



**International Conference on Mycorrhiza  
July 12-17, 2026 • Cairns, Australia**

**ICOM 2026**

**Sponsorship Prospectus**



# Partner with us as a sponsor for the 2026 International Conference on Mycorrhiza held in Cairns, Australia

The International Mycorrhiza Society, the umbrella society of the biennial International Conference on Mycorrhiza (ICOM), is dedicated to advancing education, research and development in the field of mycorrhizal symbiosis. Mycorrhizal fungi form vital symbiotic relationships with the roots of most plants, enhancing plant growth and productivity. Beyond this, these charismatic fungi support soil biodiversity and health, making them key players in ecosystem stability and restoration.

Our members range from research scientists and students to policymakers and land managers. We research both managed and natural ecosystems. Our members specialise from the largest of scales, including landscape ecology, through to the smallest of molecules by applying molecular biology techniques.

Our work is of international significance; our conference attracts delegates from across the globe, with members from over 40 countries and an attendance of 450 to 600 people from academia, government and industry.

The theme for ICOM2026 is “**Mycorrhizas in a changing world: challenges, opportunities and solutions**”. The goal of bringing together hundreds of delegates to focus on how our research can be applied is more relevant than ever, as harnessing the power of mycorrhiza will enable us to unlock smarter, more sustainable and more profitable solutions for global agriculture and forestry systems.

We hope you choose to support this valuable conference, knowing that your investment in mycorrhizal science positions your organisation at the forefront of ecological innovation and sustainable growth.

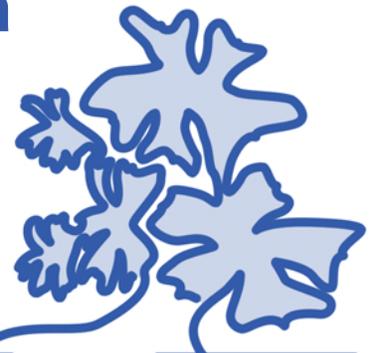


A/Prof Jonathan Plett



Dr. Stephanie Watts-Fawkes

ICOM2026 Conference Co-convenors



**July 12-17  
2026**

**500+  
global delegates**

**3 hours/day  
face-to-face  
with delegates**

**230+  
speaker talks**



# Four Plenary Themes

The conference will be held over six days (July 12-17, 2026), featuring plenary talks, parallel sessions, poster sessions, workshops and social events. The main conference is broken into four days planned around four principal themes covering evolution, fundamental biology, ecology and application:

- Moving forward while looking into the past: how the evolutionary history of mycorrhizas informs future adaptation pathways
- Genomic pathways and regulatory networks: molecular foundations of mycorrhizal adaptation and host interactions
- Mycorrhizas in dynamic ecosystems: plant and fungal biodiversity, biological invasions, soil and impact of climate
- Opportunities for mycorrhizas in climate adaptation and mitigation: what's working, what's needed and why.

## Location

Australia is renowned for its diverse flora and fauna, featuring quintessential species such as kangaroos and koalas, as well as unique and colourful birds and marine life, alongside an incredible array of plants. But beneath the soils of this beautiful continent lies a greater diversity of life, with mycorrhizal fungi supporting forests, grasslands and agriculture. Due to this, per capita, Australasia boasts an incredible number of mycorrhizal researchers, making it a hotspot for ecological and molecular study of these amazing fungi and a sought-after destination for international collaborations.

Hosted at the newly renovated and expanded Cairns Convention Centre, paired with a social program that will enable all participants to experience Australian nature at its best, this conference will provide numerous opportunities for research groups from around the world to mingle and foster new collaborations. Caught between the Great Barrier Reef and lush rainforests, Cairns is a city for the connoisseur, the historian and the adventurer alike. With a commitment to sustainability, inclusion and reducing our environmental impact, we have designed a conference experience that maximises modern and well-catered convenience while maintaining a low carbon footprint.

## Rising Star Plenaries: Support of Diverse Early Career Researchers

A major focus of the scientific organising committee for ICOM2026 is to highlight and encourage young researchers from around the world. One way we do this is by continuing a relatively recent tradition of past ICOMs hosting 'Rising Star Plenaries'. Given by four invited early-career researchers from a range of expertise and backgrounds, these talks offer a unique opportunity for the speakers to present in-depth research findings and to take centre stage at the ultimate global conference in their chosen field. Past Rising Stars have gone on to establish award-winning research groups and mentor the next generation of scientists. By supporting Rising Star Plenaries, sponsors play an active role in the career progression of these promising young people.





# Extensive Brand Opportunities

Your participation supports the advancement of research and professional development of mycorrhizal biologists working to develop mycorrhiza-focused initiatives that empower regenerative solutions to climate change, degraded soils and ecosystem loss. Almost 500 delegates attended ICOM2024 in Manchester, UK.

## Sponsor and Exhibitor Benefits

- **High-Impact Brand Visibility:** Your logo and brand will be prominently featured across event materials, digital platforms and venue signage, ensuring strong and sustained exposure before, during and after the conference.
- **Direct Access to a Targeted Audience:** Engage with a curated audience of researchers, industry professionals, policymakers and decision-makers aligned with your mission and expertise.
- **Build Lasting Partnerships:** Strengthen your connections with leading institutions and build new relationships with key industry figures to foster meaningful long-term collaborations in an environment where they are open to listening and learning.
- **Engage Future Talent and Experts:** Reach a diverse and highly skilled talent pool through exposure to early-career researchers and established scientific leaders through networking at key social events
- **Establish Thought Leadership:** Position your organisation as a leader in your field through opportunities to present, host sessions, or participate in key panels.
- **Demonstrate Commitment to Sustainability and Science:** Showcase your corporate social responsibility by supporting innovation and collaboration that will help unlock a resilient, low-impact future for global ecosystems.

## Further Information

- Prices listed within the prospectus are in Australian dollars and do not include 10% GST.
- A delegate list including name, position, organisation and state for all delegates who have opted in to share their details will be made available to sponsors and exhibitors. A delegate list will be provided upon request from sponsors and exhibitors once the conference has begun.
- The number of included registrations is listed within each sponsorship package. Additional registrations can be purchased for an extra cost.
- To confirm participation, please complete the application form on the last page of the prospectus and return to [info@icom2026.org](mailto:info@icom2026.org)

Should you have any questions regarding information contained within the Prospectus, please contact:

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# Platinum Sponsor

9,900€/\$11,400USD/\$17,500AUD\*



**EXCLUSIVE**  
**Conference Partner**

## Program Inclusion

- Sponsored One Plenary Stream - select one (1) stream to sponsor from the four plenary streams
- Sponsored One Rising Star Stream - select one (1) stream to sponsor from the four Rising Star Streams
- Speaking slot at the beginning of the Plenary session (up to 5 mins with 3 slides)

## Exhibition

- 6x2m Octonorm Booth (with 2x 20 letter signs; 2x LED lights, 2x 10amp power points) in exhibition hall with posters and food service.
- Furniture and other display support items (e.g. televisions) can be rented at cost



## Registrations

- Four (4) full conference registrations (including morning/afternoon tea, buffet lunch)
- Four (4) conference dinner tickets

## Advertising

- Full-Page colour advertisement in the electronic conference handbook in prime location
- Exclusive lanyard logo: Dye sublimated imprinted lanyard
- Up to two (2) satchel inserts, A4 size or smaller, or gadgets (to be provided by sponsor)

## Brand Acknowledgment

- Acknowledgement as Platinum Sponsor with logo recognition on all conference signages at the event
- Acknowledgement as Platinum Sponsor at the opening and closing ceremonies
- Sponsor's pull up banner on stage in Plenary and Rising Star
- Sponsor's logo on conference handbook front cover, co-branding throughout conference handbook
- Co-branding on all website and digital communications
- Company 300-word profile and logo listing with hyperlink on conference website
- Platinum Sponsor with logo recognition in conference marketing communications

\*Charges and payments will be made in AUD and do not include GST. Prices in Euro and USD are given as an approximate conversion from AUD as at August 2, 2025



# Gold Sponsor

7,100€/\$8,100USD/\$12,500AUD\*



**Three (3)  
Available**

## Branding Rights

- Sponsored One Rising Star Stream - select one (1) stream to sponsor from the four Rising Star Streams
- Speaking slot at the beginning of the Plenary session (up to 3 mins with 2 slides)

## Exhibition

- 6x2m Octonorm Booth (with 2x 20 letter signs; 2x LED lights, 2x 10amp power points) in exhibition hall with posters and food service.
- Furniture and other display support items (e.g. televisions) can be rented at cost



## Registrations

- Three (3) full conference registrations (including morning/afternoon tea, buffet lunch)
- Three (3) conference dinner tickets

## Advertising

- Half-page colour advertisement in the electronic conference handbook
- One (1) satchel insert, A4 size or smaller, or gadget (to be provided by sponsor)

## Brand Acknowledgment

- Acknowledgement as Gold Sponsor at the opening and closing ceremonies
- Company 150-word profile and logo listing with hyperlink on conference website
- Company logo listing in conference handbook
- Gold Sponsor with logo recognition in conference marketing communications

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# Silver Sponsor

4,800€/\$5,500<sub>USD</sub>/\$8,500<sub>AUD</sub>\*



**Six (6)  
Available**

## Branding Rights

- Select one (1) Parallel Session to sponsor
- Speaking slot at the beginning of the Parallel Session (up to 3 mins with 1 slides)

## Exhibition

- 3x2m Octonorm Booth (with 1x 20 letter sign; 1x LED light, 1x 10amp power point) in exhibition hall with posters and food service.
- Furniture and other display support items (e.g. televisions) can be rented at cost



## Registrations

- Two (2) full conference registrations (including morning/afternoon tea, buffet lunch)
- Two (2) conference dinner tickets

## Advertising

- Half-page colour advertisement in the electronic conference handbook

## Brand Acknowledgment

- Acknowledgement as Silver Sponsor at the opening and closing ceremonies
- Company 100-word profile and logo listing with hyperlink on conference website
- Company logo listing in conference handbook
- Silver Sponsor with logo recognition in conference marketing communications

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# Exhibitor

2,300€/\$2,600<sub>USD</sub>/\$4,000<sub>AUD</sub>\*

## Exhibition

- 3x2m Octonorm Booth (with 1x 20 letter sign; 1x LED light, 1x 10amp power point) in exhibition hall with posters and food service.
- Furniture and other display support items (e.g. televisions) can be rented at cost



## Registrations

- One (1) conference registration
- One (1) conference dinner tickets

## Brand Acknowledgment

- Acknowledgement as an Exhibitor at the opening and closing ceremonies
- Company 50-word profile and logo listing with hyperlink on conference website
- Company logo listing in the electronic conference handbook
- Exhibitor logo in conference marketing communications

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# Conference Dinner Sponsor

One (1)  
Available



5,700€/\$6,500USD/\$10,000AUD\*

## Branding Rights

- Exclusive signage throughout the conference dinner
- Two (2) pull up banners at the conference dinner (to be provided by the sponsor)

## Registrations

- One (1) conference registration
- Three (3) additional conference dinner tickets

## Advertising

- One (1) satchel insert, A4 size or smaller, or gadget (to be provided by sponsor)

## Brand Acknowledgment

- Acknowledgement as Conference Dinner Sponsor at the opening and closing ceremonies
- Company 50-word profile and logo listing with hyperlink on conference website
- Company logo listing in electronic conference handbook
- Sponsor with logo recognition in conference marketing communications

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# Morning Tea Sponsor

3,400€/\$3,900USD/\$6,000AUD\*



## Program

- A three minute speaking opportunity following plenary speaker, prior to morning tea

## Branding Rights

- Signage on the Morning Tea tables
- Two (2) pull up banners at the entrance to exhibition area during morning tea (to be provided by sponsor)

## Registrations

- One (1) conference registration
- One (1) conference dinner ticket

## Advertising

- One (1) gadget to be distributed from the registration area (to be provided by sponsor)

## Brand Acknowledgment

- Acknowledgement as Morning Tea Sponsor at the opening and closing ceremonies
- Company 50-word profile and logo listing with hyperlink on conference website
- Company logo listing in electronic conference handbook
- Sponsor with logo recognition in conference marketing communications

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# Smoothie Cart Sponsor

2,500€ \*\*\*  
\$2,900USD  
\$4,500AUD

**Two (2)  
Available**



## Inclusions

- One catering-run juice and smoothie bar for maximum of four (4) hours for two (2) conference days
- 300 juice or smoothies per day\* (sponsor to choose one juice and one smoothie from menu per day)
- Branding on front of Conference Juice Bar

## Advertising

- One (1) pull up banner to be placed next to the juice/smoothie bar (sponsor to provide)

## Brand Acknowledgment

- Acknowledgement as Juice/Smoothie Cart Sponsor at the opening and closing ceremonies
- Company logo listing with hyperlink on conference website
- Acknowledgement in electronic conference handbook
- Acknowledgement as a Juice/Smoothie Cart Sponsor in conference marketing communications

\* Additional hours and/or juice/smoothie options can be negotiated at extra expense to sponsor

# Barista Coffee Cart Sponsor

2,300€ \*\*\*  
\$2,600USD  
\$4,000AUD

**Four (4)  
Available**



## Inclusions

- One barista-run coffee cart for maximum of four (4) hours\*\* for two (2) conference days
- Coffee beans, milk, milk alternatives
- Branding on front of Conference Coffee Cart

## Advertising

- One (1) pull up banner to be placed next to the coffee cart (sponsor to provide)

## Brand Acknowledgment

- Acknowledgement as Coffee Cart Sponsor at the opening and closing ceremonies
- Company logo listing with hyperlink on conference website
- Acknowledgement in electronic conference handbook
- Acknowledgement as a Coffee Cart Sponsor in conference marketing communications

\*\* Additional hours can be negotiated at extra expense to sponsor

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# Satchel Sponsor

2,400€/ \$2,700USD/ \$4,200AUD\*

**One (1)  
Available**



The satchel will be distributed upon registration to all delegates, sponsors/exhibitors and speakers.

Your company logo will be on the front of the satchel alongside the conference logo. Satchel bag will be sourced by the conference organisers.

## Advertising

- One (1) brochure or gadget to be distributed from the registration area (brochures/gadgets to be provided by the Sponsor)

## Brand Acknowledgment

- Acknowledgement as Satchel Sponsor at the opening and closing ceremonies
- Company logo listing with hyperlink on conference website
- Company 50-word profile and acknowledgement in the electronic conference handbook

# High Speed WiFi Sponsor

2,000€/ \$2,250USD/ \$3,500AUD\*

**One (1)  
Available**



Wireless Network sponsorship will provide high speed internet for all conference delegates. The sponsor for this will receive strong visibility during the conference as the WiFi network and password will be set by the company sponsor.

## Brand Acknowledgment

- Acknowledgement as WiFi Sponsor at the opening and closing ceremonies
- Company logo listing with hyperlink on conference website
- Company 50-word profile and acknowledgement in the electronic conference handbook

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# ICOM 2026 Application Form

## Applicant Details

Company:

Postal Address:

Contact Person:

Telephone:

Email:

Website:

## Sponsor & Exhibition Packages

Please mark your selection below [X]

- |                          |                     |          |
|--------------------------|---------------------|----------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Platinum Sponsor    | \$17,500 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Gold Sponsor        | \$12,500 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Silver Sponsor      | \$8,500  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Exhibitor           | \$4,000  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Conference Dinner   | \$10,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Morning Tea         | \$6,000  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Smoothie Cart       | \$4,500  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Barista Coffee Cart | \$4,000  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Satchel Sponsor     | \$4,200  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | WiFi Sponsor        | \$3,500  |

All prices are listed in AUD and exclude GST (10%)

Sub Total \$

Plus 10% GST \$

Total \$

In signing below, I agree with the Participation Terms and Conditions on page 13 of this document.  
I confirm I am authorised to sign on behalf of the applicant.

Signed:

Date:

Name:

Please email completed form to [info@icom2026.org](mailto:info@icom2026.org)



## Definitions

'Agreement' means an agreement made in accordance with the ICOM2026 Application Form.

'Organiser' means ICOM2026 and its employees, agents and representatives.

## Participation Terms & Conditions

### Agreement of Participation and Acceptance

- The Organising Committee reserves the right to refuse an application.
- The Organiser will endeavour to meet all your selected participation requirements. If your selected requirements are not available, the Organiser will contact you as soon as possible to discuss alternatives.
- Sponsors and Exhibitors agree to abide by such conditions as laid down by the Organising Committee and agree not to violate any of the lease conditions of the building in which the Event is being held.
- If the Sponsor/Exhibitor fails to comply with any of the rules and regulations laid down, or any requirements stipulated, the Organiser has the right to sell the space or enlist a replacement Sponsor/Exhibitor and the Sponsor/Exhibitor will forfeit all monies paid.
- Acknowledgement of Sponsors in the Program / Resource Book is dependent upon the date of the Sponsor's booking, provision of the Sponsor's logo and preparation date of the conference materials.
- All signage, collateral, advertisements and any other artwork for any participant must be provided to the Organiser for approval. The Organiser reserves the right to reject anything that it considers inappropriate.
- The Organiser reserves the right to redesign the floor plan to the benefit of Exhibitors, as it sees fit.
- Participants must not on-sell sponsorship opportunities, sub-let exhibition tables or display products or programs that have not been officially endorsed by their company without the prior approval of the Organiser.
- The Conference Organiser may shorten or lengthen the duration of the exhibition and alter the hours during which the exhibition is open.

### Terms of Payment

- Full payment is required on receipt of tax invoice to secure your Sponsorship, Advertising and Exhibition requirements, including your Booth Allocation.
- Payments not received within 30 days post receipt of tax invoice, unless alternate payment arrangement has been agreed, may affect your participation in the Event. The Sponsor's agreement will be terminated if the Sponsor defaults in the payment of the fee by the dates specified in the Agreement. The Sponsor will not be entitled to any form of compensation whatsoever, whether for loss of profits or otherwise.
- All prices quoted exclude GST.

### Withdrawal

- The Sponsor will not withdraw, cancel, alter or reduce in any way their Agreement. However, the Organiser may, at its sole discretion, grant partial refunds to Sponsors who give the Organiser written notice of their intention to withdraw from the Sponsorship as follows: Six (6) Months' written notice before start of the Event for a Refund of 70%; written notice of between two (2) months and up to, but not including, six (6) months for a refund of 20%; written notice of less than to (2) months receive a refund of 0%.
- All relevant refunds will be made 30 days following the Event dates.

### Insurance and Indemnity

- Sponsors and exhibitors must have third party liability insurance cover. A Certificate of Currency is to be provided on request.
- The Sponsor and exhibitors will indemnify the Organiser against any cost, claim, liability, loss, damage, proceeding and expense whatsoever to which the Organiser, its directors, officers, contractors, employees and agents are in any way subject arising from or in connection an act or omission of the Sponsor or Exhibitor (or of any Co-sponsor/Exhibitor, contractor, director, officer, employee, or agent of the Sponsor or Exhibitor) including, without limitation, liability in relation to personal injury, damage to or theft of property, or economic loss.
- The Organiser will not be liable in any way whatsoever for any cost, claim, liability, loss damage, proceeding and expense whatsoever arising from or in connection with the Event, including, without limitation, liability in relation to personal injury, damage to or theft of property, economic loss, any conditions or restrictions that affect the construction, erection, completion, alteration or dismantling of a table top or exhibit, the failure of any service at the Exhibition venue and the cancellation or part-time opening of the Exhibition either as a whole or in part.

### Compliance

- The Exhibitor will comply with all applicable laws and regulations and all reasonable directions from the Organiser and the owner of the Exhibition venue.

### Damage to the Event Venue

- Sponsors and exhibitors must not erect any sign, display or obstruction which intrudes into any adjoining Sponsor/exhibitors' space or affects the safety of the venue.
- Sponsors and exhibitors must not damage in any way the walls, floors, ceilings or any other surface of the exhibition area or the Exhibitor will be liable for all associated charges due to the venue.

### Unforeseen Circumstances / Force Majeure

- If any act of terrorism, war, civil disturbance, industrial action, epidemic, natural disaster/acts of God, or event beyond the Organiser's control prevents us from carrying out our obligations, the Organiser cannot be held responsible for any cost, damage or expense which may be incurred by sponsors/exhibitors as a consequence of the event being postponed or cancelled, and the Organiser will not be liable for non-performance or refund

### Postponement or Cancellation

- At the time of the event, if government regulations restrict or prohibit the ability of the event to proceed as in-person, where possible, we will either postpone the event, run a hybrid event (a mix of both live for those able to attend, and virtual), or facilitate a fully virtual event if required). The decision on a change to conference format will be communicated as soon as possible based on changes in government restrictions. The Organisers will not be liable for non-performance or refund, however, the Organisers will work with all sponsors/exhibitors to achieve a fair and adequate outcome.

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