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Dear Young Leader,

It is with great pleasure that we officially accept your application to be a Young Leader and part of the Young Leaders in Diabetes programme ([YLD](#)) of the International Diabetes Federation ([IDF](#)). You were selected by your IDF Member Association as a potential Young Leader to attend the YLD meeting in Melbourne, which will provide you with further leadership skills; connect you to other Young Leaders from around the world; and introduce you to the wider world of the International Diabetes Federation.

Being a Young Leader

With the new skills you acquired in Melbourne, you will be expected to do a project between December 2013 and November 2015 that is approved by your IDF Member Association and benefits people with diabetes. On your application form you explained some of your ideas of working together with your IDF Member Association. In Melbourne we will be discussing **your project plans**, so please discuss your plans with your IDF Member Association and make sure you come well prepared to Melbourne. The first generation of Young Leaders and a group of experts, the YLD Faculty, will join us in Melbourne to act as mentors for you as new Young Leaders. You can always turn to them for assistance and advice on your project.

YLD programme in Melbourne

You are expected to arrive in Melbourne on the **27th of November** and to depart on the **6th of December** 2013. The YLD Leadership Training is from the 28th of November culminating with the YLD General Assembly on Sunday December 1st. From the 2nd Of December till the 6th of December you and the other Young Leaders will attend the World Diabetes Congress ([WDC](#)). There will be an opportunity to attend the WDC sessions and YLD will be hosting several sessions for Member Associations during the lunch periods.

Travel and accommodation

As a Young Leader your registration, accommodation and meals in Melbourne will be taken care of. It is your responsibility to **find the funding for your airfare** and arrange your travel. Some of the first Young Leaders, who joined the first YLD Leadership Training in Dubai, had their airfare covered by their Member Association while others fundraised themselves. We would advise you to start with these arrangements as soon as possible. To make sure you have arranged the funding for your ticket in time, we would like you to send us a **copy of your flight tickets, before 31 August 2013.**

For more information about the Young Leaders in Diabetes programme, please visit our website at <http://youngleaders.idf.org/>



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Accommodation has been arranged at the Ibis Hotel Melbourne and the YLD Leadership training will take place in this hotel (address: 15-21 Therry Street, 3000 Melbourne). Each IDF Young Leader will share a room with another Young Leader to ensure integration between Young Leaders of both generations and of all regions. The World Diabetes Congress takes place at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre, which is walking distance from the Ibis Melbourne.

Please make sure that you are aware of the visa required for Melbourne and that you obtain the **visa** yourself. IDF will not be responsible for visas. More information about visa applications can be found on this website: <http://www.idf.org/worlddiabetescongress/visa>

Please also make sure you have enough **medical supplies** with you for the entire time you are in Melbourne. This includes insulin, syringes, needles, pen devices, pump supplies and testing equipment. Please be aware that there might be border security issues. We advise you to inform yourself about any customs requirements and always carry an official document from your physician stating that you have diabetes.

More information?

Again it is my pleasure to welcome you to the Young Leaders in Diabetes programme of IDF. I can assure you that you will enjoy the programme, meet exciting other Young Leaders and learn from some of the very best experts in the international diabetes community. In due time, I will come back to you with more information about the YLD Leadership Training and how you are able connect with the other Young Leaders. In the meantime, please let me know if have any questions or concerns and I will do my very best to answer them. You can contact me on yldmelbourne2013@idf.org. You can also read more information about the YLD on our website (<http://youngleaders.idf.org/>) or stay up to date through our public [Facebook page](#).

Look forward to meeting you in Melbourne!

Kind regards

Debbie Jones

Chair of the IDF Young Leaders in Diabetes programme

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