

12 TESLA



Spin Down Under



Let's see:

- Iced Tea, Diet Pepsi, Mountain Dew, Lemonade - check.
- Vacuum the carpets - check.
- Tunes (for 168 hours) - check.
- 6,000 signed Olivia Newton John Posters - check.
- Mustard AND Mayonnaise - check.
- Benadryl for the flight over - better get more.
- Clean up Kangaroo "presents" from grassy area around MCEC - get students on that.
- Vegemite Sandwiches - check (make sure to put in freezer until May)
- Completely understand Australian Rules Football - do this tomorrow.
- Party hats for corporate sponsors - check.

I think we are just about ready! Now here's a checklist, of sorts, for you:

1. Bad News: You almost all need **visas**. Good News: they are very easy and inexpensive to get - see <http://www.ismrm.org/12/visa.htm>
2. The date for **early registration** is March 28. The deadline for **Housing** is April 5.
3. **E-Posters** must be submitted by April 12. And remember, your first slide will be used as a "browsing slide" - see <http://www.ismrm.org/12/epguide12.htm>
4. Check out the Melbourne (<http://www.tccaustralia.com.au/index.php/Conferences/view/16>) and pre/post tours (<http://www.tccaustralia.com.au/index.php/Conferences/view/19>), if you are looking to do more while you're down there.
5. Don't forget to bring an old ISMRM or other custom-made bag to Melbourne if you want to be sitting pretty in Salt Lake. (<http://ismrm.org/12/BYOB/>)



Just a few more kinks to work out, and we're done!

6. Also, I recommend using the Star Alliance link (<http://www.ismrm.org/12/StarAlliance.htm>) for your flight, if that works for you. To my great shame, I didn't do this, but my colleague did and saved about \$260 on his fare compared to what he would have gotten just over the internet - and he said it was quite easy.

And finally (and seriously), if you want to see what I really have left on my list (which is quite fluid), I put it here, sans a couple of sensitive and/or secret ingredients, for you to enjoy.

For ISMRM

Study Group Lounge - last couple details

Entertainment for Closing Party - final details

Who is talking at Closing party

MRI in the Movies - how to show, vote

Merit Awards (pick winners) - can we send out notifications

Do white boards include markers and erasers?

For me:

MRI in the Movies - put together clips

Hands-On-Workshops - work out a couple details

Study Group Lounge - remind them to invite posters

Put together list of stuff to report to BOT, Biz meeting, etc. - BOT report by April 20.

Opening Party Comments

Meet the Editors and AMPC - put together slides.

I hope to have one more spin down under before the meeting and maybe one during or after (if Garry "The Chair" Gold will let me).

Hooroo,

Jim Pipe,
AMPC Chair, 2012 Melbourne



We - meaning the ISMRM staff - put a lot of work into this meeting, but often it's the small group interactions that make it so memorable. If you are new to ISMRM - strike up a conversation with your colleagues, whether it's a legend in the field or someone you just met.