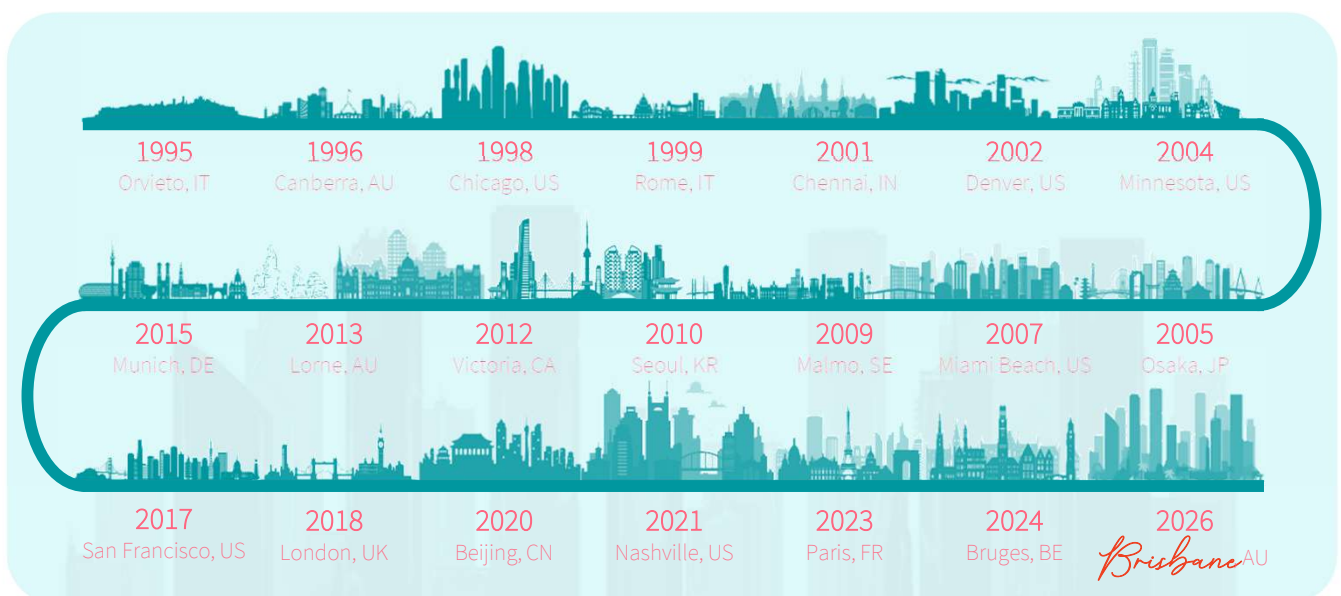
## About the IDS

The Immunology of Diabetes Society (IDS) is an international scientific community dedicated to advancing the understanding, prevention and treatment of type 1 diabetes (T1D). Since 1995, the IDS convenes a biennial Congress, rotating among major centres in Europe, North America, and Asia/Oceania with up to 500 attendees.

The strength of the IDS lies in our global, multi-disciplinary and cooperative vision of addressing the greatest challenges in type 1 diabetes.

The biennial IDS Congress meetings are pivotal incubators for seminal discoveries, trial networks, and have fostered a vibrant community of global leaders with the mission to improve the lives of individuals at risk for and with type 1 diabetes.

**The Immunology of Diabetes Society Congress brings together international health care professionals, consumers and research leaders in Type 1 Diabetes.**



## Invitation from the **IDS** President



### **Carmella Evans-Molina, MD, PhD**

It is my great pleasure to invite you to support and attend the 21st Immunology of Diabetes Society (IDS) Congress, which will be held in Brisbane in 2026. The IDS Congress is the premiere meeting for the international community of researchers, clinicians and industry representatives studying the pathogenesis and treatment of type 1 diabetes. Every 18 months, members of IDS convene to share the latest in cutting edge research, debate big questions in the field, and catch up with old and new colleagues. The Brisbane meeting is sure to be another memorable IDS meeting, and we look forward to your participation.

## Invitation from the 2026 Congress Chair

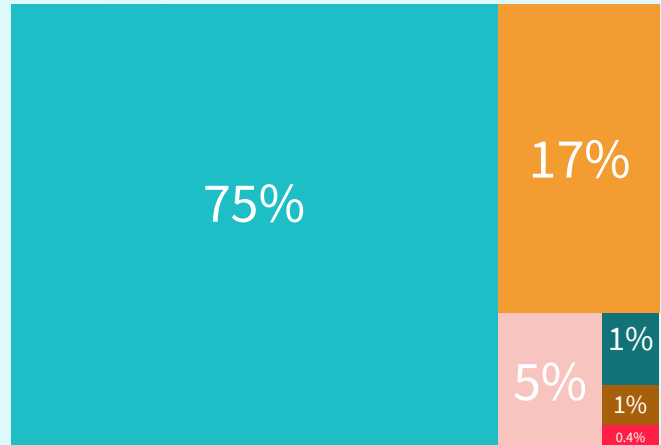
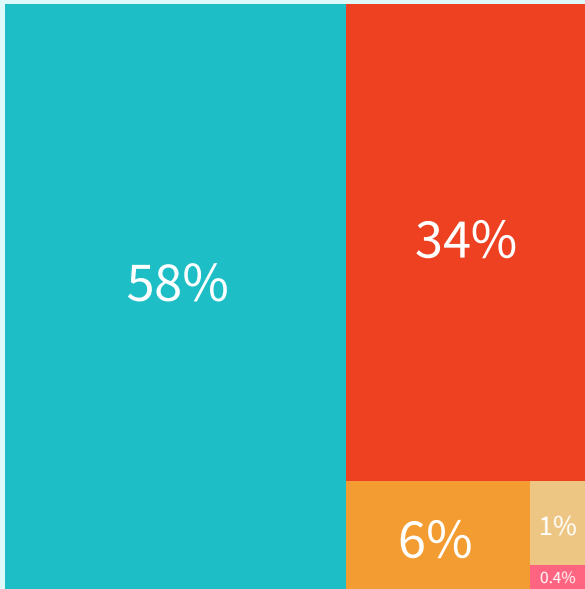


### **Emma Hamilton-Williams, BSc(Hons), PhD**

On behalf of the organising committee, I am delighted to invite you to the 21<sup>st</sup> Immunology of Diabetes Society Congress in Brisbane, Australia. The conference will convene a high-quality programme covering the most recent advances in type 1 diabetes pathogenesis, underlying mechanisms and therapeutic advances. Our goal is to create a conference that reflects the diversity of the type 1 diabetes research field. Brisbane is a vibrant, subtropical city offering a blend of natural beauty, cultural attractions and culinary delights. Extend your stay and discover our iconic beaches, unique Australian wildlife, coral reefs and rainforests.

## 2023 IDS Congress Paris, France

*at a glance...*



Europe

North America

Oceania

Asia

Africa

University/Research Institute/Hospital

Industry

Not-For-Profit/Trust

Community Advocacy

Publishing

Government



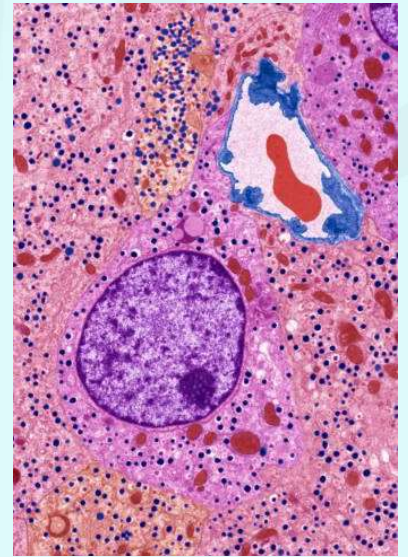
## IDS Membership Profile

IDS conference attendees and membership represent a diverse profile of basic and translational researchers, clinicians, students and industry professionals. The breadth of attendees includes specialists in immunology, islet biology, genetics, epidemiology, stem cell biology, big data, endocrinology, transplantation, pathology, paediatrics, nutrition and more. The conference is considered a must for all researchers interested in the pathogenesis and cure of type 1 diabetes. The IDS conference attendance has increased over the past decade from 293 in 2013 to ~500 in 2023.

# Introduction to the AISG

## *About the* AISG

The Australian Islet Study Group (AISG) meeting convenes the very best of islet biology, beta cell dysfunction and islet transplantation annually. The meeting focuses on innovation in islet development, stem cells, pathophysiology and transplantation with a focus on novel treatments and/or a cure for diabetes with 60-80 attendees. This conjoint meeting with IDS will offer the opportunity for cross-pollination of knowledge enabling a unique opportunity to share clinical know how, research tools and innovations in diabetes with the fundamental purpose of improving the lives of all people with diabetes.



## *Invitation from the* ADS CEO

**Sof Andrikopoulos, BSc, PhD**

I am delighted to be hosting the IDS and AISG Conference in Brisbane in 2026. There have been significant advancements in type 1 diabetes research that are being translated to clinical practice, such that the possibility of delaying or even preventing this disease is becoming a reality. The Conference will serve as a platform for researchers and clinicians from across the globe to pursue this goal, fostering networking, discussion and collaboration. If you're coming from overseas, I encourage you to add a few more days to your visit to enjoy our wonderful country. If you are a local, I am sure you will make our international visitors feel welcome. I would like to thank the Organising Committee for their hard work to make this conference the best it can possibly be. I also would like to thank our generous sponsors who have made this conference possible.



# Objectives for IDS 2026 *Brisbane*

1

## **Advance the Understanding of Immunology of Diabetes**

To present and disseminate cutting-edge research on the immunological aspects of type 1 diabetes, including the interplay between the immune system and metabolic pathways, the role of autoimmunity, and strategies for delay and prevention of diabetes. Encourage submissions of new research findings and methodologies.

2

## **Foster Multidisciplinary Collaborations**

Promote collaborations across diverse fields such as molecular biology, clinical research, and bioinformatics to foster a multidisciplinary approach to type 1 diabetes research. Create networking events, collaborative workshops, and joint sessions with researchers from various disciplines.

3

## **Encourage the Development and Clinical Translation of Therapies**

Focus on bridging the gap between research and clinical practice. Showcase emerging therapeutic technologies and immunotherapies that target the immune system to prevent or treat diabetes, including antigen-specific therapies, immune modulation, mechanisms of natural protection, and regenerative medicine focusing on the islet.

4

## **Promote Young Investigators and Diversity in Research**

Support and showcase the work of young investigators and underrepresented groups in the field of immunology and type 1 diabetes research. Include dedicated sessions for new researchers, awards for outstanding contributions, and scholarships for attendance and presentation at the Congress.

5

## **Globalise the Impact of Diabetes Research**

Extend the reach of diabetes immunology research by integrating perspectives from researchers in low- and middle-income countries, regions with increasing type 1 diabetes burdens, and the Asia-Pacific region. Promote global thinking around diabetes with presentations focused on the global epidemiology of diabetes and the impact of diabetes among First Nations people.

# Congress Overview



*Welcome to Brisbane*

## Strategic Location and Superior Infrastructure

Centrally positioned in the Asia-Pacific region and Australia's third largest city, Brisbane is renowned for its vibrant, friendly atmosphere and a climate conducive to both professional engagement and leisure activities. The city's award-winning airport, just a 20-minute drive from the city centre, services over 300 direct flights weekly to 34 international destinations, ensuring convenient access for global delegates.

## World-Class Convention Facilities

The Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre (BCEC), located in the picturesque South Bank riverside precinct, is a cornerstone of Brisbane's appeal. BCEC has been named the World's Best Convention Centre by the International Association of Congress Centres. The proximity to cultural institutions, cafes, restaurants, and unique attractions like Australia's only city-based beach enhances the delegate experience, providing both convenience and an invigorating environment.



## Accommodation and Transport

With over 260 hotels and 20,000 rooms ranging from luxury to budget-friendly options, Brisbane caters to all preferences and budgets, all within close proximity to BCEC. The city's efficient transport network, including buses, trains, and river catamarans, enables easy movement around the city.

## Value Proposition

Brisbane offers outstanding value for money for delegates and organisers, offering a range of affordable accommodation and eateries. A direct train from the airport to the city and BCEC/Southbank precinct offers an affordable local transport option.

## Cultural and Recreational Richness

Brisbane is a gateway to some of Australia's most iconic natural landscapes and world heritage sites, including rainforests, beaches, and the Great Barrier Reef. The city itself is a lively, cultural hub home to unique experiences such as the world's largest koala sanctuary, and the famous 'Australia Zoo' (home of the Crocodile Hunter). This vibrant local scene is augmented by the city's history of successfully hosting large-scale international events and global congresses.



# Preliminary Programme

**MON**  
April  
20  
**IDS**

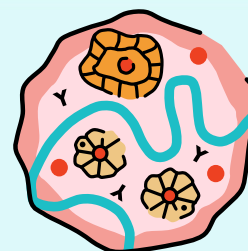
- **11:00-12:00 Industry symposium 1**
- 12:00-13:00 Lunch
- 13:00-14:30 Welcome and Plenary lecture
- 14:30-18:00 Scientific sessions A and B (30 mins break)
- 18:00-19:30 **Welcome Networking Reception**

**TUE**  
April  
21  
**IDS**

- **8:00-9:00 Industry symposium 2**
- 9:00-10:45 Scientific session C
- 11:15-13:00 Scientific session D
- 13:00-14:00 Lunch
- 14:00-18:00 Scientific sessions E and F (30 mins break)
- 18:00-19:30 Poster session

**WED**  
April  
22  
**IDS**

- **8:00-9:00 Industry symposium 3**
- 9:00-10:45 Scientific session G
- 11:15-13:00 Scientific session H
- 13:00-14:00 Lunch
- 14:00-18:00 Scientific sessions I and J
- 18:00-19:30 Poster session



**THU**  
April  
23  
**IDS&AISG**

- **8:00-9:00 Industry symposium 4**
- 9:00-10:45 Scientific session K
- 11:15-13:00 Scientific session L
- 13:00-14:00 Lunch
- 14:00-17:30 Joint Scientific session
- 19:00-23:00 **Joint Congress Dinner**

## Islet study group

- 13:00-14:00 Lunch
- 14:00-17:30 Joint Scientific session
- 19:00-23:00 **Joint Congress Dinner**

**FRI**  
April  
24  
**IDS&AISG**

- 9:00-10:45 Scientific session O
- 11:15-13:00 Scientific session P
- 13:00-14:00 Lunch

## Islet study group

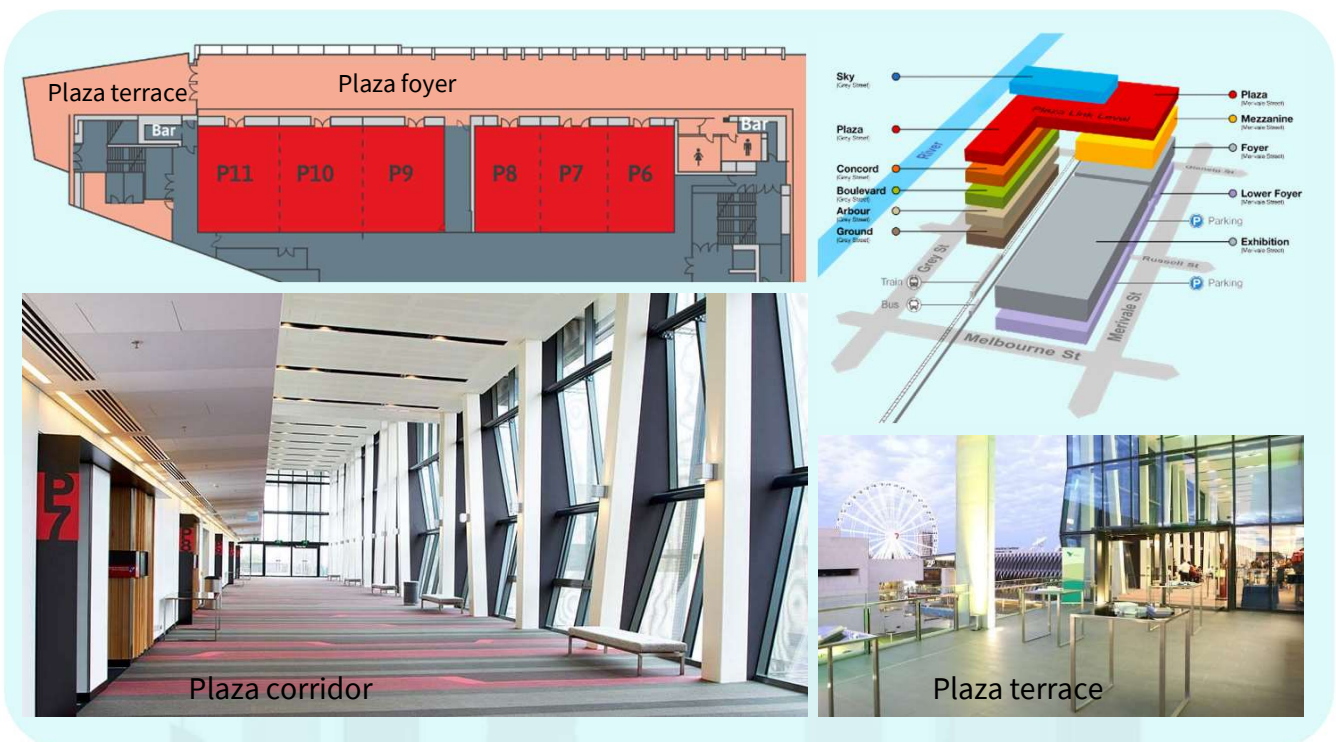
- 9:00-10:45 Islet session
- 11:15-13:00 Islet session
- 13:00-14:00 Lunch
- 14:00-17:00 Islet session

# Trade Display

The Congress will be held in rooms P8, P9, P10 and P11 of the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre, Plaza Level. The trade display will be positioned in the foyer space outside rooms P9-P11 with views across Southbank and the Brisbane skyline.

The Plaza foyer and terrace will be the hub of IDS2026 Brisbane. Tea breaks, lunches and the Welcome Networking Mixer will occur in this location, maximising your opportunities to engage with delegates and promote your services. The poster sessions will also be held in P8 ensuring activity from morning until evening.

The external Plaza Level Terrace will also be available, encouraging congress delegates to take in fresh air and sunshine without straying from conference facilities.

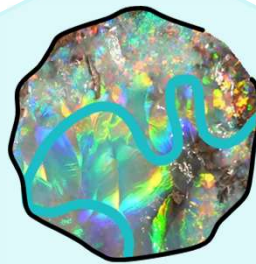


The build-up of your display can be completed on 20th April 2026 in the morning (between 07.00 and 10.00am). The dismantling needs to occur on the 24th April 2026 at the conclusion the conference. More detailed information will be available in our exhibitor manual (sent to all confirmed exhibitors in February 2026).

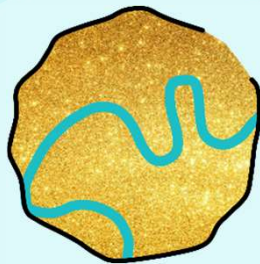
# Sponsorship Opportunities

**We offer a variety of sponsorship packages and exclusive opportunities**

- Four 60 min industry symposiums available
- Trade displays, free conference registrations
- Dinner and Welcome Networking reception naming rights



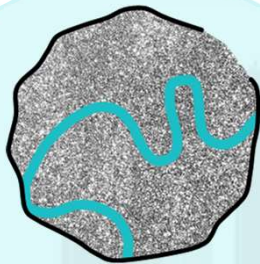
Opal



GOLD



Red Earth



Dinner



Welcome Reception

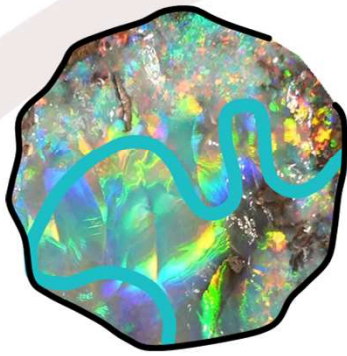


Satchel

# Sponsorship Summary

Sponsorship level	Registrations	Naming rights	60 min Industry Symposium	Trade display	Logo advertising website mailings slide	Conference satchel logo	Satchel insert
<b>Opal</b> \$30,000 1 only	3	-	✓ First choice	✓	✓	-	✓
<b>Gold</b> \$25,000 3 only	2	-	✓	✓	✓	-	✓
<b>Red earth</b> \$15,000	1	-	-	✓	✓	-	✓
<b>Dinner</b> \$10,000 1 only	-	Congress Dinner	-	-	✓	-	✓
<b>Welcome reception</b> \$5,000 1 only	-	Welcome Networking Reception	-	-	✓	-	✓
<b>Satchel</b> \$5,000 1 only	-	-	-	-	-	✓	✓

Prices quoted are in Australian Dollars excluding GST



# OPAL SPONSORSHIP

Limited to one only  
\$30,000 plus GST

*Unique opportunity*

## EXCLUSIVES

- ▶ Premium display position
- ▶ Premium positioning for signage at the event
- ▶ First choice for Industry Symposium timeslot

## TRADE DISPLAY

- ▶ 1.8 m x 0.9m dressed trestle table, 2 x chairs, 10-amp power board, 1x horizontal pin board

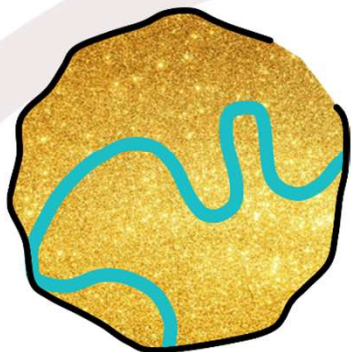


## CONFERENCE

- ▶ First selection of 60-minute Industry Symposium timeslot, on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday. The content of your presentation should be relevant to the audience, and must be approved in advanced by the Organising Committee.
- ▶ 3 x Full Conference passes to the event. Additional passes are available for purchase.

## WEBSITE AND PROMOTIONAL MATERIAL

- ▶ Recognition on the IDS2026 website, program of events and all other event collateral as the Opal sponsor
- ▶ Opportunity to provide an item for the Congress Satchel. Items should be produced and shipped to the Organising Committee at your expense. Items must be valued at less than \$50 and must not influence medical decision-making. Examples include pens, notepads, lanyards, stickers, etc.



# GOLD SPONSORSHIP

Limited to three only  
\$25,000 plus GST



## EXCLUSIVES

- ▶ Premium display position in the main auditorium of the exhibition
- ▶ Premium positioning for signage at the event

## TRADE DISPLAY

- ▶ 1.8 m x 0.9m dressed trestle table, 2 x chairs, 10-amp power board

## CONFERENCE

- ▶ 60-minute Industry Symposium timeslot, on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday based on availability
- ▶ 2 x Full Conference passes to the event. Additional passes and dinner tickets are available for purchase

## WEBSITE AND PROMOTIONAL MATERIAL

- ▶ Recognition on the IDS2026 website, program of events and all other event collateral as the Gold sponsor
- ▶ Opportunity to provide an item for the Congress Satchel. Items should be produced and shipped to the Organising Committee at your expense. Items must be valued at less than \$50 and must not influence medical decision-making. Examples include pens, notepads, lanyards, stickers, etc.



# RED EARTH SPONSORSHIP

Unlimited  
\$8,000 plus GST

## TRADE DISPLAY

- ▶ 1.8 m x 0.9m dressed trestle table, 2 x chairs, 10-amp power board

## CONFERENCE

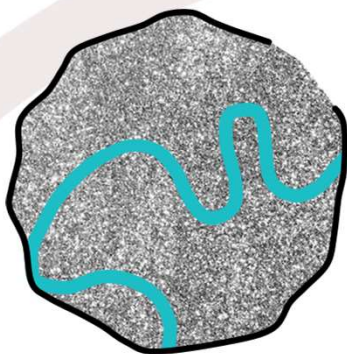
- ▶ 1 x Full Conference passes. Additional passes and dinner tickets are available for purchase

## WEBSITE AND PROMOTIONAL MATERIAL

- ▶ Recognition on the IDS2026 website, program of events and all other event collateral as the Red-Earth sponsor
- ▶ Opportunity to provide an item for the Congress Satchel. Items should be produced and shipped to the Organising Committee at your expense. Items must be valued at less than \$50 and must not influence medical decision-making. Examples include pens, notepads, lanyards, stickers, etc.







# DINNER SPONSORSHIP

Limited to one only  
\$10,000 plus GST

*Unique opportunity*

## EXCLUSIVE

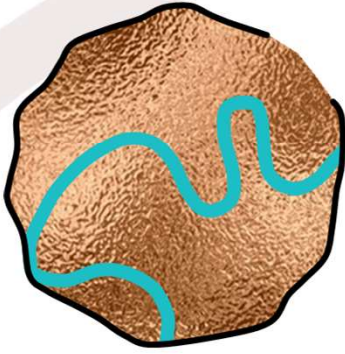
- ▶ Naming rights to the IDS2026 Brisbane Congress Dinner including the addition of branded signage, banners and flags

## WEBSITE AND PROMOTIONAL MATERIAL

- ▶ Recognition on the IDS2026 website, program of events and all other event collateral as the Congress Dinner sponsor
- ▶ Opportunity to provide an item for the Congress Satchel. Items should be produced and shipped to the Organising Committee at your expense. Items must be valued at less than \$50 and must not influence medical decision-making. Examples include pens, notepads, lanyards, stickers, etc.

*This opportunity can be purchased as a stand-alone package or in addition to any other level of sponsorship.*





# NETWORKING RECEPTION SPONSORSHIP

Limited to one only  
\$5,000 plus GST

*Unique opportunity*

## EXCLUSIVE

- ▶ Naming rights to the Welcome Networking Reception including branded signage, banners and flags

## WEBSITE AND PROMOTIONAL MATERIAL

- ▶ Recognition on the IDS2026 website, program of events and all other event collateral as the Networking Reception sponsor
- ▶ Opportunity to provide an item for the Congress Satchel. Items should be produced and shipped to the Organising Committee at your expense. Items must be valued at less than \$50 and must not influence medical decision-making. Examples include pens, notepads, lanyards, stickers, etc.

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# CONFERENCE SACHEL SPONSOR

Limited to one only  
\$4,000 plus GST



Sponsorship of the official conference satchel offers excellent exposure throughout the conference and exhibition, providing recognition both during and post-event. The conference satchel will contain sponsor promotional materials and will be distributed upon registration to every delegate, sponsor/exhibitor and speaker.

- ▶ Your company logo displayed on the conference satchel alongside the IDS2026 Brisbane logo
- ▶ Professional artwork
- ▶ Opportunity to provide an item for the Congress Satchel. Items should be produced and shipped to the Organising Committee at your expense. Items must be valued at less than \$50 and must not influence medical decision-making. Examples include pens, notepads, lanyards, stickers, etc.
- ▶ Recognition as a conference sponsor on the IDS2026 website with a link to your company website

*This opportunity can be purchased as a stand-alone package or in addition to any other level of sponsorship.*

# Sponsorship Booking Form

## Organisation Information

Organisation Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact name: \_\_\_\_\_

## Select Sponsorship Package

**Opal** = \$30,000 + 10% GST

**Dinner** = 10,000 + 10% GST

**Gold** = \$25,000 + 10% GST

**Welcome reception** = \$5,000 + 10% GST

**Red earth** = \$15,000 + 10% GST

**Satchel** = \$4,000 + 10% GST

**TOTAL AMOUNT TO BE INVOICED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ + GST \$ \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

I have read the ADS Sponsorship Prospectus 2024 and agree to the 'fine print' outlined in the document. I declare I am authorised to make this commitment on behalf of my organisation.

Please email completed booking form to Linda Valenzisi at [linda@diabetessociety.com.au](mailto:linda@diabetessociety.com.au)

Authorised by: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# Terms and Conditions

1. Sponsor invoices are payable on receipt of tax invoice to secure your requirements.
2. Full Payment of all invoices must be received prior to event, unless prior approval has been granted.
3. All prices quoted in AUD and exclude GST.
4. The IDS2026 Brisbane Organising Committee reserves the right to refuse an application.
5. The IDS2026 Brisbane Organising Committee will endeavour to meet all your participation requirements. If these requirement/s are not available, the IDS2026 Brisbane Organising Committee will contact you as soon as possible to discuss alternatives.
6. Sponsors agree to abide by such conditions as advised by the IDS2026 Brisbane Organising Committee and agree to not violate any of the conditions.
7. If the Sponsor/Exhibitor fails to comply with any of the rules and regulations, or any requirements stipulated, the Organiser has the right to enlist a replacement Sponsor/Exhibitor and the Sponsor/Exhibitor will forfeit all monies paid.
8. Acknowledgement of Sponsors is dependent upon the date of the Sponsor's funding, provision of the Sponsor's logo and publishing date of any resources.
9. The IDS2026 Brisbane Organising Committee reserves the right to reject anything that it considers inappropriate.
10. All trade exhibitors should ensure their Public Liability Policy covers their activities during events held away from their principal workplace. The IDS, ADS, or the BCEC shall not be responsible for any loss, damage and/or injury that may occur to the exhibitor's employees or property due to any cause whatsoever prior, during and subsequent to the event.
11. A Certificate of Currency is to be provided on request to the IDS2026 Brisbane Organising Committee upon request.
12. The IDS2026 Brisbane Organising Committee reserves the right to place the sponsor as it sees fit in the trade area/space.
13. Exhibitors must not erect any sign, display or obstruction that intrudes into any adjoining Exhibitors' space or affects the safety of the venue and its staff.
14. Exhibitors must not damage in any way the walls, floors, ceilings or any other surface of the exhibition area or the Exhibitor will be liable for all associated charges due to the BCEC.
15. The IDS, ADS, or the BCEC will not accept any responsibility whatsoever for any actions, suits, proceedings, claims, demands, costs and expenses, that may arise from the supply of samples or other material by participating Sponsors/Exhibitors to any person.

# Terms and Conditions

16. The IDS2026 Brisbane Organising Committee will take all precautions it considers necessary for the protection and security of exhibited articles but will not be responsible for the safety, loss, damage or compensation of any exhibit or other property under any circumstances whatsoever.
17. Participants must not on-sell sponsorship opportunities, sub-let exhibition tables or display products or programs that have not been officially endorsed by their company without the prior approval of the IDS2026 Brisbane Organising Committee
18. The IDS2026 Brisbane Organising Committee will not provide the sponsor/exhibitor with the delegate attendance list.
19. Nothing in this agreement will provide the Supplier with any advantage in terms of the provision of Commonwealth subsidised diabetes products or medicines to NDSS Registrants or the provision of NDSS information to people with diabetes or health professionals. Nothing in this agreement allows the Supplier to represent that IDS, ADS or the NDSS endorses or recommends a Supplier product or medicine in preference to other NDSS products or PBS medicines. The Supplier is not to use the NDSS trademarks to represent a perceived or actual endorsement or recommendation without prior approval in writing by Diabetes Australia.

## Cancellation Policy

1. In the event of cancellation received by you in writing prior to/on 1 January 2026, you are liable for 50% of the sponsorship package selected.
2. In the event of cancellation received by you in writing after 1 January 2026, you are liable for 100% of the sponsorship package selected.
3. After sponsorship has been confirmed and accepted, a reduction in sponsorship by you is considered a cancellation.
4. The Organising Committee reserves the right to cancel the Meetings prior to/on 1 March 2026 in case of circumstances beyond its control. In such a case all monies paid to date will be refunded in full. The liability of the Organisers will be limited to that amount.
5. If the Organising Committee cancels the Meetings after 1 March 2026 in case of circumstances beyond its control, a 20% service fee will be deducted from the sponsorship package selected with the balance refunded.
6. If the Organising Committee cancels the Meetings, we will not be liable for any expenses incurred by you in preparation of material for the Meetings or the supply of goods and services.

# Contacts

Thank you for taking the time to acquaint yourself with the possibilities available to you and your company at IDS2026 Brisbane. If you require any further information, or wish to discuss additional opportunities, please contact:

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Website: [www.ids2026.com.au](http://www.ids2026.com.au)

On behalf of the Organising Committee, we hope that you are enthusiastic about the available opportunities and we look forward to welcoming you to Brisbane in April 2026.



Emma Hamilton-Williams



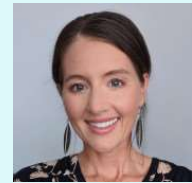
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Tom Kay



Maria Craig



Megan Penno



John Wentworth



Stuart Mannering



Ki Wook Kim



Radhika James



Irina Buckle



Melkam Kebede



Helen Thomas

The IDS2026 Brisbane Organising Committee wishes to express its deep gratitude and admiration for the invaluable contributions of Committee member Professor Helen Thomas. Professor Thomas was a much-loved and highly respected researcher, colleague, and friend, whose passion and dedication has left an indelible mark on the field.

