



**13<sup>th</sup> International Equitation Science Conference**  
**Equitation Science in Practice**  
**Communication, Collaboration & Change**  
**ISES 2017 Down Under**  
**November 22<sup>nd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> 2017**

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Equestrian people from all over Australia and the world will travel to the Land Down Under in November 2017 to attend the annual ISES conference this year being held at Charles Sturt University in Wagga Wagga, New South Wales, Australia from Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> to Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2017.

The theme **Equitation Science in Practice: Collaboration, Communication & Change** will provide opportunity to consider how the use of horses from leisure, to work, to sport, goes hand-in-hand with horse welfare. The three day conference offers a forum at which traditional practices and contemporary research findings will be discussed by practitioners (horse-trainers, instructors/coaches & riders), students on equine related degrees, researchers, academics and policy makers involved in Equitation Science working with horses, to develop approaches to horse training and husbandry that ensure that horses are managed in the most ethical and sustainable way possible.

The conference theme focusses on three key questions: as 'horse people' interacting with other 'horse people' are we effective communicators? Are we skillful and proficient at collaborating with others? Do we have the capacity and willingness to adapt our thoughts, consider and work with those of others, increase our knowledge and behaviour? Are we able to analyse our actions and the effects they have on the welfare

of horses? World-leading experts speaking at the conference will be providing a framework for collaboration, communication and change against which the most recent research findings from all over the world will be presented. ISES 2017 Down Under offers a range of plenaries presented by animal/livestock-related behaviour change experts and interactive workshops facilitated by experts who are working at the coal face on Human Behaviour Change and Animal Welfare.

Throughout the programme conference delegates will:

- explore practical and theoretical ways to develop their knowledge and understanding of Equitation Science
- learn, observe and have opportunity to apply strategies to enhance their skills of collaboration, communication and change
- have the opportunity to connect and network with equestrian riders, trainers, coaches, industry and government managers and leaders across the sector on a global level.

The mission of the International Society for Equitation Science is to promote and encourage the application of objective research and advanced practice which will ultimately improve the welfare of horses in their associations with humans. The society has come of age and its members have produced a substantial amount of research that has already been responsible for changes in horse-related practice, with more quality research to be presented at the ISES 2017 Down Under conference by students, researchers and academics from across the world.

[Click here](#) to book your conference registration and to see the line-up of confirmed plenary and workshop presenters in the [conference schedule](#). Thursday night's formal dinner includes a guest speaker followed by a night of dancing with a live band. Included in the conference registration is Friday night's dinner, where we are off to a 'Beach Party' at the Cork & Fork Festival to experience a range of cultural cuisine whilst catching up with friends and watching the sun set over the trees and water at Wagga Beach, Down Under.

Don't be disappointed; [click here](#) to register **NOW** to receive the **EARLY BIRD** rates to secure your accommodation on campus at CSU and your seat at the ISES 2017 Down Under conference.

The International Society for Equitation Science conference offers an outstanding international platform for scientists and professional practitioners to present and discuss research related to the field of equitation science. For more information about the ISES 2015 conference, venue and programme: <http://www.equitationsscience.com/conferences>

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The International Society for Equitation Science (ISES) is a not-for-profit organisation that aims to facilitate research into the training of horses to enhance horse welfare and improve the horse-rider relationship.

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