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## Convention Centre Brings Nobel Laureates

This week Cairns is hosting two Nobel Laureates attending the International Conference on Statistical Physics being held at the Cairns Convention Centre. Professor Chen Ning Yang was awarded the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1957 and Professor Wolfgang Ketterle was the 2001 Nobel prize winner.

Most people are unaware that Cairns attracts such distinguished international speakers. The World's scientific and thought leaders quietly slip in and out of Cairns without attracting attention but leave behind a knowledge legacy for Australia's up and coming scientists.

Professor Murray Batchelor, Vice-Chair of the Organising Committee, said, "It is exciting for young people and students to have the opportunity to hear these famous and inspiring speakers. The rare chance for their engagement with scientists like Professor Yang and Australia's own eminent Statistical Physicist, Professor Rodney Baxter provides an ongoing scientific benefit to our Nation."

"We have been able to attract very high quality international speakers to this meeting and the destination of Cairns was a major draw card."

In the coming months the Cairns Convention Centre will host :-

- ◆ The International Conference on Atomic Physics (three Nobel Laureates)
- ◆ Pacific Rim International Conference on Advanced Materials and Processing (heads of US Naval and Airforce Research; Aerospace Materials Korea; Iron and Steel Institute China; Institute of Materials Science Japan)
- ◆ 2010 Travelscene American Express National Consultants Conference
- ◆ International Conference on Magnetic Resonance in Biological Systems
- ◆ AgInvest 2010 - Regional Agribusiness Investment Forum
- ◆ International Birdstrike Committee Conference
- ◆ Royal Australian College of General Practitioners
- ◆ Chiropractors Association of Australia Conference

Ross Steele, General Manager of the Convention Centre said, "while these represent just some of the meetings to be held prior to year end, the Centre is constantly marketing nationally and internationally to attract these high calibre conferences to the Region. Every city in the world now recognises the value of business events and is aggressively chasing this lucrative market."

Mr Steele added that the commencement of the Cairns Taipans NBL season is eagerly awaited as are upcoming concerts and the many school formals and presentation evenings that will be held at the Centre before the end of 2010.

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Professor Yang (second left) at the Welcome Reception for the International Conference on Statistical Physics (StatPhys24)

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