



# ENTHEOGENESIS AUSTRALIS

## INTRODUCTION

Entheogenesis Australis (EGA) is a not-for-profit organization incorporated in Victoria, Australia. Our aim is to create a supportive environment for mature, open discussion about psychoactive plants and compounds. We seek ways to assess societal impacts and examine the positive applications of entheogens within our community in Australia, and beyond.

## ETHNOBOTANY IN AUSTRALIA

The entheogenic-ethnobotanic community in Australia is close-knit, widely travelled and well informed. The Australian landscape is blessed with a broad range of native (and some introduced) flora and fauna that provide a rich source of inspiration for exploration of the mind and spirit.



## HISTORY OF EGA

EGA has grown from small beginnings in 2002, however our ambition is to become an organization of international significance. We currently run one major event each year, alternating between an indoor symposium at the University of Melbourne and a larger outdoor conference nestled in the beautiful Strathbogie Ranges in northeast Victoria. While our primary focus is the lecture/panel/workshop format, we also incorporate a significant artistic, musical and spiritual dimension.

In 2007, our first international guest speaker, Dr Dennis McKenna, spoke to over 300 delegates at our outdoor conference. In 2009, around 500 participants were addressed by Bob Jesse of the Council for Spiritual Practices, and also the legendary – but reclusive – Owsley “Bear” Stanley, in his first public appearance in decades.

Our vision is to continue bringing the great minds of the psychedelic sphere to our outdoor conferences and also our indoor symposia. Later this year, our 2010 Symposium will take place once again at the University of Melbourne; we anticipate over 300 attendees and look forward to hosting two international keynote speakers and, of course, the best of Australia’s entheogenic minds.

## ALL ARE WELCOME

We aim at all times to foster an active dialogue between our local scene and the global psychedelic network, and so with this in mind, we cordially invite you to join us in Australia for future Entheogenesis Australis events.



## EGA MISSION

Entheogenesis Australis exists to:

- Foster awareness of psychoactive agents, and their roles – existing and potential – in contemporary society
- Promote recognition of their historical, cultural, medicinal and religious significance
- Facilitate access to information on the history, science and culture of their cultivation, production and use
- Provide an effective forum for the exchange of broad-ranging knowledge and wisdom
- Raise the profile of research and discourse in relevant academic fields
- Collect and manage a library of relevant information, books and journals
- Promulgate a mature, responsible approach to the subject by encouraging communication, peer support and interaction with community on various levels and in diverse contexts

