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## **ORGANISERS SLAM SYDNEY CLUBS FOR LACK OF INTEREST IN CONFERENCE**

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The organizers of a conference to be held in Sydney have slammed a section of the nightclub/ club industry for their lack of support for the first national conference on issues around nightlife health.

“We have been bitterly disappointed in the number of club owners and promoters who have taken up the offer to participate in the Club Health Conference,” said organizer Mr Paul Dillon from the National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre. “We have personally invited all clubs across Sydney to register to attend this conference and the response has been unbelievably poor.”

“When you consider the income that is generated by this industry, you would think that there would be a greater interest in a conference such as this which will provide information regarding the health and well being of their patrons.”

Club Health 2005: Sydney offers a unique opportunity for individuals from across Australia and internationally with interests in nightlife to discuss and develop strategies, interventions and research relating to health in the night time environment. The conference will be looking at topics as diverse as clubbing and hearing, sexual health, mental health and alcohol and drug issues.

“There is no point in holding a conference such as this without the input and support from the nightlife industry itself,” continued Mr Dillon. “Luckily we have received some support from a small number of venues and promoters who will be either sponsoring a part of the event, or giving a presentation, but the industry as a whole has not supported the event and that is disappointing.”

Club Health 2005: Sydney will be held at the Rydges Jamison Hotel, Sydney from 29-30 September.

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