

# COSAC 2009

## CONFERENCE PROGRAM

(as at 9 September 2009)

### Friday 18 September

1:00pm Registration

2:00pm Opening Session and Keynote Lecture: "Evolution: The Royal Road to Consciousness" [Simon Conway Morris](#)

3:30pm Afternoon Tea

4:00pm Parallel Sessions 1

1. Auditorium

[Andrew Wood](#)

*Have we evolved to have 'faith' genes?*

[Alan Gijbers](#)

*Evolutionary thinking in neuroscience, psychology and sociology*

2. Acacia Room

[Larissa Johnson-Aldridge](#)

*Redeeming Natural Theology: Science and religion in the 17<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> centuries*

[Geoffrey Nutting](#)

*The hazards of adaptation to environment for creative evolution of science*

6:30pm Dinner

7:30pm President's Address:

8:30pm Parallel Session 2

1. Auditorium

[Nicola Hoggard Creegan](#)

*The problem of evil in the light of animal suffering*

2. Acacia Room

[Mick Pope](#)

*Emergent and elective creation*

9:15pm Reflection and Worship:

# Saturday 19 September

## 9:00am Morning Session

- o Reflection and Worship:
- o Keynote Lecture: "Human evolution and eschatology" [Simon Conway Morris](#)

## 11:00am Parallel Sessions

### 1. Auditorium

[Graham O'Brien](#)

*The story of our creation*

[David Young](#)

*"Darwin in his Day"*

### 2. Acacia Room

Andrew Sloane

*The evolution of interpretation:  
Darwin's impact on biblical  
studies*

[Richard Prideaux](#)

*The Bible, science and  
literature—the Old Testament  
view of creation*

## 12 noon Excursions

- o Rocks at Anglesea:
- o Marine Sciences on the Bay:
- o Coffee in Geelong:
- o Footy on the TV (TBC)

## 5:00pm Workshops

Where	1. Auditorium	2. Acacia Room	3. Banksia Room
What	Teaching Evolution in the classroom	Evolving to Oblivion? Christianity and Global Warming	Evolution and interpreting the Scriptures

## 8:00pm Evening Session

- o Communications Working Group Report
- o The Inaugural Science-Faith Trivia Challenge:
- o Reflection and Worship:

# **Sunday 20 September Morning**

**9:00am Worship and Communion**

**10.30am Lecture: "*The story in our genes*" [Graeme Finlay](#)**

**1:30pm ISCAST Annual General Meeting and Fellows' Meeting**

**2:30pm Close**