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FOURTH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON OESOPHAGEAL ATRESIA

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ORGANISED BY THE SYDNEY
CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL NETWORK

On behalf of the Organising Committee, it is my great pleasure to invite you to attend the "Fourth International Conference on Oesophageal Atresia", which will be held in Sydney under the auspices of the Sydney Children's Hospital Network, in September 2016.

Oesophageal atresia is the most common digestive malformation. Since the first successful primary repair in 1941, postoperative outcomes have changed. With improvements in operative and peri operative care oesophageal atresia is no longer a neonatal surgical problem. Gastroenterological, respiratory, otorhinolaryngological and nutritional issues are prevalent not only in early childhood but also in adolescence and adulthood. The conference in Sydney like the previous meetings in Lille, Montreal and Rotterdam will be a multidisciplinary conference and aims to bring together experts from around the world, involved in the care of atresia patients, under one umbrella. One of the aims of the conference will be to foster international collaboration and research in the field of oesophageal atresia. The conference in Sydney is supported by not only the International network of Esophageal Atresia (INoEA) but also by parent support groups not only from Australia (OARA) but around the world including EAT from Europe. We welcome this opportunity to connect and collaborate with clinicians, academics, researchers and support groups across multi-disciplines from within our region and beyond.

Sydney is Australia's oldest, largest, most cosmopolitan and exciting city. It has natural beauty, inspiring arts and culture, a dynamic dining scene, exuberant spirit and near perfect climate. Easy to get to and easy to get around! We offer the warmth of our magnificent city, graced with iconic landmarks and reflected in the world's finest natural harbour. Come explore Sydney, the gateway to Australia.

We look forward to seeing you in Sydney in 2016 for the "Fourth International Conference on Oesophageal Atresia".

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Conference in 2016