Thank you all for attending the 11th iteration of the MPGPCR meeting. It is our great pleasure to help you preparing your arrival to Melbourne, Australia, and make it a memorable three-day conference. For your convenience, the Organising Committee has listed a range of accommodations nearby MIPS (see map below for details), as well as a “how to…” guide section.
• The Larwill Studio, Parkville – *our personal favourite*

Stay inspired in North Melbourne at The Larwill Studio, the boutique hotel that draws its inspiration from the Australian artist David Larwill. Located on Flemington Road, approximately 1.2km from MIPS (20min walk, or 15min walk+tram 19), The Larwill Studio offers bedrooms for an average price of $190 per night with space to move, heaps of natural light, work desks, king sized fluffy bed, sparkling bathrooms and quirky little extras.

Address: 48 Flemington Road, Parkville 3052.

• The Naughtons Hotel, Parkville – *our second favourite*

Situated in Parkville, one of the oldest suburbs in Melbourne, Naughtons Hotel sits on the fringe between the Melbourne CBD and inner north. The number 19 tram stops right at our doorstep on Royal Parade (convenient!) taking you to the Melbourne CBD in under 10 minutes, or to MIPS in 5 minutes. You can also directly walk to MIPS, it will only take you 10 minutes. At the Naughtons Hotel you’ll be sure to have comfortable beds, perfectly plump pillows and bright, cosy rooms. With friendly staff and an abundance of food and drink waiting for you downstairs, you’re sure to have the perfect stay.

Address: 43 Royal Parade, Parkville 3052.

• The Radisson on Flagstaff, Melbourne

Stay at Radisson on Flagstaff Gardens Melbourne and explore our beautiful city when not at the conference. To get to MIPS, just walk a few minutes to Elizabeth Street and jump on the tram 19. The trip is only a 10-15 minutes. Alternatively, you can also walk to MIPS, it might take you 35 minutes though. Located on the premises, the award-winning HQ’s on William provides expertly prepared dishes from a seasonally rotating menu.

Address: 380 William St, Melbourne VIC 3000
• **The Turnkey Accommodation, North Melbourne**

These beautiful North Melbourne apartments are located only 10 minutes walk from the CBD, and 20 minutes walk to MIPS. Perhaps an ideal option for those who would like to share a place between friends.

Address: 33 Blackwood St, North Melbourne VIC 3051

• **The Essence Hotel, Carlton**

The Essence Hotel Carlton offers cosy, modern accommodation located near some of the city’s best sightseeing and attractions. It is also conveniently located only a 15 minutes walk to MIPS.

Address: 609 Swanston St, Carlton, VIC 3053
“How to…” travel to Australia from overseas?

Australia’s Electronic Travel Authority provides instant online applications for over 30 countries and enables conference attendees to spend up to three months in Australia. For more details, see the link: https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/trav/visa/appl/electronic-travel-authority. Some international attendees may require an invitation letter from the conference committee, if required please contact: MPGPCR.Conference@monash.edu. Once your ETA/visa is processed, Melbourne is easily accessible with over 480 international flights per week. Many attendees will be able to fly directly into Melbourne from major international hub cities.

“How to…” get to the CBD/hotel from the airport?

Your plane has finally touched down at Melbourne Airport – you’d never know Melbourne was that far from the rest of the world! – now you need to get to the Central Business District. So, which mode of transportation will work best for you? The airport is located 22km north-west of the city centre, so here are some options for you:

1. the most convenient option is the Skybus service which is a 24/7 shuttle that runs to and from the Coach Terminal at Southern Cross Station, located on Spencer Street in the Central Business District. Fare: $22 one-way.

2. the most independent option could be to hire a car, especially if you wish to spend a little time around Melbourne and its back country few days before/after the MPGPCR meeting. Melbourne airport hosts several car rental operators, including: Hertz, Europcar, Budget, Avis, and Thrifty. The driving routes to the city are quite straightforward and the turn offs are well signposted. However, keep in mind that many of the hotels in the city will charge for parking.

3. the fastest option is the taxi/uber. You can catch a taxi from the designated taxi ranks at the airport, which are located on the ground floor outside Terminal 1 and between Terminal 3 and 2. Fare: approximately $85 one-way.

“How to…” travel within Melbourne?

You can walk from place to place, at this time of the year the weather will be fantastic! Alternatively, you can also jump on buses, trams and trains, using Public Transport Victoria. A daily fare is $9.20 weekdays and $4.60 on the weekends. To access these services you will need a Myki card. The quickest and most direct way for you to obtain a Myki card is from the Skybus terminal, or purchase from any Metro premium station, some tram stops and buses interchanges, online at ptv.vic.gov.au or from select convenience and 7-Eleven stores. To find your nearest location, you can search via the PTV app or website (ptv.vic.gov.au). For those with an android phone, a mobile Myki app is available.

“How to…” get to MIPS from the CBD, or vice versa?

Monash Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences is located 2.5km north of the CBD. It will take approximately 40min to walk from Melbourne Central to MIPS, along Elizabeth Street then Royal Parade. Alternatively, several trams can also bring you close to MIPS:

1. Take the number 19 (North Coburg line) tram, which travels along Elizabeth Street, Royal Parade and Sydney Road. The trip from Melbourne CBD takes about 15 minutes, Stop 16 is on our doorstep.

2. Take the number 55/58 (West Coburg line) trams, which travel along Flemington Road, then behind the Melbourne Zoo and step out at Stop 26. Then it is a 5-10min walk to MIPS.

3. Catch the Upfield line train from Flinders Street, Southern Cross or any of the City Loop stations to Royal Park Railway Station (located by tram 55/58 Stop 26) and walk through the park (~10min) from there.