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## **Melbourne to host global conference of biochemistry and molecular biology**

Melbourne has secured its sixth major conference for the new Melbourne Convention Centre which will open in 2009.

"We are delighted that Melbourne has been chosen to host IUBMB 2010, the world's major global conference of biochemistry and molecular biology," said Sandra Chipchase, CEO, Melbourne Convention + Visitors Bureau.

"The conference of the International Union of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology will bring 1600 biochemists and molecular biologists to Australia from members based in 66 countries. IUBMB will be held at the new convention centre from 25 September to 1 October, 2010," said Chipchase.

The conference aims to foster and support the growth and advancement of biochemistry and molecular biology through international cooperation and high standards in research, discussion, application and publication.

"Delegates to the IUBMB will spend more than \$4 million during their stay in Melbourne with total economic benefit to Victoria estimated at \$8.6 million," Chipchase said.

There are now six major conferences locked in for Melbourne's new, six green star convention centre. The new centre will feature a timber-clad fan-shaped, 5,000-seat plenary hall that can be sub-divided into smaller tiered conference venues; a ballroom and 32 meeting rooms of various sizes.

"These six major conferences will bring 14,500 delegates whose spending will generate nearly \$78 million to the State. In addition, hosting the IUBMB conference will allow Melbourne and Australia to showcase our biochemistry and molecular biology expertise and capabilities."

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