

Poultry Information Exchange

23 – 26 May 2010

Australian
Veterinary
Poultry
Alliance
Scientific
Meeting

26 & 27 May 2010



Broadbeach, Gold Coast, Australia

PIX 2010

AN INVITATION

I invite anyone with an interest in the Australian poultry industry to attend the **2010 Poultry Information Exchange (PIX2010)** being held from Sunday 23 May to Wednesday 26 May 2010 at the Gold Coast Convention & Exhibition Centre, Queensland.

The emphasis at PIX is on 'exchange' – a two-way flow of information of practical relevance. Over 41 years this philosophy has made PIX the premier Australasian poultry industry conference for people working in or serving the production sector of the industry.

PIX specifically caters for the needs of farmers and personnel from meat chicken, egg and breeder farms, hatcheries and processors as well as people from the service industries

We ask our speakers to be conscious of the audience and to present technical and scientific information in a simple non scientific style.

At the trade display, you'll be able to examine the latest equipment, products, technology and services available to the poultry industry.

The social program will let you catch up with colleagues at the Welcome Dinner, unwind at the PIX Dinner and start Tuesday with light entertainment at the Poultry Industry Breakfast.

The new venue enables us to deliver a higher standard conference than previously.

I look forward to welcoming you to PIX2010.

Geof Runge
President
PIX Association



PLENARY SESSIONS

The PIX2010 opening session considers emissions trading policy, and looks at the longer term effects of climate change, some regional implications from climate science.

The closing plenary looks at the future plans of the new Australian Poultry Cooperative Research Centre, preparedness for AI and the direction of welfare codes in a panel discussion by industry and government representatives.



MEAT CHICKEN

These sessions address topics of relevance on-farm and to the whole industry.

The Environment What is the water, energy and carbon footprint of the Australian meat chicken industry? How can environmental impacts and resource usage be reduced?

Litter Utilisation Utilising litter in broad acre farming, is it feasible? Reusing litter- preliminary results on managing food borne and viral pathogens in litter.

Darkling Beetles Do you have problems with black beetles? What strategies are used to manage darkling beetles in the USA?

Housing & Lighting Information on energy efficient lighting – the options and how they'll work on the farm will be presented. Shed environmental control systems used around the world will be explained.

Free Range Production Bird health and welfare, food safety, biosecurity & medication and feed additive alternatives are important issues. How do we address them?

EGGS

The egg sessions looks at current issues.

The Environment What is the water, energy and carbon footprint of the Australian egg industry? Where can improvements be made to reduce environmental impacts and resource usage? How the industry can derive a benefit from spent hens, manure and egg waste.

Food Safety & Labelling What is the latest on a national approach to food safety? Can we improve truth in labelling?

Feeds & Nutrition Is the use of modelling in diet formulation relevant today? Should hens be fed mash or pellets? The place for enzymes, prebiotics and probiotics in layer diets.

Disease & Vaccination Topics include the latest on spotty liver disease and effects of IBV on egg quality implications on vaccination and management and the risk versus the cost of vaccination.

Aviary Systems Speakers will discuss the suitability of aviary systems for Australian conditions, while a farmer will tell you about his experience with this system.



BARN & FREE-RANGE

The barn and free range session address the issues of bird health and welfare, range management, shade, cannibalism management, alternatives to beak trimming and maximising egg production. The topic includes the importance of pullet and layer uniformity, tips on managing floor eggs and training pullets to use nests.

Special Interest Workshops

CHICKEN GROWERS WORKSHOP

Personnel from the breeding companies will run workshops for chicken growers on 'Getting the most from your chickens – growing to the optimum temperature'. There will be two workshops: one for growers using the Cobb bird and another for growers using Ross and Arbor Acres stock. Each workshop is limited to 50 people and is repeated once.



BREEDER WORKSHOP

Aziz Sacranie from Alltech will lead workshops discussing how to optimise egg production. With a maximum of 15 people per workshop you're sure to have your questions addressed. The one and a half hour workshop will be repeated 4 times.

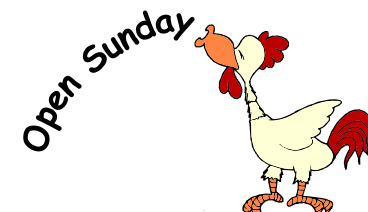


POST-MORTEM WORKSHOP

This workshop centres on a DVD provided by Schering Plough Intervet with discussion lead by a Tom Grimes, a prominent poultry industry veterinarian. A standardized approach to the investigation of a disease situation in a poultry flock will be presented. Many of your questions about post mortem of poultry will be answered. The workshops are for company field technicians and farmers. Each workshop is limited to 20 people. The one and a half hour workshop will be repeated 4 times.

HATCHERY WORKSHOP

Scott Martin from Cobb-Vantress USA will again lead small group discussion sessions on optimising hatchable eggs. The one and a half hour workshop session will be repeated in 4 time slots. Each group is limited to 20 people. The program is designed specifically for people working in hatcheries.



TRADE DISPLAY

We'll have approximately 40 exhibitors displaying the latest equipment, products, technology and services available to the industry.

Sunday 23 May	1.00pm - 5.30pm
Monday 24 May	10.30am - 5.30pm
Tuesday 25 May	8.30am - 4.00pm

Don't miss the opportunity to access so many exhibitors in the one venue at the one time.

EGG TUNNEL VENTILATION WORKSHOP

A one and half hour workshop for egg farmers focusing on managing cross flow or tunnel ventilated sheds for layers or pullets will be run by Mike Czarick and David Fairchild from University of Georgia, USA on Tuesday afternoon.



TUNNEL VENTILATION WORKSHOP

8.30am– 5.00pm Wednesday 26 May

Back by popular demand, Mike Czarick, with Brian Fairchild (University of Georgia, USA) will lead a one-day tunnel ventilation management workshop. The workshop is aimed at meat chicken growers. Some sections are useful to egg producers.

Mike and Brian will lead discussion about the adverse effects of wet litter, managing house litter moisture, balancing house water usage. Also to be covered are: bird cooling, light intensity, duration and spectrum have on bird performance and managing house electricity usage.

Mike's practical approach and wealth of knowledge about tunnel ventilation will make this workshop one well worthwhile attending.

A charge of \$130 applies (*includes teas, lunches and proceedings*)

SOCIAL PROGRAM

Welcome Dinner

Catch up with friends and colleagues in an informal and relaxed atmosphere at the Welcome Dinner on Sunday evening 23 May at the Gold Coast Convention & Exhibition Centre. Includes the presentation of the Lindsay Bell Award and the Jack Houweling Achievers Award.
(*Dress – smart casual*)

PIX 'Back to the 60's' Dinner

Unwind at the PIX 'Back to the 60's' Dinner on Monday night. We have a fantastic line up of entertainment including some movin' and a groovin' to the sounds of our bands, 'Just the Ticket' as well as 'Tom and the Divas'.
(*Dress – smart casual 60's style*)

Poultry Industry Breakfast

Guess who's coming to breakfast? If you guessed comedian *Steve Allison*, you were correct! This should be a fun start to the day. The Noel Milne WPSA-Queensland Poultry Industry Award will be presented during breakfast.

ACCOMPANYING PERSONS

Partners accompanying delegates are invited to attend a complimentary morning tea at 9.30am on Monday 24 May. Information on shopping trips, sightseeing trips and shows will be presented to help you decide what to do whilst PIX is on.



AVPA

"Poultry Health for the Next Decade"

Poultry health scientists and PIX delegates are invited to attend the **Australian Veterinary Poultry Alliance Scientific Meeting** on Wednesday 26 May and Thursday 27 May 2010. This two day meeting follows PIX2010 at the Gold Coast Convention Centre.

The 2010 AVPA Gold Coast Scientific Meeting will provide the latest information on infections, both well recognised and emerging, and various facets of their control. There will be strong emphasis on public health issues and problems currently facing the Australian poultry industries, along with the latest in research in poultry health.

Key sessions cover important areas such as food safety, ILT management and control and international perspectives and experiences in poultry health and welfare.

Details of the scientific program can be found on the AVPA website – www.avpa.asn.au

All PIX attendees are welcome to join the AVPA for this meeting.

AVPA Dinner

The Australian Veterinary Poultry Alliance Conference Dinner will be held on Wednesday 26 May at the Gold Coast Convention & Exhibition Centre.
(*Dress – smart casual*)

Register using the PIX registration form

For further information contact:

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VENUE & ACCOMMODATION

The PIX Conference is being held at the Gold Coast Convention and Exhibition Centre, Cnr Gold Coast Highway & TE Peters Drive Broadbeach. Conveniently located in the heart of the Gold Coast and only 500 metres from the white, sandy beaches of Broadbeach, GCCEC provides an ideal location for PIX 2010.

The Gold Coast Convention & Exhibition Centre is perfectly located in the heart of Australia's most popular tourist destination, surrounded by chic boutiques, al fresco cafes and Surfer's renowned night life. The centre is convenient to all the Gold Coast attractions including numerous international golf courses, shopping malls and theme parks. The Gold Coast boasts superb sandy beaches and thousands of hectares of untouched lush rainforest in the hinterland.

For more information about the Gold Coast visit www.verygc.com.au or www.bestofthegoldcoast.com.au

Favourable room rates have been negotiated at several Broadbeach hotels, all of which are in close proximity of the Convention Centre. You will find booking sheets for Crowne Plaza, Sofitel and Conrad Jupiters Casino in your pack. *All hotel bookings must be made prior to 21 April 2010 to guarantee room rates and availability.*

TRAVEL INFORMATION

Airport Transfers

There are two airports which delegates can fly into:

Gold Coast Airport (Coolangatta) is 18km (25 minutes) from Broadbeach.

Gold Coast Airport transfer options
(Prices are approximate)

Shuttle bus	\$22
Taxi	\$45
Limousine	\$65

Brisbane Airport, the nearest major international airport, is 96 km (1 hour 22 mins) from the conference venue.

Brisbane Airport transfer options
(Prices are approximate)

Shuttle bus	\$44
Taxi	\$195
Limousine	\$195
Train	\$45*

* Airtrain Connect will provide you with train travel to Nerang Station, then a chauffeur transfer direct to your hotel door from \$45.

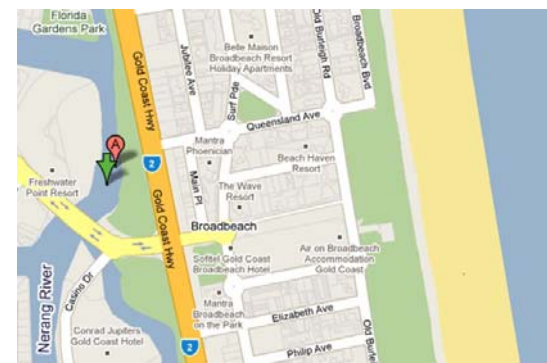
Airtrain can be booked online at www.airtrain.com.au



CAR PARKING

The Gold Coast Convention and Exhibition Centre's car park entrance is at the northern end of the building, accessible from traffic lights off the Gold Coast Highway. For passenger drop off use the main driveway off TE Peters Drive.

Undercover car spaces are available for short-term parking. Car parking at the centre is \$5 per day.



PIX REGISTRATION DESK

The Registration Desk will be open:

Sunday 23 May	12noon - 5.30pm
Monday 24 May	7.45am - 5.30pm
Tuesday 25 May	8.00am – 4.00pm
Wednesday 26 May	8.00am – 10.30am

VISA REQUIREMENTS

All travellers to Australia must have a valid entry visa before starting their journey, except New Zealand and Norfolk Island passport holders who will be issued a visa on arrival in Australia. As visa processing times may vary, you are encouraged to apply for the appropriate visa ASAP or at least 6-8 weeks before your departure to Australia.

All visa applicants will be required to meet certain character and health requirements as part of their visa application process. Information on Visitor Visa processing and requirements can be found at www.immi.gov.au.

If you are not eligible for an electronic travel authority visa (ETA) and are submitting a paper application (Form 456), please attach a copy of your Registration Confirmation with it as this may assist with the processing time of your visa application.



OTHER INFORMATION

Delegate List

A list of delegate names will be on display during PIX2010 so that you can see if friends and business contacts are at the conference.

To conform to the Privacy Act 1988 we do not provide any other form of delegate information.

Messages

A message board will be adjacent to the Registration Area.

Climate

The subtropical climate is ideal for taking advantage of the myriad leisure activities all year round. May is a mild month, with some showery periods. The average temperature range is 15°C - 26°C.

What to wear

Smart casual wear is appropriate for all occasions.

Money

The official currency is Australian dollars. Normal banking hours are Monday – Friday 9.30am - 4.00 pm. All major credit cards are widely accepted and you may use your credit card to obtain cash from Automatic Teller Machines.

Electricity

Australia uses a 240v current with 3-pinned plugs.

REGISTRATION

To register for PIX2010 and the Australian Veterinary Poultry Alliance Scientific Meeting please complete the enclosed registration form and return with your payment.

An **early bird discount** of \$30 is offered if you register before 16 April 2010.



Group Registration

Six or more delegates employed by the same company receive a discount for each PIX2010 Full and One Day Registration. There is no discount for social functions or partners.

Student Registration

Student Registration is \$40 per day. Registration includes attendance at all sessions and one copy of the proceedings.

Confirmation of Registration

Confirmation of registration will be sent to delegates via email where available.

Cancellations

Registration refunds will be given for any cancellations made more than one week prior to the conference. There are no refunds on cancellations made less than one week prior to the conference, all other cancellations will incur a 10% surcharge. Delegates unable to attend are welcome to send an alternative delegate.

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