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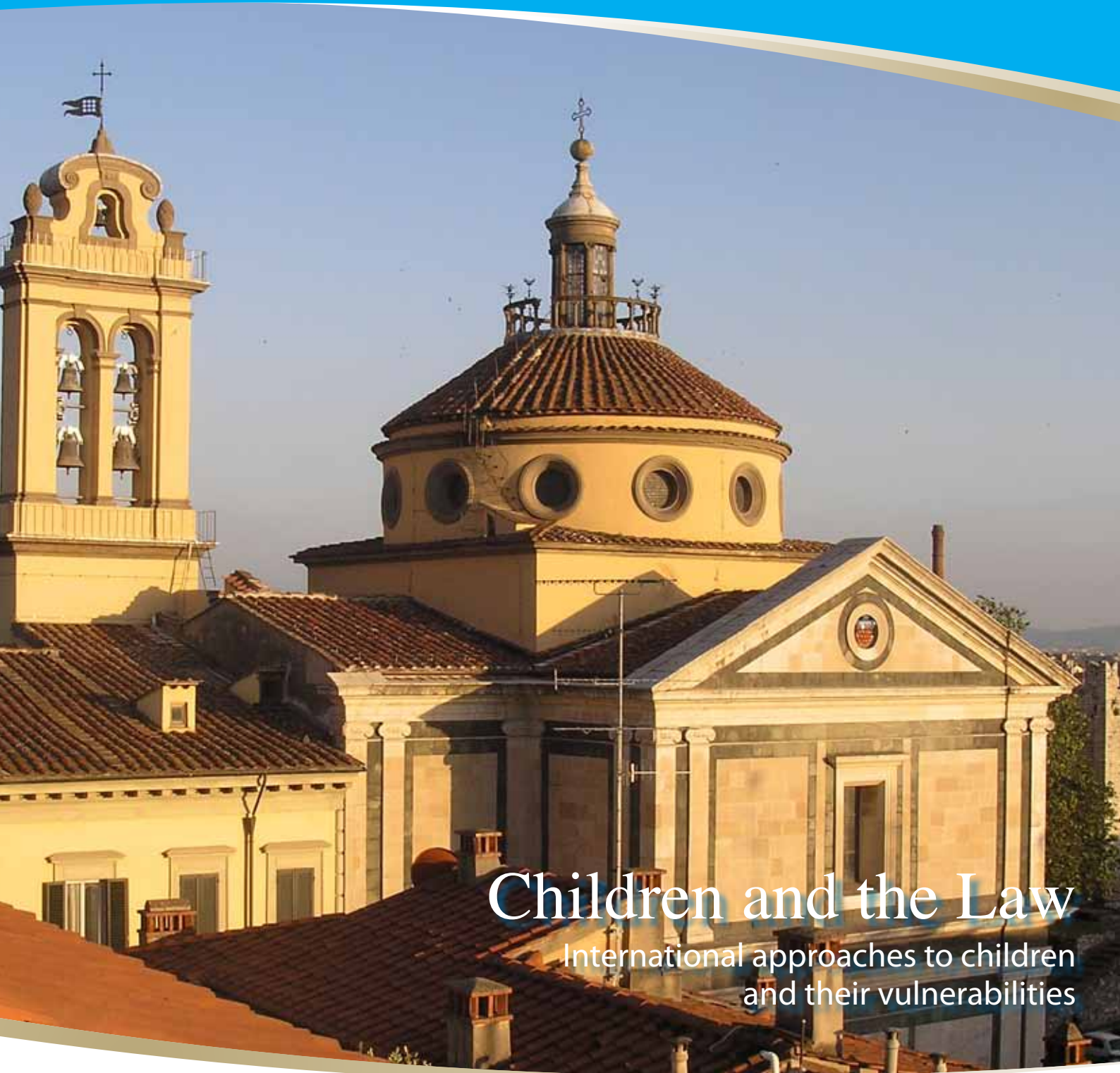


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International Conference

Prato, Tuscany

7-10 September, 2009



Children and the Law

International approaches to children
and their vulnerabilities

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Invitation



Dear Colleague,

We are delighted to invite you to attend our international conference which will bring together researchers, practitioners and policy contributors to examine new and emerging vulnerabilities of children in the

twenty-first century. The rights and best interests of children are confronted by emerging social challenges: child refugees, children escaping war and trauma, child victimisation such as children as soldiers and the pervasiveness of child sexual abuse, as well as children harmed by abuse and family breakdown. Attention also needs to be paid to children with special needs, including concerns about health issues, sexual identity and family violence. Young people are increasingly being drawn into the justice system, and it is clear that increasing sanctions is not effective and does little to alleviate their marginalisation. Systems that respond to children and young people at risk of harm and national frameworks need to be reshaped to reflect the rights and best interests of all such children.

The conference will take place at the Monash University Centre in Prato, in the magnificent 18th century Palazzo Vaj, just twenty minutes from Florence, Italy

The programme will give particular attention to the themes of: the protection of children under the law, in child welfare and family law; children as citizens and their vulnerability, including: indigenous children and

the global movement of children as refugees, child trafficking, child soldiers; youth justice; and family and health impacts on children.

The conference will offer a considerable opportunity for cross-national dialogue, with emphasis on panel and round-table presentations. In addition, individual paper presentations that address conference themes will be incorporated into the programme. You are invited to submit a conference abstract that relates to the conference themes.

There will be a Welcome Reception on the evening of the first day, Monday 7 September, with the Official Conference Dinner to be held on Wednesday evening, 9 September, at the Villa Artimino, an historic Medici Villa. On Tuesday 8 September, a mediaeval festival and night parade will be celebrated in Prato, honouring the Virgin Mary. Surrounding towns also participate, with flag throwers, soldiers and horses representing the period dressed in mediaeval costumes. This day's celebrations will include entertainment by groups of musicians and townspeople moving around Prato's various piazzas.

We extend an invitation to you to join us in Prato for what promises to be a great conference. We very much look forward to seeing you there.

A/Prof Rosemary Sheehan
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Cancellations & Refund of Registration Fees

All cancellations must be notified in writing to the Conference Manager.

Cancellations received:

Before 30 June 2009 will incur a cancellation fee of AU\$100.00

After 30 June 2009 will receive a 50% refund of total registration fees paid

No refund shall be issued for cancellations received after 31 July 2009

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Prato

As part of the region of Tuscany, Prato has both a distinguished past and an active role in contemporary Europe.

Taking its name from the Italian word for meadow, **Prato** has long been a successful commercial centre and is now the third largest city in Tuscany, after Florence and Livorno. It has been a major centre for textiles since the early Middle Ages, and now provides three quarters of all woollen cloth exported by Italy.

Prato's beautiful historic centre contains medieval and Renaissance buildings of great significance, including the Basilica di Santa Maria delle Carceri, designed by Giuliano da Sangallo, and the palace built by the famous merchant Francesco Datini. **Prato** also contains the Luigi Pecci Museum of Contemporary Art which is housed in an ultra modern (1987) complex planned by Italo Ciamverini.

A mere 20 minutes from Prato, is the capital city of the region of Tuscany, Florence. Founded by Julius Caesar in the 1st Century BC, Florence is a world cultural centre in terms of art, architecture, intellectualism and Renaissance. The city is renowned for its wonderful museums which contain some of Michelangelo's most famous works. Historic buildings include Il Duomo, the enormous domed cathedral designed by Brunelleschi in the 15th Century, and the Pitti Palace, and galleries such as the Uffizi Gallery and the Accademia Gallery house collections of Italian and foreign art dating from the Middle Ages through the Renaissance and beyond.

Conference Venue

The conference will be held at the stately 18th Century Palazzo Vaj. This wonderfully restored building with a beautiful open-air terrazzo is surrounded by medieval towers and provides the location for Monash University in **Prato**.

For further information:
<http://www.ita.monash.edu/>
www.prato.turismo.toscana.it/

Keynote Speakers

His Honour Judge Andrew Becroft,

Principal Youth Court Judge of New Zealand/Aotearoa. New Zealand introduced an innovative system of juvenile justice in 1989 by introducing Family Group Conferences, restorative justice approaches as measures to achieve reconciliation, restitution and rehabilitation and minimise legal sanctions. Judge Becroft is widely known for his commitment to children whose care and protection needs lead them into offending behaviour, both in New Zealand and the South Pacific. He is committed to ensuring the treatment of young people is based on fundamental principles such as those found in UNCROC. He is committed to ensuring children are dealt with in a distinct youth justice system, that is tailored to accommodate the specific needs of children, recognising that child offenders are either tomorrow's law-abiding citizens or tomorrow's serious offenders. In many cases, which road they take is determined by the youth justice system.



Professor Gary Melton is Director of the

Institute on Family and Neighbourhood Life at Clemson University in South Carolina, USA. He has been president of Childwatch International, the American Orthopsychiatric Association, the American Psychology-Law Society and the Society for Child and Family Policy and Practice. He has received major awards for research and public service from American Psychological Association, the American Psychological Foundation, the American Professional Society on Abuse of Children, and the American Orthopsychiatric Association. He is amongst other things, currently project director of US foundation-funded research into engaging the community in primary prevention of child maltreatment. He has produced and hosted an award-winning weekly segment on South Carolina public radio, and has briefed US Congress for several years on family, community and child maltreatment matters. Professor Melton leads a unique interdisciplinary doctoral program on International Family and Community Studies that collaborates with universities in Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America, and North America.



Professor Phil Scraton is Professor of

Criminology in the School of Law at Queen's University, Belfast, Northern Ireland. His commitment to issues of social justice, racism and social exclusion, has encompassed work with marginal peoples, such as the Travelling Community in the UK and in Ireland. He has examined the use and abuse of police powers in civil rights disputes, and has researched the deaths of individuals in controversial circumstances, particularly in custody, and the issues arising from their investigation through coroners' inquests and public inquiries. His books include 'Childhood in Crisis' (1997); he is co-author of Children's Rights in Northern Ireland (Northern Ireland Commissioner for Children and Young People) and 'The Hurt Inside: The Imprisonment of Women and Girls in Northern Ireland' (Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission, 2005). He is on the Editorial Board of Issues in 'Crime and Justice', on the Steering Group of the European Group for the Study of Deviance and Social Control and is Chair of the Board of 'Include Youth'.



Dr Danya Glaser is Consultant Child &



Adolescent Psychiatrist at Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital, London. She is Immediate Past President of the International Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (ISPCAN)

and Member of the Family Justice Council, in the UK and Visiting Professor at University College London.

Dr Glaser has taught and written widely on various aspects of child maltreatment, including sexual and emotional abuse, fabricated or induced illness; effects of adult mental illness on child welfare and the effects of child maltreatment on the developing brain. Her most recent book presents the evidence base on attachment and attachment disorders with attention to the identification and treatment of emotional abuse and working with children who have been seriously maltreated.

Professor James R. P. Ogloff, JD, Ph.D.,



FAPS is a psychologist and Fellow of the Canadian, American, and Australian psychological

societies. He is the Foundation Professor of Clinical Forensic Psychology at Monash University and Director of the Centre for Forensic Behavioural Science. He is also Director of Psychological Services at the Victorian Institute of Forensic Mental Health (Forensicare). He has worked in clinical and forensic psychology in a variety of settings with adults and children for 25 years. He is the Chair of the College of Forensic Psychologists of the Australian Psychological Society, President of the Australian and New Zealand Association of Psychiatry, Psychology and Law, and President of the Division of Psychology and Law for the International Association of Applied Psychology. Professor Ogloff has, amongst other studies, researched the mental health outcomes for children who have been victims of maltreatment, which may also lead them into the criminal justice system.

Conference Convenor

Dr Rosemary Sheehan, B.Soc.Stud, MSW, PhD is an Associate Professor in the Department of Social Work, Monash University. She also holds the post of Dispute Resolution Convenor in the Children's Court of Victoria. Her book 'Magistrates Decision-Making in Child Protection Cases' (Ashgate, 2001) pioneered judicial decision making in child welfare matters. She has researched, amongst other projects, emotional abuse of children, the extent to which children of parents who have mental health issues feature in the Children's Court, and the contribution of alternative decision-making in the child welfare jurisdiction.

Welcome Address

Professor Thea Brown, Department of Social Work, Monash University, has made a significant contribution to understanding the impact of family violence and parental separation and divorce on children. Her current research focus is an examination of services supporting separating parents.

MONDAY 7 SEPT

8:00 - 9:00am

Registration
Foyer, Monash Centre,
Palazzo Vaj

9:00 - 9:30am

Welcome Address

9:30 - 10:30am

Keynote Address:
Dr Danya Glaser
*Childrens' Best Interests:
Emerging Challenges in the
21st Century.*

**10:30 - 11:00am
MORNING TEA**

11:00am - 1:00pm

Paper Presentations
Roundtable Sessions

1:00 - 2:00pm LUNCH

2:00 - 3:00pm

Keynote Address:
His Honour Judge Andrew
Beecroft
*Turning a Young Offender into
an Adult Criminal.*

3:00 - 5:30pm

Roundtable Session:
Judge Paul Grant
*The Koori Court: Youth Justice
within the Community.*

Paper Presentations

**AFTERNOON TEA 3:30 -
4:00pm**

6:30 - 8:00pm

WELCOME COCKTAIL
PARTY - PALAZZO VAJ

TUESDAY 8 SEPT

9:00 - 10:00am

Keynote Address:
Prof Phil Scraton
*Children and their Human
Rights: Responding to Victims
of War and Trauma.*

**10:00 - 10:30am
MORNING TEA**

10:30am - 1:00pm

Roundtable Session:
Dr Teresa Flower
*Sexualised Behaviour in
Younger Adolescent Boys:
Assessing Risk.*

Paper Presentations
Roundtable Sessions

1:00 - 2:00pm LUNCH

2:00 - 3:00pm

Presentation:
Dr Ian Kronborg
*Addiction and Victimisation of
Children.*

3:00 - 5:00pm

Paper Presentations
Roundtable Sessions

**AFTERNOON TEA 3:30 -
4:00pm**

At your leisure:

*Enjoy the mediaeval
festival and evening parade
in Prato - in honour of the
Virgin's Girdle (Belt)*

WEDNESDAY 9 SEPT

9:00 - 10:00am

Keynote Address:
Prof Gary Melton
*De-emphasizing the Law:
Toward a Child Protection
System that Works.*

**10:00 - 10:30am
MORNING TEA**

10:30am - 1:00pm

Paper Presentations
Roundtable Sessions

1:00 - 2:00pm LUNCH

2:00 - 3:00pm

Presentation:
Prof Margaret Alston
*Trafficking Children and Sexual
Victimisation.*

3:00 - 5:00pm

Paper Presentations
Roundtable Sessions

**AFTERNOON TEA 3:30 -
4:00pm**

7:30pm

OFFICIAL CONFERENCE
DINNER - VILLA
ARTIMINO

THURSDAY 10 SEPT

9:00 - 10:00am

Keynote Address:
Prof Jim Ogloff
*The Legal and Clinical
Sequelae of Child Sexual
Abuse.*

**10:00 - 10:30am
MORNING TEA**

10:30am - 1:00pm

Roundtable Session
Dr Teresa Flower
Fitness to Plead in Children.

Paper Presentations
Roundtable Sessions

1:00 - 2:00pm LUNCH

2:00 - 3:30pm

Paper Presentations

3:30 - 4:00pm

Plenary:
Prof Thea Brown

**FAREWELL DRINKS -
4:00pm**

5:00pm

Close of conference



The conference is organized around a number of themes (as per the list below), and we invite abstracts for oral papers which address any one of these issues:

- The protection of children under the law, in child welfare and family law
- Children as citizens and their vulnerability: including indigenous children and the global movement of children, as refugees, child soldiers, and child trafficking
- Youth justice
- Family and health impacts on children.

Abstracts should not exceed 250 words.

We invite submission of abstracts from **31 October 2008**.

The deadline for submission of abstracts is **30 April 2009**.

Notification of acceptance of the abstract will be emailed or posted within four weeks of receipt of the submitted abstract.

Accepted abstracts will be published in the Conference Proceedings Book.

The official language of the conference is English. All abstracts should be submitted and presentations delivered in English.

Abstracts should include the following:

Author/s details: Full Name, Postal Address, Email, Telephone, Organisation, Title of Paper, Conference Theme being addressed.

Please submit your abstract online to:

<http://www.med.monash.edu.au/socialwork/conference09>

All presenters must register and pay the full conference registration fee before the early registration deadline, to ensure inclusion in the final program.

NB: Presenters are responsible for the transport and storage of their presentation materials. The Conference staff cannot receive or store materials, so please DO NOT forward them to the registration desk. We cannot accept responsibility for your materials or their transportation.

Call for Papers



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Registration Form

Monash University ABN 12 377 614 012

Personal Details (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY):

(ALL PRICES ARE GST FREE)

DELEGATE 1

Title (PLEASE TICK): Dr Prof Mr Mrs Ms Other Profession: _____

Given Name: _____ Surname: _____

Organisation: _____

Postal Address: _____

State: _____ Postcode/Zipcode: _____ Country: _____

Telephone (W): _____ Telephone (H): _____ Facsimile: _____

Email: _____

Preferred name on badge: _____

Do you agree to have your name and country and email address included in a participants list available for distribution at the conference? Yes No

I will be attending the Welcome Cocktail Party (Palazzo Vaj Terrace, 7 Sept 6:30-8:00pm) Yes No

I will / will not be accompanied by a guest to the Welcome Cocktail Party (at an additional cost of AU\$50 per person) No. of Extra Tickets _____

Special dietary needs: vegetarian other (please specify) _____

DELEGATE 2

Title (PLEASE TICK): Dr Prof Mr Mrs Ms Other Profession: _____

Given Name: _____ Surname: _____

Organisation: _____

Postal Address: _____

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CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

DEL 1 Early Bird Registration (before 31 July, 2009) AU\$825.00 Late Registration (after 31 July, 2009) AU\$950.00

DEL 2 Early Bird Registration (before 31 July, 2009) AU\$825.00 Late Registration (after 31 July, 2009) AU\$950.00

Conference Dinner (OPTIONAL) - Villa Artimino, 9 Sept 7:30pm AU\$130.00 per person (includes bus transfers)

No. of Dinner Tickets required (specify) _____ AU\$ _____

Special dietary needs: vegetarian other (please specify) _____

NB: Cost of DELEGATE attendance at the Welcome Cocktail Party on 7 September is included in the registration fee, however, partners and guests are also welcome at an additional cost of AU\$50.00/person. Accommodation and airfares are NOT included in the conference registration fee.

REGISTRATION PAYMENT DETAILS

Cheque made payable to 'Monash University' OR

Card Payment: VISA Mastercard American Express

Card Number: _____

Cardholder's name: _____ Expiry Date: _____

Signature: _____

TOTAL PAYABLE: _____ \$ _____

Please send your completed registration form with payment (in Australian dollars) to:
Ms Katy Symmons, Conference Manager, School of Primary Health Care, Monash University
Building 1, 270 Ferntree Gully Rd, Notting Hill, Victoria 3168 Australia OR Fax: +61 3 8575 2233

DELEGATE ENTITLEMENTS

Fully registered DELEGATES are entitled to access: • All conference proceedings • Lunches, morning & afternoon teas • Conference Abstracts Book & Satchel • Welcome Cocktail Party (7 Sept). NB: The Dinner at the Villa in Artimino is OPTIONAL and an ADDITIONAL COST of AU\$130.00 per person.

Travel Information



Australians Studying Abroad (ASA)

Australians Studying Abroad (ASA), celebrated 30 years in 2007, and is the licensed travel agent appointed to arrange travel for delegates and their partners wishing to attend the Children and the Law Conference based in Prato in 2009.

Group Travel Arrangements include:

- Competitive Economy class airfares flying Singapore Airlines;
- Accommodation at the Hotel Flora, Hotel Giardino, or the Art Hotel Milano in Prato.
- A limited number of mini-apartments are also available at the Residence Manassei in Prato
- Rail travel between Rome Airport and Prato

Early Bird Airfare Option:

During November, December and January each year, airlines generally offer a discount on air travel to Europe in the following year. The discount is often substantial, however, you must book your round trip dates and pay for the airfare during this period. Please contact ASA for further conditions.

Pre- and Post-Travel Options include:

- A range of accommodation options throughout Italy and Europe (including Rome, Florence & Venice), and a variety of day excursions and tours to regions of Italy including the Amalfi Coast, Sicily and Northern Italy;
- Car hire and villa rental options;

Day tours while based in Prato:

- A range of half-day and full-day excursions in Florence and neighbouring towns (Siena, San Gimignano & Pisa) are available. All these tours start in Florence. Please contact ASA if you are interested to receive further information.

ASA's website -

www.asatours.com.au

contains:

- A detailed description of all accommodation options in Prato (including location map and hyperlinks to the hotels' websites).
- Flight options with Singapore Airlines – including airfare prices and flight schedules
- Other pre- or post- travel options
- Applicable Booking Forms

Travellers not taking the group travel arrangements:

If you require alternative airfares or additional travel arrangements, please remember that ASA will be pleased to assist you!

Please Note: September corresponds with High/Shoulder Season in Europe, demand for accommodation and air travel is therefore very high. We ask all travellers to begin organizing their travel arrangements as soon as possible (preferably to be completed by the end of February 2009).

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