

11th New Zealand Symposium of Gastronomy

Christchurch

Dear fellow food enthusiasts, first and foremost, we would be delighted to see you all here and would like to extend our invitation to your foodie friends and acquaintances, so please spread the word! Below you will find some preliminary information regarding **the 11th New Zealand Symposium of Gastronomy**.

1. Date and Tentative Programme

This year's symposium will be held on **November the 25th and 26th, 2017**. There will also be an optional workshop (see below) on Friday, **November the 24th**.

Thanks to the generous support and cooperation of **Bill Bryce**, the symposium will be held at the **ARA Institute of Canterbury** located at **130 Madras St, Christchurch Central, Christchurch 8011** (See the map at the last page of the document). We'll send out more information about the exact building/rooms as soon as they are confirmed.

The tentative plan of the conference is as follows:

Day	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Friday, the 24 th	The Historic Cooking Workshop: Recreating recipes from Persian cookbooks of the 12th - 19th centuries		Informal dinner* and gathering
Saturday, the 25 th	Welcome and Presentations	Presentations	Banquet dinner
Sunday, the 26 th	Presentations	Presentations, Wrapping up, and the Next Symposium	

* Additional information will be given when the registration opens on September 1st.

2. The 'Historic Cooking' Workshop

This is a rather exciting day for us! And we're hoping it will be for you, too!

On this adventurous day, we're going to recreate some selected recipes of Persian origin, to the best of our ability, from historic cookbooks, some as old as 1000 years ago...and the daring part is that the outcome of this day's workshop is going to be served to the fellow attendees as Saturday's lunch! So everyone is in for a treat (or at least for a surprise!).

You don't need to be a cooking expert for this workshop (although we know many of you are!) In fact, no professional experience is required and anyone who's not afraid to get their hands dirty can participate. We're counting on your help as there will be many 'everyday' tasks, including tons of peeling, chopping, kneading, and grinding awaiting you! The good news is that, thanks to Bill, we're going to be helped by a couple of his students at ARA.

The workshop will run between **10 AM and 5 PM on the Friday**, but you can join us any time that you like. We'll also send out a copy of the menu and the recipes so you can familiarize yourselves, or perhaps even try them at home!

There is **no registration fee for the workshop**, but registration for at least one day of the symposium is required and numbers may need to be limited – early registration **from September 1st** is therefore advised if you are interested.

3. The Banquet Dinner

The symposium dinner takes place on Saturday evening (**25th November**). This year, it will be held at ***Local*** bistro, located at the Victorian/Edwardian homestead of *Riccarton House*, built in 1856. In keeping with this year's theme (*Everyday*), the menu is inspired by New Zealand's ***Colonial Everyday Cookery*** (1907), prepared by the chef *Sam Marchant* from foraged, free range, organic, and locally grown produce, some of which comes from his own garden behind

the old homestead. So please join us and let us take you back and experience Christchurch of early 1900s with a 2017 twist!

Local is located at **16 Kahu Rd, Riccarton, Christchurch 8041** (you'll find the map link at the end of this document). We aim to arrange group transportation and carpooling to the dinner location for all the attendees.

You will be more than welcome to bring guests to the banquet dinner.

4. Registration Fees

Registration Type	Fee (NZD)
2 Days – symposium (Saturday and Sunday)	155
1 Day – symposium (Saturday only)	100
1 Day – symposium (Sunday only)	75
The Banquet Dinner	105
Friday Workshop (Registration for at least one day of symposium is required)	Free

Registration will open on **the 1st September** and the relevant forms will be available on the website www.aristologist.com. Earlier registration is not available, and all registrations must take place online.

5. Useful information

Getting to Christchurch:

There are several flights getting to Christchurch from different cities every day. The earliest Jet Star flight on Friday 24.11.17 lands at 8:05 am from Auckland and is 29 NZD.*

Transport:

The public transport in Christchurch is limited to bus, taxi, and Uber.

- **Bus:** To get to the symposium location by bus (from the Airport), the most straightforward option is taking the **Purple line or No. 29** (Airport-City via Fendalton). One way ticket costs \$2.5. You can find more information on other routes on <http://metroinfo.co.nz>
- **Super Shuttle:** which does a door-to-door pick up/drop off to/from the airport. One way price per person is approximately \$24. You can check <https://www.supershuttle.co.nz/booking> for more information.
- **Taxi:** Local taxi services are:

<i>Gold Band Taxis</i>	(03) 3795795
<i>Blue Star Taxi</i>	(03) 3799 799
<i>Green Cabs</i>	0800 46 47336

A trip from the airport to the ARA would cost around \$35 - \$45.*

- **Car Rentals:** There are also quite a few car rentals available in the Christchurch area. If you'd like to see the deals and compare different offers, please check www.comparenewzealandrentalcars.com or similar websites. The cheapest car rental price for two days (24 to 26 November, 2017) is \$73.93.*

*The price quotes are only for informational purposes and were checked on the morning of 15.6.2017 on different websites including www.momondo.com and www.comparenewzealandrentalcars.com . These prices may vary at any time.

Accommodation:

If you are visiting from outside of Christchurch, there are a number of hotels and motels within the walking distance to the location of the symposium (the ARA institute), namely *Ramada Suits Christchurch* and *Southwark Apartments*. There are also a number of *AirBnb* rooms and apartments. You can check various booking websites as well as www.airbnb.co.nz for more information. If you have any difficulties with finding accommodation, please let us know. We may be able to help!

6. Map

The location of ARA, banquet venue, and a few bus stops and hotels nearby have been marked on this map.

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1xNxjLs84K3vcP8WYZ0aNkZ8J5y8&usp=sharing>

Looking forward to seeing you all in Christchurch!

Please email any inquiries/questions/suggestions to either **Sam** or **Amir** at:

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Kindest regards,

The Christchurch Team 😊