

**Physicians Week 2009 is an environmentally conscience event. The following green initiatives have been undertaken from this Congress:**

- All Official Congress documentation will be supplied on 100% recycled paper.
- All satchels and lanyards are made from recycled products, or are recyclable where possible.
- The supply of satchels and program books are tailored to the registration numbers thereby avoiding left over materials.
- The registration brochure for Physicians Week 2009 was distributed electronically and a minimal number will be printed in hard copy.
- There are name badge return bins where delegates can recycle their name badges and lanyards after the Congress.
- Fresh food left over from the Congress will be donated to OzHarvest and shared with people in need.
- Food waste from the Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre's kitchens are transported to a specialist recycling plant for conversion to green fuel, which the plant uses in its purpose-designed power stations.
- Recycling and waste stations are available in the Centre for delegate use.
- The Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre's lighting system adjusts to the amount of natural light available throughout the day, reducing electricity usage.
- The Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre's toilets are dual flush and waterless urinals are also available. The taps have touch sensors and therefore are water efficient.
- The Congress hotels have been chosen for their short walking distance to the Centre, therefore reducing the need for transport.
- Electronic signage has been used where possible to reduce the need for hardcopy signage.
- All crockery and cutlery is re-usable, rather than using disposable crockery and cutlery.
- The Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre are committed to using biodegradable cleaning products, in order to protect our waterways.
- Spent light blubs and tubes at the Centre are forwarded to a plant which recycles the glass, aluminum and mercury.
- The Congress Organisers office printers are defaulted to double-sided printing and promotes paperless reporting.
- The Centre's administration office uses 100% GreenPower.
- The Centre no longer accept food deliveries in Styrofoam packaging, but now arrive in recyclable and reusable packaging
- All packaging used in the Exhibition Cafes and Convention Centre, is made from recyclable materials.