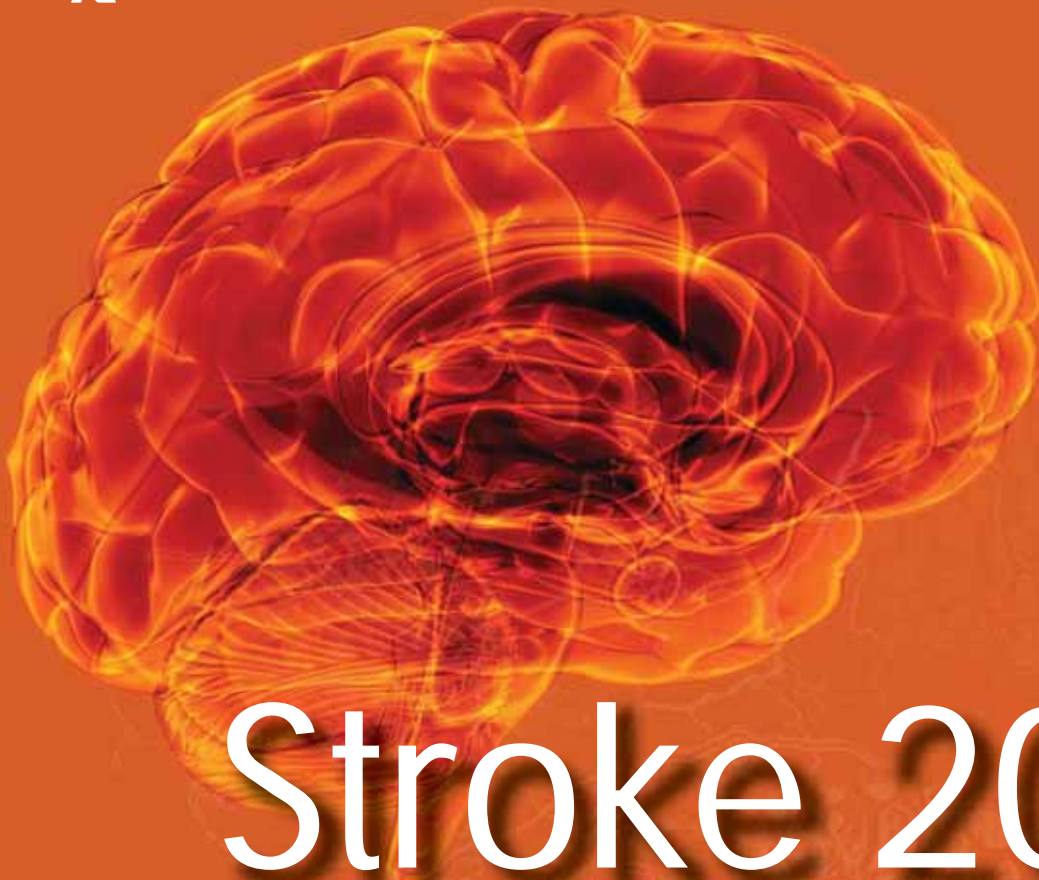




Stroke Society of Australasia
21st Annual Scientific Meeting



Stroke 2010

Providing 21st Century Stroke Care

1 – 3 September 2010

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On behalf of the Stroke Society of Australasia (SSA) it gives me great pleasure to invite you to attend the 21st Annual Scientific Meeting to be held in the beautiful, cosmopolitan city of Melbourne, Australia.

The theme of Stroke 2010 is **“Providing 21st Century Stroke Care”**. The meeting will draw together clinicians, researchers and scientists from a wide range of backgrounds who share the common goal of reducing the burden of stroke. The extensive programme includes high quality international and national speakers, interactive workshops and poster sessions, covering a broad range of specialty areas. We are delighted to have as keynote speakers **Professor George Howard**, from University of Alabama in Birmingham, USA, who will share his vast experience in large trials and epidemiology, including the groundbreaking REGARDS study of stroke in the south-eastern ‘stroke belt’ states of the US; **Professor Marie-Germaine Bousser**, Professor of Neurology, Paris, France, who will draw on her expertise across acute stroke treatments, secondary prevention with anticoagulants, risk reduction in patients with and without diabetes, diffusion-weighted imaging in cerebral venous thrombosis, migraine and vascular dementia; and **Associate Professor Nicol Korner-Bitensky** from McGill University’s Centre de Recherche Interdisciplinaire en Réadaptation and the Canadian Stroke Networks Rehabilitation Stream, Canada, who will share her experiences in driving change in rehabilitation care. Dedicated sessions and workshops on Stroke in Indigenous Populations, Australian Telectroke Experience, Nutritional Depletion, Small Vessel Disease, Palliative Care, Neurointervention, Rehabilitation and Stroke in Developing Countries will showcase the breadth of work currently undertaken within the stroke community.

This meeting provides the opportunity for young and emerging researchers to showcase their work, seek advice and develop relationships with like minded individuals, and for experienced researchers and clinicians to share experiences, successes and challenges with others interested in stroke. The social programme is an important part of any meeting and Stroke 2010 will provide a number of opportunities for delegates to strengthen old collaborations and form new ones as you enjoy excellent Australian food, wine and entertainment. Exhibitors will offer demonstrations of the latest technical innovations and approaches to clinical service delivery over the course of the meeting and a number of industry partners have supported the event. We offer a variety of registration options, including full delegate for maximum value, one-day registration for flexibility and others with special requirements.

Stroke 2010 promises to be an outstanding event and I look forward to welcoming you to Melbourne this September.

Julie Bernhardt

Conference Convenor



Melbourne

The SSA 2010 ASM Organising Committee welcomes you to Melbourne, set around the shores of Port Phillip Bay. The city is laid out in a large rectangular grid on the northern banks of the Yarra River and is renowned for its lovely gardens, wide boulevards, performing arts, museums and galleries, festival and events.

Melbourne is an exciting city to explore. Modern architecture and design is juxtaposed with heritage buildings reflecting Australia's cultural history. But beneath the city's impressive façade, lies the true heart and soul of the city; laneways which snake the city grid to reveal cafes and bars, fashion houses, boutiques, innovative cuisine, galleries, theatres and museums.

Welcome to Melbourne!

Organising Committee

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Meeting Website

Please visit the Stroke Society of Australasia website for online registration and up to date information about the Annual Scientific Meeting:

www.strokesociety.com.au

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Key Dates

Call for Abstracts

Closing Date – 2 May 2010

Application for New Investigator Award

Closing Date – 2 May 2010

Application for Nursing/Allied Health Scientific Award

Closing Date – 2 May 2010

Application for Nursing/Allied Health Service Award

Closing Date – 11 June 2010

Early Registration

Closing Date – 25 June 2010

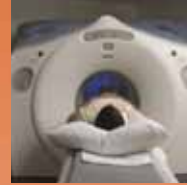
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call for abstracts

Providing 21st Century Stroke Care

The Stroke Society of Australasia (SSA) 2010 Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM) has the theme "Stroke 2010: Providing 21st Century Stroke Care".

The ASM is calling for abstracts to be part of its scientific programme.

Closing Date: Sunday, 2 May 2010

To submit an abstract and read the guidelines, log onto the SSA website – www.strokesociety.com.au – and click on the "Abstract" button under the main menu of "SSA ASM".

Online submission is the only method for the submission of abstracts. Abstracts sent via email or facsimile will not be accepted.

All abstracts submitted must be original work.

Please note that it is a requisite that the presenting authors for all accepted abstracts register for the SSA 2010 ASM.

If you have any problems with the submission process, please contact Aurélie for assistance on +61 2 9431 8632 or ssa2010asm@conferenceaction.com.au.

awards

travel support & prizes



New Investigator Awards



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There are three awards in this category. The two awards for oral presentations are the Peter Bladin Award sponsored by the Stroke Society of Australasia and the National Stroke Foundation Award.

These awards are made to the most outstanding presentations by new investigators at each Annual Scientific Meeting. The Poster Award is sponsored by the Victorian Stroke Clinical Network. Application must be made at the time of abstract submission to the Annual Scientific Meeting.

To be eligible the investigator must:

1. Be undergoing or have completed an accredited post-graduate/undergraduate training programme, or commenced full-time academic research, whichever is most recent, no more than 5 years before the closing date for abstracts
2. Be a member of the Stroke Society of Australasia
3. Be first author on the paper
4. Have contributed substantially to the design and conduct of the research study
5. Have completed and returned the [New Investigator Application Form](#) with the abstract, together with certification of new investigator status

The applicant must nominate which abstract is to be considered for the award, and only one abstract can be nominated by each applicant. Previous winners of a Peter Bladin Award or National Stroke Foundation

Award are ineligible to apply for another award. Previous winners of the Poster Award are eligible to re-apply for the New Investigator Awards.

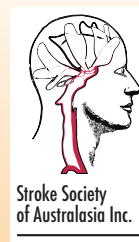
The following criteria will be taken into consideration:

- Originality of the work
- Scientific merit (sound methods, appropriate analysis, and valid interpretation)
- Clarity of presentation
- Adherence to allocated time (platform presentations)
- Handling of questions

Note for Oral (Platform) Presentations: *Adhering to your allocated time to allow for questions, and the way you deal with them, form a significant part of the overall assessment.*

Note for Poster Presentations: *You should stand by your poster during the period allocated to poster presentations in order to answer questions concerning your work.*

Conference Travel Support for Nurses and Allied Health



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In keeping with the principal goals of the SSA, which include disseminating and promoting the exchange of information about stroke, the SSA calls for applications from Nurses and Allied Health professionals wishing to attend the SSA Annual Scientific Meeting for

2010 in Melbourne. The \$1000 awards are intended to defray the costs of travel and accommodation.

The awards are available to all Nurses and Allied Health professionals who are attending the ASM and application is open to both members and non-members of the SSA. There will be three awards for scientific merit and two service awards. We are now calling for applications for both the Service and Scientific Awards. The criteria for the Awards and the closing dates for application are listed below:

Service Award

These awards are for services to stroke, and will be judged by the SSA Executive Committee. To be eligible the applicant must be from a nursing or allied health background. The following will be considered in judging these awards:

1. Demonstrated implementation of services to stroke in their field, i.e. more than 3 years working in stroke
2. Demonstrated initiatives in clinical practice, e.g. involvement in stroke Quality Improvement projects
3. Attendance at (or organisation of) Professional Development courses for stroke within the last 3 years
4. Participation in improving stroke services in the work environment, i.e. planned projects, Quality Improvement involvement, and further education
5. Active participation in local stroke networks
6. Evidence of leadership

Applicants must provide a summary of their contribution to stroke and may use the above as a guide. This summary should be no longer than one page, and be in 12 point Arial or similar font. Applicants must also provide a brief (no more than 200 words) reference from their nominated referee.

Applicants should also complete and return the [Application Form](#) and provide evidence of professional status to ssa2010asm@conferenceaction.com.au before 11 June 2010. Previous winners of the award are ineligible. Winners will be notified before the closing date for early bird registrations.

Scientific Award

These awards are based on abstracts submitted for the conference, and will be judged by the scientific committee. To be eligible the investigator must:

1. Be from a nursing or allied health background
2. Be first or second author on the paper
3. Have contributed to the design and conduct of the research study
4. Have completed and returned the [Application Form](#) and provide evidence of professional status to ssa2010asm@conferenceaction.com.au before the abstract submission deadline of 2 May 2010

The applicant must nominate which abstract is to be considered for the award, and only one abstract can be nominated by each applicant. In instances where the first and second authors are both eligible using the above criteria, only one author will be eligible to apply. Authors must decide between themselves, which author will apply.

Victorian Stroke Clinical Network Prizes



Rural and Regional Research

This \$1000 prize will be awarded to the best abstract for an oral (platform) presentation on stroke research conducted in rural and regional areas. All eligible presentations will be considered for this award. There is no formal application process. Areas of research may include the following:

- Identifying specific issues for delivering stroke care in a rural environment
- Examining practice gaps in rural and regional areas
- Innovative use of new technologies.

Implementation Research Award

This \$1000 prize will be awarded to the best abstract for an oral (platform) presentation demonstrating how research evidence can be successfully implemented into clinical practice. This may occur at any point across the stroke care continuum including acute, (emergency department, stroke care unit), subacute (stroke rehabilitation), or ambulatory care. All eligible presentations will be considered for this award. There is no formal application process.

Poster Prize

This \$500 prize will be awarded to the best poster of the ASM. All poster presenters who have applied for the New Investigator Awards will be eligible for this award.



Keynote Speakers

Professor Marie-Germaine Bousser

Paris, France



Marie-Germaine Bousser is Professor at the Department of Neurology, Hospital Lariboisière, Paris, France. Her main research interests are cerebrovascular diseases in the field of stroke,

migraine and intracranial aneurysm. Her expertise is wide-ranging: acute ischaemic stroke and heparin treatments, thrombolysis in stroke, secondary stroke prevention with anticoagulants, reduction in the risk of recurrent stroke in patients with and without diabetes, diffusion-weighted imaging of intravascular clots in cerebral venous thrombosis, the genetics of migraine, migraine and the risk of cervical artery dissection, and vascular dementia. Professor Bousser is or has been a principal investigator in the Perindopril Protection Against Recurrent Stroke Study (PROGRESS), the International Study on Cerebral Vein and Dural Sinus Thrombosis (ISCVT), the DIAMIG study for efficacy and tolerability of acetazolamide in migraine prophylaxis, and the French Study of Aortic Plaques in Stroke (FAPS).

Professor George Howard

Birmingham, USA



George Howard is Chair of the Department of Biostatistics in the School of Public Health at University of Alabama at Birmingham, USA. He has published extensively in the analysis

of cardiovascular and cerebrovascular risk factors, and has an interest in the development and application of statistical techniques in large multicentre clinical trials and epidemiological studies. He is currently Principal Investigator of the statistical analysis centre for the Carotid Revascularisation Endarterectomy Stenting Trial (CREST) and Principal Investigator of the Reasons for Geographic and Racial Differences in Stroke (REGARDS) study. The REGARDS study, which has enrolled more than 30,200 U.S. participants, investigates why there is a greater-than 40 percent higher stroke death rate in eight south-eastern states known as the Stroke Belt – Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North and South Carolina and Tennessee. Increased

rates account for approximately 9,000 more stroke events each year in this region, and the estimated economic impact of these 'extra' deaths is nearly US\$1 billion a year.

Associate Professor Nicol Korner Bitensky

Montreal, Canada



Nicol is Associate Professor at the Faculty of Medicine, School of Physical and Occupational Therapy, McGill University, Canada. Dr. Korner-Bitensky is a research member of the Centre for

Interdisciplinary Rehabilitation Research of Montreal and REPAR, Quebec, Canada, provincial consortium of rehabilitation research. She completed her doctoral studies in Rehabilitation Science at McGill University with a Major in Epidemiology and Biostatistics taken in part at John Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland. Her post-doctoral studies focused on health service delivery. She has produced over 100 peer-reviewed articles and book chapters and almost 300 talks related to stroke rehabilitation, interdisciplinary health service delivery, driver safety assessment and driver retraining.

Her research agenda is designed to impact on the public by enhancing health service delivery in stroke rehabilitation using innovative best practice websites that are funded by the CSN, FRSQ, Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada, including "StrokEngine" (www.strokengine.ca) and StrokEngine-Assess (www.strokengine-assess.ca). These sites bring information on best practices to clinicians, policy makers, patients and families. One of her priority research agendas is identifying effective knowledge translation strategies to increase "best practices" in stroke rehabilitation and eliminate "ineffective practices".

Invited Speakers

Louise Ada

Louise Ada is Associate Professor in the Discipline of Physiotherapy at The University of Sydney. Her interests are in the relative contribution of impairments to disability, the efficacy of physiotherapy interventions and the design of environments for people undergoing neurological rehabilitation.

Julie Bernhardt

Julie Bernhardt is an ARC Future Fellow at the National Stroke Research Institute. She is Director of AVERT, a large international stroke rehabilitation trial, with interests in the effect of early exercise interventions on brain, bone, muscle, and fitness

Chris Bladin

Professor Christopher Bladin is the Head of Unit, Dept Neurosciences Box Hill Hospital (Monash University). He is Medical Director of the National Stroke Foundation of Australia and Chairperson of the DHS Victorian Stroke Clinical Network Committee.

Jim Butler

Jim Butler is Professor of Health Economics at The Australian National University and Director of the Australian Centre for Economic Research on Health (ACERH). He is a member of the Australian Government's Medical Services Advisory Committee (MSAC) and chairs its Economics Sub-Committee.

Leonid Churilov

A/Prof Leonid Churilov is the Head of Statistics and Informatics at National Stroke Research Institute and Florey Neuroscience Institutes. He is an expert in statistical and data modelling for decision support in clinical and health care delivery systems with specific focus on stroke and neurology care.

Janice Collier

Dr Janice Collier is a clinical researcher and physiotherapist working as the programme manager on the AVERT trial. Her work includes the ongoing management of a large patient database tracking patients from stroke onset to 12 months from over 30 hospitals in Australia and overseas.

Stephen Davis

Professor Stephen Davis is the Director of the Division of Neurosciences at The Royal Melbourne Hospital. His particular research interests are in the role of MRI in selection of new therapies, cerebral haemorrhage, diabetes in stroke and clinical trials.

Candice Delcourt

Candice is a neurologist and clinical research fellow at the George Institute, Sydney. She is a member of the Belgian and France Medical Council and the Belgian Neurological Society. She is Research Fellow/Project Manager for INTERACT2.

Sonia Denisenko

Sonia Denisenko is the Manager of the Victorian Stroke Clinical Network. Her clinical background is in neurological physiotherapy. She has a Masters in Public Health and experience in health sector change management and academia.

Geoffrey Donnan

Geoffrey Donnan is Director of the Florey Neuroscience Institutes and Professor of Neurology, University of Melbourne. His major research interests are in neuro-imaging and clinical trials.

Sandra Eades

Sandra Eades is the Head of Indigenous Maternal and Child Health Research at Baker IDI Heart and Diabetes Institute. She is an Indigenous Australian and a medical epidemiologist. Professor Eades' major area of research interest is in the area of Paediatric and Perinatal epidemiology. She leads a large cohort study exploring the early antecedents of cardiovascular disease and type 2 diabetes among Aboriginal children and is involved in a study exploring the relationship between growth in-utero and chronic diseases across three generations of mothers and babies.

Steven Faux

Steven Faux is the Director of Sacred Heart Rehabilitation Service and St Vincent's Campus Pain Unit at St Vincent's Hospital. He is a Conjoint Associate Professor, School of Medicine at the University of New South Wales. His fields of interest include organisation of stroke services and mild head injury.

Karen Furie

A/Prof Karen Furie is Director of the Stroke Service at the Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH), USA. She has been actively involved in diverse aspects of stroke clinical trials, and is currently the Principal Neurologist for the Insulin Resistance Intervention in Stroke trial.

Peter Gates

Peter Gates is Associate Professor in the Department of Clinical and Biomedical Sciences at Melbourne University and Director of Neuroscience and Stroke at the Geelong Hospital Barwon Health. Academic interests include the heart and stroke, atrial fibrillation, idiopathic intracranial hypertension and teaching.

Richard Gerraty

Richard Gerraty is a neurologist at the Alfred Hospital, Melbourne and the inaugural Victor Smorgon Chair of Medicine, Epworth Healthcare, Monash University. He combines stroke patient care with clinical research and is an active member of several bodies charged with improving the care of stroke patients.

Andrew Granger

Andrew Granger is a Geriatrician and General Physician in Perth, where he runs a Stroke Rehabilitation Unit. His special interest is in stroke rehabilitation in the hospital and ambulatory care settings.

Geoff Green

Geoff Green is a Geriatrician who runs an Early Supported Discharge scheme at Middlemore Hospital, Auckland, New Zealand.

Timothy Harrington

Dr Harrington is the Co-Head of Interventional Neuro-radiology at Royal North Shore Hospital and Head, Interventional Neuro-radiology at Westmead hospital. His special interests include intracranial stenting and acute stroke rescue with neuro-intervention devices.

Kelvin Hill

Kelvin Hill graduated from a Bachelor of Applied Science (Physiotherapy) in 1997 at the University of Sydney. Currently Kelvin oversees the development and implementation of the national stroke guidelines programme at the National Stroke Foundation.

Susan Hillier

Dr Susan Hillier is a part time researcher and lecturer at University of South Australia. She has a keen interest in the rehabilitation of people after stroke, particularly from a community perspective. She chairs the Australian Stroke Coalition Rehabilitation Working Group.

Darcy Holt

Darcy Holt is a graduate of the University of Melbourne, undertaking his undergraduate and basic physician training at the Royal Melbourne Hospital. He is presently completing advanced training in Gastroenterology.

David Howells

Associate Professor David Howells is Acting Director of the National Stroke Research Institute and an Associate Director of the Florey Neuroscience Institutes. His research interests focus on minimising neural injury after stroke and maximising regenerative plasticity.

Bent Indredavik

Professor Bent Indredavik is Senior Physician in the Department of Neuroscience at St. Olavs Hospital, Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Trondheim, Norway. Bent's main research interests are stroke unit care and organisation of the chain of care for stroke patients. He was recently awarded the Kings Medal of Merit in Gold for his research and services to people with stroke.

Peter Keller

Peter Keller is Chief Executive of Neuroscience Trials Australia (NTA). Peter holds qualifications in optometry, business administration, ocular therapeutics and ethics. He has served on a number of professional organisation committees including the ACRP Ethics and Human Research Committee.

Genevieve Kennedy

Dr Genevieve Kennedy is Director Rehabilitation Medicine at Peter James Centre & Wantirna Health. She is also a member of the Australasian Faculty of Rehabilitation Medicine and of the Victorian Stroke Clinical Network.

Debbie Kesper

Dr Debbie Kesper is Director of Rehabilitation in private practice with SJOG Bendigo and Warnambool. She has a very keen interest in clinical stroke management with a rural focus.

Simon Koblar

Associate Professor Koblar is Director of the Stroke Research Programme, University of Adelaide and Queen Elizabeth Hospital. He is patron of Stroke SA, a community-based service for stroke victims.

He maintains a clinical practice and leads a large basic science research group in stroke.

John Laidlaw

Mr Laidlaw is Director of Cerebrovascular Neurosurgery at the Royal Melbourne Hospital and chair of the neurosurgical training programme, Neurosurgical Society of Australia. He has expertise in cerebral aneurysms, intracranial arterial stenosis and Moya Moya disease.

Natasha Lannin

Dr Natasha Lannin is a lecturer at Rehabilitation Studies Unit, a research unit of Sydney Medical School, The University of Sydney. She has expertise in therapy following botulinum toxin injections and a program of research into contractures in adults with sustained acquired brain impairment.

Christopher Levi

Chris Levi is Director, Priority Research Centre for Brain & Mental Health University of Newcastle & Hunter Medical Research Institute and Director of Acute Stroke Services John Hunter Hospital.

Richard Lindley

Professor Lindley is Chair of Geriatric Medicine at the University of Sydney. His research interests include large scale clinical stroke trials and the study of surrogate markers of small vessel disease.

Ming Liu

Ming Liu is a Professor of Neurology and Deputy Director of the Department of Neurology at the West China Hospital, Sichuan University, China and is Deputy Director of the Chinese Cochrane Centre and Chinese Centre of Evidence Based Medicine. Her main research interests are prevention and treatment of stroke.

Peter Mitchell

Associate Professor Peter Mitchell is director of interventional neuro-radiology at the Royal Melbourne Hospital with expertise in intracranial aneurysm embolisation intracranial angioplasty and stenting, and neonatal Vein of Galen management.

Thang Huy Nguyen

Dr Thang is the deputy head of the Acute Stroke Unit in the People's 115 Hospital, HoChiMinh City, Vietnam. He has pioneered the use of tPA in Vietnam and is studying its effectiveness in acute stroke.

Kerin O'Dea

Professor O'Dea has been Director of the Sansom Institute for Health Research at the University of South Australia since 2009. Her research interests lie in Indigenous health; diet and lifestyle in the prevention and treatment of obesity, type 2 diabetes and vascular disease; the therapeutic potential of traditional diets and public health nutrition.

Jeyaraj Pandian

Professor Pandian is the Head of the Stroke Unit in Christian Medical College Hospital, Ludhiana, India. His principal interest lies in organisational aspects of hospital stroke care in India.

Mark Parsons

Associate Professor Mark Parsons is a Neurologist and Director of the University of Newcastle Stroke Research Programme. He is also Chairman of the Australasian Stroke Trials Network. His main research interests include stroke imaging, thrombolysis and stroke recovery.

Lin Perry

Lin Perry has a special interest in nutritional support, management of stroke and chronic conditions and practice and service development, particularly in relation to knowledge translation and change management for front-line staff.

Michael Pollack

Michael Pollack is Senior Staff Specialist in Rehabilitation Medicine, Hunter New England Health, Medical Co-chairman, Stroke Services NSW (GMCT), and Area Director at the Hunter Stroke Service. He is a clinician with an interest in models of service delivery.

Peter Poon

Dr Peter Poon is a senior staff specialist in Palliative Medicine at Monash Medical Centre, Southern Health Network in Melbourne. Dr Poon's research interests include cancer related opioid refractory pain, topical opioids and targeted polypharmacy for pain among others.

Chris Price

Chris Price is a qualified Chemist and social worker and is Divisional Director of Stroke Services at the National Stroke Foundation where he oversees the programmes supporting clinical and policy improvement and activities of the Australian Stroke Coalition.

Barbara Singer

Associate Professor Barbara Singer is a Neurological Physiotherapist with clinical experience in acute and rehabilitation neurology and neurosurgery services. She was a principal author of the International Consensus Statement for the use of Botulinum Toxin A.

Chris Sobey

Associate Professor Sobey is an expert in basic studies of cerebral arterial function, oxidative stress and inflammation. He is an NHMRC Senior Research Fellow, on eight Editorial Boards including Stroke and JCBFM, and holds five NHMRC Project Grants for his research work in stroke and vascular disease.

Neil Spratt

Dr Spratt is a clinical neurologist and basic scientist, based at John Hunter Hospital and at the University of Newcastle. His research interests include: identification of the ischaemic penumbra, neuro-protection with hypothermia, mechanisms of ischaemic brain injury and environmental enrichment.

Tracey Symmons

Dr Symmons is the Director of Rehabilitation at The Townsville Hospital, Queensland Health, Adjunct Senior Lecturer James Cook University, School of Medicine and Senior Lecturer at the School of Public Health, Tropical Medicine and Rehabilitation Sciences, James Cook University.

Louise Weir

Louise Weir is the Stroke Nurse Practitioner Candidate at Melbourne Health. Her principal interests are in organisation of services for stroke management and improving access to palliative care for patients and their carers.

Bernard Yan

Bernard is Associate Professor of the University of Melbourne. His research interests include the development of endovascular devices for the treatment of acute stroke and aneurysms. He is involved in the supervision of local overseas neurology research fellows, particularly from China.

provisional programme



Wednesday, 1 September 2010

0730 Registration Opens

0830 – 0900 Welcome

0900 – 1000

KEYNOTE ADDRESS: Stroke in Disadvantaged Populations

George Howard

Chair: Mandy Thrift

1000 – 1030

MORNING TEA

1030 – 1230

PLENARY SESSION: Stroke in Indigenous Populations & Developing Countries

Chairs: Craig Anderson & Yining Huang

Intergenerational and Early Life Origins of Stroke and Related Conditions Among Indigenous Australians – Hunter-Gatherers as a Population in Transition

Sandra Eades, Melbourne, VIC

Risk Factors for Stroke in Indigenous Australians: Comparison with Hunter-Gatherer Lifestyle

Kerin O'Dea, Adelaide, SA

Journey After Stroke, Caring for Indigenous Australians

Tracey Symmons, Townsville, QLD

Organisation of Stroke Services – An Indian Experience

Jeyaraj Pandian, India

Thrombolysis in Vietnamese Tertiary Settings

Thang Huy Nguyen, Vietnam

Current Clinical Research and Practice of Stroke in China

Ming Liu, China

Question Time and Discussion

1230 – 1330

LUNCH

GUIDED POSTER SESSION

Chairs: Debbie Kesper, Janet Bray, Toby Cumming, Natasha Lannin

Australasian Stroke Trials Network AGM

1330 – 1500

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

WORKSHOP 1A

Australasian Academic Trials Update

Julie Bernhardt, Stephen Davis,

Candice Delcourt, Chris Levi,

Richard Lindley

Chairs: Peter Keller, Mark Parsons

WORKSHOP 1B

Guidelines 2010: Introduction and Implementation

Chair: Kelvin Hill

FREE PAPERS

1500 – 1530

AFTERNOON TEA

provisional programme

1530 – 1630

KEYNOTE ADDRESS: Women and Stroke

Marie-Germaine Bousser

Chair: Louise Allport

1630 – 1730

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

FREE PAPERS

FREE PAPERS

1730 – 1930

WELCOME RECEPTION

Thursday, 2 September 2010

0630 – 0730 SSA Fun Run 5km Circuit

0730 Registration Opens

0730 – 0830

BREAKFAST SESSIONS

SESSION 1

Risk-Management of Post-Stroke Starvation

Darcy Holt, Lin Perry

SESSION 2

Neurosurgical Perspectives of Acute Stroke Management

Richard Gerraty, John Laidlaw

SESSION 3

The Insulin Resistance Intervention After Stroke (IRIS) Australians Investigators Meeting

Karen Furie, Peter Keller, Mark Parsons

0830 – 1030

PLENARY SESSION: New Investigators

1030 – 1100

MORNING TEA

1100 – 1230

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

From Benchtop to Bedside

Chair: Simon Koblar

Biomarkers in Stroke: in the Lab and in the Clinic

Karen Furie

Hypothermia in Rodent Models of Stroke

David Howells

Hypothermia Treatment of Acute Stroke

Mark Parsons

Immune Mechanisms in Rodent Stroke

Chris Sobey

In Search of the Penumbra

Neil Spratt

Question Time and Discussion

FREE PAPERS

FREE PAPERS

1230 – 1330 **LUNCH**

GUIDED POSTER SESSION

Chairs: Bruce Campbell, Mark Parsons, Neil Spratt

Australasian Stroke Unit Network AGM

1330 – 1500

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

WORKSHOP 2A

Small Vessel Disease

Chairs: Richard Gerraty, Srikanth Velandai

CADASIL

Marie-Germaine Bousser

Small Vessel Disease – A Basic Science Overview

Simon Koblar

Surrogate Markers of Cerebral Small Vessel Disease – Lessons from the Retina?

Richard Lindley

Small Vessel Phenotypes, Imaging and Treatments

Geoffrey Donnan

Question Time and Discussion

WORKSHOP 2B

Spasticity – The Challenge of Reaching Consensus on Assessment and Management

Chair: Debbie Kesper

Title TBC

Louise Ada

Title TBC

Debbie Kesper

Title TBC

Natasha Lannin

Title TBC

Barbara Singer

Question Time and Discussion

WORKSHOP 2C

Early Supported Discharge Services: Their Place in Stroke Rehabilitation

Chair: Andrew Granger

Establishing an Early Supported Discharge – Where do I Start and Why Would I Bother?

Andrew Granger

The Early Supported Discharge Experience in New Zealand

Geoff Green

The Scandinavian Perspective. Experience from a Successful Norwegian Early Supported Discharge Scheme

Bent Indredavik

Panel Discussion

1500 – 1530 **AFTERNOON TEA**

1530 – 1700

PLENARY SESSION: Will Telemedicine Revolutionise Stroke Care in Australia?

Chris Bladin, Peter Gates, Mark Parsons, Bernard Yan

Chair: Bernard Yan

First Australian Experience of Telestroke Systems

Infrastructure Needed for Telestroke

Medico-Legal Issues

Live Demonstration

1900 – 2300 **GALA DINNER**

provisional programme

Friday, 3 September 2010

0730 – 0900 SSAAGM

0900 – 1000

KEYNOTE ADDRESS: Benefits of Developing Stroke Networks

Nicol Korner-Bitensky

Chairs: Julie Bernhardt, Richard Lindley

1000 – 1015

Discussion: Developing a National Research Network in Australia – What Should it Look Like?

1015 – 1045

MORNING TEA

1045 – 1215

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

WORKSHOP 3A

Advances in Palliative Care for Stroke Patients

Chair: Peter Poon

New Approaches to Common End-of-Life Symptoms in Stroke Patients

Peter Poon

New Models of Care in Stroke Palliation

Louise Weir

Question Time and Discussion

WORKSHOP 3B

Missing Data, Minding Data and Messing with Data in Stroke Studies

Chairs: Leonid Churilov, Chris Levi

Managing Missing Data in Clinical Trials

George Howard

Data Management

Janice Collier

Data Analysis

Leonid Churilov

Question Time and Discussion

FREE PAPERS

1215 – 1315

LUNCH

Fit for Stroke Demonstration – National Stroke Foundation

1315 – 1500

PLENARY SESSION: Rehabilitation for Severe Stroke: Equal Access for All?

Chair: Helen Dewey

Selection for Rehabilitation - Prognostic Indicators, Predictive Models and Variations in Practice

Sonia Denisenko

Geographic Distribution of Inpatient Stroke Rehabilitation Services – Should you Move House?

Chris Price

Incentive Effects of Funding Models for Stroke Rehabilitation – Have we Got it Right?

Jim Butler

Access to Inpatient Stroke Rehabilitation: A Survey of Factors Influencing Decision Making

Genevieve Kennedy

Panel Discussion

Jim Butler, Sonia Denisenko, Steven Faux, Andrew Granger, Susan Hillier, Genevieve Kennedy, Michael Pollack, Chris Price

1500 – 1530

AFTERNOON TEA

1530 – 1630

DEBATE: Neurointervention – Is it Worth it?

Chair: Richard Gerraty

The claim: Neurointervention Techniques are the First Choice for ALL Cerebrovascular Diseases.

Revascularisation therapy is based on the belief that progressive and irreversible ischaemic injury in the region of the penumbra could be attenuated by rapid recanalisation (vessel opening) and reperfusion (restoration of blood flow). Although intravenous tissue plasminogen activator (iv tPA) has been shown to improve the likelihood of recanalisation, there are disadvantages to this treatment. Some clots are much less likely to recanalise and patients with more severe strokes secondary to increased clot burden in proximal occlusions rarely benefit from iv tPA.

Neurointervention techniques such as intra-arterial thrombolysis, balloon angioplasty and clot retrieval are attractive in theory and produce higher recanalisation rates than iv tPA. However, the enthusiasm for these techniques must be tempered by the awareness of tricks and pitfalls. This debate gathers two teams of highly regarded Neurointerventionists and Stroke Neurologists who will vigorously argue for and against neurointervention techniques as the first choice for ALL cerebrovascular diseases.

Neurointervention Should be Considered First-Line Therapy (For Intracranial Stenosis)

Peter Mitchell vs. Stephen Davis

Intra-Arterial Clot Retrieval Should be Offered as First Line Therapy for Acute Ischaemic Stroke

Tim Harrington vs. Bernard Yan

1630 – 1700

CLOSING REMARKS & AWARDS

Breakfast sessions are not included in the registration fees. Breakfast sessions can be booked on the registration form for a fee of \$40.00 per person per session. The IRIS breakfast session is open to IRIS Investigators and is free of charge. The three breakfast sessions will run concurrently and will be held on Thursday, 2 September 2010 from 0730 – 0830 hours. Pre-registration for all breakfast sessions (including IRIS Session) is essential as places are limited.

Thursday, 2 September 2010

0730 – 0830 hours – running concurrently:

BREAKFAST SESSION 1

Risk-Management of Post-Stroke Starvation

Darcy Holt, Lin Perry

Nutritional depletion is a common complication of stroke, yet seldom recognised. It occurs both as an acute problem and superimposed on long-term chronic deficiencies and is equally a concern for acute management, for rehabilitation and stroke survivors in the community. Whilst it is recognised as predisposing to poor outcomes, it is seldom regarded as a care priority. This session will focus on metabolic, functional and psychosocial effects of nutritional depletion in acute and chronic stroke, and will discuss risk management strategies to prevent starvation.

Cost: \$40.00

BREAKFAST SESSION 2

Neurosurgical Perspectives of Acute Stroke Management

Richard Gerraty, John Laidlaw

Acute ischaemic stroke is not infrequently complicated by raised intracranial pressure which may precipitate catastrophic brain herniation. The timely recognition of this clinical syndrome (malignant infarction) is critical in that intervention may be futile beyond a time window. Mr Laidlaw will discuss the traps to the recognition of the syndrome and the choices of neurosurgical intervention. The second topic involves the clinical presentation of Moya Moya disease and its mimics. It is now no longer tenable to restrict the diagnosis to a few select ethnic groups (e.g. young Japanese females). Increasingly, the clinical entity is identified in the Western world. There is also an increasing awareness of atypical Moya Moya disease and its mimics. These will be discussed with particular emphasis on therapy which includes neurosurgical arterial bypass and endovascular stenting.

Cost: \$40.00

BREAKFAST SESSION 3

The Insulin Resistance Intervention After Stroke (IRIS) Australian Investigators Meeting

Karen Furie, Peter Keller, Mark Parsons

The Insulin Resistance In Stroke trial is a major NIH-funded stroke prevention trial with recruitment across North America, Israel, Australia and Europe. This is a meeting for local site investigators and coordinators involved in the study. Presenters include Professor Karen Furie, Director Stroke Service and Stroke Prevention Clinic, Massachusetts General Hospital, and Principal Neurologist for the IRIS study, Associate Professor Mark Parsons and Dr Peter Keller.

Cost: Open to IRIS Investigators only (free)

All workshops are included in the registration fees. However, pre-registration is required as the number of participants for each workshop is limited. Registration is offered on a first-come, first-served basis, so please register early to secure your spot. (The option to register for the workshops is included on the registration form, so simply indicate your preferred workshop attendance when registering for the meeting).

Wednesday, 1 September 2010

1330 – 1500 hours – running concurrently:

WORKSHOP SESSION 1A

Australasian Academic Trials Update

Julie Bernhardt, Stephen Davis,
Candice Delcourt, Chris Levi, Richard Lindley

This workshop provides an update on current multicentre academic trials, their challenges and successes, in order to facilitate discussion and provide opportunities to enhance research activity in our region. Trials in this update include: IST-3, INTERACT 2, AVERT, START and CADISS. Progress in developing greater research links across our region will be discussed.

Workshop Chair: Mark Parsons

Coordinator: Peter Keller, on behalf of The Australasian Stroke Trials Network (ASTN)

WORKSHOP SESSION 1B

Guidelines 2010: Introduction and Implementation

Kelvin Hill

This interactive workshop will provide participants with an overview of the new NSF Stroke Management Guidelines (2010). The new guidelines combine and update the previous 2005 Rehabilitation and Recovery and 2007 Acute guidelines into one document. Initially the guidelines will be presented focusing on the areas that are new or that have changed. The workshop will then explore the application of the guidelines in the clinical setting by exploring issues to consider and providing strategies to assist participants change local practice.

Thursday, 2 September 2010

1330 – 1500 hours – running concurrently:

WORKSHOP SESSION 2A

Small Vessel Disease

Marie-Germaine Bousser, Geoff Donnan,
Simon Koblar, Richard Lindley

The pathogenesis and treatment of cerebral small vessel disease still remains a relative mystery since the time of C. Miller Fisher. However, there have been several advances in scientific technology that has allowed a greater insight into its mechanisms with implications for treatment and prevention. This panel of internationally recognised experts in the field will speak on a range of topics from basic science to clinical detection and treatment of small vessel disease, promising to be of great value to researchers and clinicians alike.

WORKSHOP SESSION 2B

Spasticity – The Challenge of Reaching Consensus on Assessment and Management

Louise Ada, Debbie Kesper,
Natasha Lannin, Barbara Singer

Reaching consensus on spasticity is no simple thing. While spasticity seems to contribute to motor impairments in some of our patients, there are a diversity of definitions for spasticity and a lack of agreement by clinicians and researchers around the epidemiology and functional impact of the condition. As a result, much debate occurs around the relative importance of spasticity and so it can be difficult for clinicians to find common ground during rehabilitation. This workshop will highlight advances in spasticity management and present both the scientific and clinical evidence that should underpin the decisions that we make when working with patients with spasticity. Case presentations will be used to illustrate the complexity of decision making and outcome measurement and to generate discussions with the audience.

WORKSHOP SESSION 2C**Early Supported Discharge Services: Their Place in Stroke Rehabilitation**

Andrew Granger, Geoffrey Green,
Bent Indedravik

Early Supported Discharge schemes provide a link between inpatient and community stroke recovery and rehabilitation. Their aim is to reduce inpatient length of stay whilst producing outcomes equivalent to inpatient care, within the patient's home environment. The evidence for their effectiveness is strong, and this is reflected in the 2010 National Stroke Foundation Clinical Guidelines for Stroke Management, which state that where appropriate "[...] early supported discharge should be offered for all stroke patients with mild to moderate disability. (Grade A; Level I)". Stroke specific Early Supported Discharge schemes are however relatively rare in Australasia.

In this session the evidence base for various models of Early Supported Discharge will be reviewed and clinicians in Australia and internationally will present their experiences of establishing and running Early Supported Discharge services. Practical issues, such as staffing and clinical governance, as well as outcomes, will be discussed together with barriers to adoption and ways to overcome these. The session is targeted at medical, nursing and allied health staff involved in the rehabilitation of stroke survivors.

Friday, 3 September 2010

1045 – 1215 hours – running concurrently:

WORKSHOP SESSION 3A**Advances in Palliative Care for Stroke Patients**

Peter Poon, Louise Weir

In spite of significant advances in stroke management, active medical intervention remains futile for a proportion of patients with severe stroke and a palliative care approach assumes a more dominant role. There is currently a sea change in the philosophy of the palliation of stroke patients. Furthermore, advances in palliation strategies in other fields (e.g. Cancer medicine) could be added to the armamentarium of comprehensive stroke care. The aim of this session is to examine several important themes in stroke palliation which include:

1. The decision making process to palliation. What are the predictors of patients who will benefit from palliation?
2. Case discussion of common clinical end-of-life scenarios
3. A standardised and translatable Stroke Palliative Care Pathway
4. Advances in the management of common end-of-life symptoms

WORKSHOP SESSION 3B**Missing Data, Minding Data and Messing with Data in Stroke Studies**

Leonid Churilov, Janice Collier,
George Howard

"Rubbish in – rubbish out!" This well known phrase is one of the more colourful descriptions of the simple truth that high quality data is a cornerstone of the quality of evidence accumulated in stroke studies. Limited awareness of pitfalls and challenges encountered along the data collection and analysis road inevitably leads to biased conclusions of a clinical study. The aim of this workshop is to provide a succinct overview of three data-related issues of major practical and methodological interest that frequently arise in stroke studies:

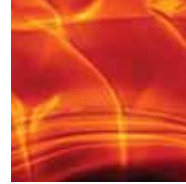
- a) What are the pitfalls in working with missing data in stroke studies and how to avoid them
- b) What are the practical challenges in minding the high quality of data while running a large multinational stroke rehabilitation trial
- c) How things can get messed up when good quality data are analysed in an inappropriate way

social events

Welcome Reception

VENUE: Sofi's Lounge
Sofitel Melbourne on Collins
DATE: Wednesday, 1 September 2010
TIME: 1730 – 1930 hours
COST: Included in Full Delegate Registration Fees
Extra tickets: \$70.00 per person

The SSA 2010 ASM Organising Committee invite all delegates and exhibitors to join them in the Sofi's lounge for the Welcome Reception. It is hoped all exhibitors, delegates and partners will be able to attend this evening. This is a fantastic networking opportunity and the first official social function of the conference.



Fun Run

VENUE: Treasury and Fitzroy Gardens
DATE: Thursday, 2 September 2010
TIME: 0630 – 0730 hours
COST: Free

For all those exercise conscious delegates, a 5km social fun run will be held in the Treasury and Fitzroy Gardens, close to the Sofitel Melbourne on Collins.

Please register on the registration form if you would like to participate. Specific details will be emailed to attendees closer to the time.

Gala Dinner

VENUE: Zinc at Federation Square
Corner Swanston & Flinders Street
Entrance is at river level
DATE: Thursday 2, September 2010
TIME: 1900 – 2300 hours
COST: Included in Full Delegate Registration Fees
Extra tickets: \$135.00 per person

We welcome all delegates and their guests to join colleagues and friends for a memorable evening of fun, fine wine and excellent food, music and great entertainment.

posters

Posters will be displayed in the Ballroom Promenade. For the first time we will be conducting Guided Posters Sessions at lunchtimes on Wednesday, 1 and Thursday, 2 September 2010. Poster Chairpersons will guide the audience through themed posters. Authors will briefly present their posters to the group and be available to answer questions. Please meet the chairs of the guided session at the entrance of the Auditorium. The session will start at 1235 hours (on both Wednesday and Thursday).

Accommodation has been reserved at several properties, all within close proximity of the conference venue.



Booking Information

- Room types:
 - Single – one bed in room
 - Double – one large bed in room
 - Twin – two separate beds in room
- Check in: 1400 hours
- Check out: 1100 hours
- Rates given are per room per night and include GST. However, the tax invoice will not show GST on the accommodation components as the Stroke Society of Australasia and Conference Action are acting as agents only and are transferring the amount to the accommodation venues. You must request a tax invoice at the accommodation venue at check out for GST purposes.
- Rates do not include breakfast.
- Late arrivals – if you plan to arrive after 1800 hours, please advise the SSA 2010 ASM Secretariat to ensure the room is held for you and not released.
- Only bookings through the SSA 2010 ASM Secretariat will obtain these rates.
- To secure your accommodation booking, a minimum of the first night's deposit is required.
- Accommodation will only be confirmed when the deposit is received.
- Deposits are non-refundable and will be forfeited if you do not arrive on the date specified on your registration form.
- Rates are correct at time of printing and may be subject to change.
- All alterations and cancellations to accommodation bookings must be made in writing to the SSA 2010 ASM Secretariat.

Sofitel Melbourne on Collins

(Meeting venue)

25 Collins Street, MELBOURNE VIC 3000

Tel: +61 3 9653 0000

Fax: +61 3 9653 7733

King Rooms (single, double or twin) – **\$285.00**
per room per night

Metropole Hotel Apartment

(15-20 minutes walk from the meeting venue)

44 Brunswick Street, FITZROY VIC 3065

Tel: +61 3 9411 8100

Fax: +61 3 9411 8200

2 bedroom standard apartments – **\$315.00**
per apartment per night

Configuration: One queen bed and two single beds, or two queen beds. Sleeps up to four people. One bathroom with separate toilet, separate lounge, kitchen with full cooking facilities.

Rydges Melbourne

(5-10 minutes walk from the meeting venue)

186 Exhibition Street, MELBOURNE VIC 3000

Tel: +61 3 9662 0511

Fax: +61 3 9635 1242

Standard room – **\$175.00** per room per night

Travelodge Southbank Melbourne Hotel

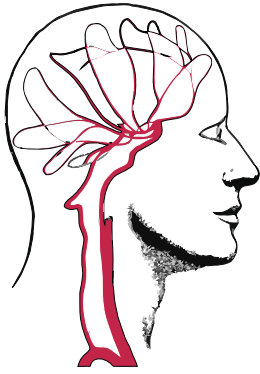
(20-25 minutes walk from the meeting venue)

9 Riverside Quay, SOUTHBANK VIC 3006

Tel: +61 3 8696 9600

Fax: +61 3 9690 1160

Standard room – **\$139.00** per room per night



SSA Membership

Stroke Society of Australasia

Membership of the Stroke Society of Australasia is open to professionals working in the field of stroke or in kindred fields, who have an active interest in the work and aims of the Society.

Benefits of membership include:

1. Emailed copies of newsletters and registrations papers for the Annual Scientific Meeting
2. Discounted registration fee for the Annual Scientific Meeting
3. Eligibility to stand for office
4. Eligibility to apply for New Investigator Awards and Travel Awards
5. Discounted membership to the World Stroke Organisation
6. Full voting rights

A prospective member must be nominated and seconded by existing members, using the form downloadable from www.strokesociety.com.au. The annual subscription fee is currently \$82.50 (Australian dollars).

The aims of the Society are:

1. To further the study of all aspects of stroke
2. To improve standards of management of stroke in Australia and New Zealand
3. To foster investigation and research in all aspects of stroke
4. To disseminate and promote the exchange of information about stroke within Australia and New Zealand and with similar bodies overseas
5. To solicit and enlist financial support from any source to fund and promote scientific work within the field of stroke
6. To build capacity in the stroke academic and clinical workforce
7. To provide a vehicle for education and increasing knowledge about stroke
8. To provide forums for setting priorities in stroke and stroke research

New members are welcome!

For further information on SSA Membership, please contact:

SSA Secretariat
PO Box 576

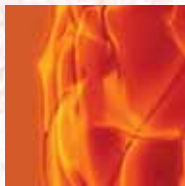
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Web: www.strokesociety.com.au



General Information

Registration Desk

The Registration Desk will be open from 0730 hours Wednesday, 1 September 2010 and located in the Ballroom Promenade, outside the Trade Exhibition Area at the Sofitel Melbourne on Collins. Staff at the Registration Desk will be happy to help with any queries.

Name Badges

All delegates will be given a name badge at registration. This badge will be the official pass to sessions, teas, lunches and official social functions. It is necessary for delegates to wear their name badges at all times when on-site.

Messages

A notice board will be placed near the Registration Desk where messages received for or between delegates can be displayed. Messages regarding the ASM and exhibition will also be placed here.

Credit Cards

Credit cards accepted at the Registration Desk are MasterCard, Visa and American Express. Note – Diners card is NOT accepted. The majority of hotels, restaurants and shops will accept all major credit cards.

Trade Exhibition and Internet Café

A trade exhibition will be held in the Melbourne Room, at the Sofitel Melbourne on Collins. Arrival tea & coffee, morning teas, lunches and afternoon teas will be served in this area to enable you to visit the exhibitors whose support to the ASM is much appreciated.

An Internet Café area will be available outside the trade exhibition, close to the Registration Desk.

Goods & Services Tax (GST)

Please note that all prices quoted throughout this document (registration fees, accommodation, social events, etc) are inclusive of GST. However, the tax invoice will not show the GST component on the accommodation as SSA and Conference Action are acting as agents only and pass the deposits received onto the accommodation venues. A tax invoice must be requested at the accommodation venues at check-out for GST purposes.

Insurance

Registration fees do not include insurance of any kind. As you will be incurring considerable expenses when attending this event, it is strongly recommended that you take out an insurance policy of your choice when booking your travel arrangements. The SSA 2010 ASM Secretariat cannot take any responsibility for any participant failing to arrange their own insurance. This insurance is to be purchased in your country of origin.

Parking

Sofitel Melbourne on Collins

Valet Parking for in-house guests is available at \$38.00 per 24 hours.

For all other delegates, car parking is available under the hotel in Collins Place Wilson Parking, which is accessible from Flinders Lane. The following rates are applicable and are subject to change without notice:

Under 0.5 hour :	\$3.00
0–1 hour:	\$15.00
1–2 hours :	\$36.00
2 hours+ :	\$48.00 (max p/day)
Sat, Sun & Public Hols:	\$4.00 per hour (max. \$16.00 per day)
Evening Rate (Mon – Fri):	\$4.00 per hour (max. \$16.00 per day) – entering after 1700 hours and exiting before 0600 hours

Rydges Melbourne

A discounted rate for in-house guests of \$15.00 per exit will be charged per car. This price is correct at the time of printing, however the car park is owned by Wilson's Parking and this rate is subject to change at their discretion.

Metropole Hotel Apartment

Free of charge 24 hours car park is available for in-house guests.

Travelodge Hotel

Car parking is available in the Southgate Public Car Park – adjacent to the hotel on Southgate Avenue (under the Langham Hotel) for guests staying at the Travelodge Hotel.

Car parking is \$12.00 for 24 hours (entry after 1200 hours midday on day of arrival and exit before 1200 hours midday on day of departure). Tickets can be validated at the Travelodge Hotel Reception. This rate is for a single entry and exit.

Disclaimer of Liability

The Organising Committee, including the SSA 2010 ASM Secretariat, will not accept liability for damages of any nature sustained by participants or their accompanying persons or loss of or damage to their personal property as a result of the meeting or related events.

Air Travel

Please visit the following websites for domestic airfares to Melbourne:

- www.jetstar.com
- www.qantas.com.au
- www.tigerairways.com
- www.virginblue.com.au

Registration Fees

FEES

	BEFORE OR ON 25/6/10	AFTER 25/6/10
Full ASM Registrations		
SSA Members	\$750.00	\$850.00
Non-Members	\$880.00	\$990.00
Students*, Nursing & Allied Health		
SSA Members	\$525.00	\$625.00
Non-Members	\$625.00	\$725.00
One Day Registrations		
SSA Members	\$325.00	\$375.00
Non-Members	\$355.00	\$405.00
Students*, Nursing & Allied Health		
SSA Members	\$275.00	\$325.00
Non-Members	\$300.00	\$350.00

*Student registrants must provide a copy of their student identification with their completed registration form.

Your registration fee includes:

Full ASM Registrations

- Entry to all scientific sessions
- Entry to trade exhibition & poster area
- Morning/afternoon teas and lunches during the Meeting
- Welcome Reception
- Gala Dinner
- Satchel
- Final Programme Book
- Abstract Book

One Day Registrations

- Entry to all scientific sessions on that day
- Entry to trade exhibition & poster area on that day
- Morning/afternoon tea and lunch on that day
- Satchel
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One Day Registrations do not include the Welcome Reception and/or the Gala Dinner; however registrants are welcome to purchase a ticket at the guest rate.

Method of Payment

- Register online at www.strokesociety.com.au (credit card payment required)
- Credit cards accepted are Mastercard, Visa and American Express (please note that Diners is NOT accepted)
- Payment of fees must accompany all registration forms
- All cheques, international bank drafts, money orders must be made payable to **"Stroke Society Australasia ASM"**
- Bank cheques and drafts must be drawn on a major branch of an Australian bank in Australian dollars
- If sending money via international transfer, all charges must be paid by the sender

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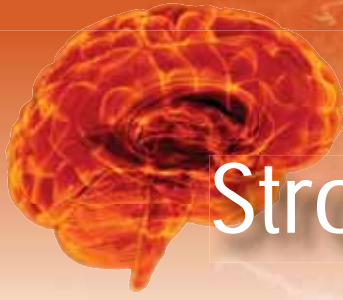
Registrations will be acknowledged via email within 10 working days, with confirmation of your requirements according to your registration form, together with a tax invoice receipt. Bookings will only be confirmed when payment is received.

Cancellation Policy

All cancellations or alterations should be put in writing to the SSA 2010 ASM Secretariat. Please note that there is no refund on accommodation bookings.

If cancellation is received in writing:

- By 4 July 2010 – \$100.00 cancellation fee will apply
- By 1 August 2010 – 50% of monies paid
- After 1 August 2010 – no refund of monies paid



Stroke 2010

1 – 3 September 2010
Sofitel Melbourne on Collins

Registration Form / Tax Invoice

ABN 35 568 897 464

Please complete and return to:
SSA 2010 ASM Secretariat, Conference Action Pty Ltd
PO Box 576, Crows Nest NSW 1585 AUSTRALIA
Tel: +61 2 9431 8699 Fax: +61 2 9431 8677
Email: ssa2010asm@conferenceaction.com.au

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Section A: Delegate

Title: _____ Given Name: _____ Surname: _____

Position: _____

Organisation: _____

Postal Address: _____

Suburb: _____ State: _____ Country: _____ Postcode: _____

Tel: () _____ Fax: () _____

Email: (Required for your emailed confirmation details) _____

Dietary Requirements: (Lactose intolerant, gluten free, dairy free etc) _____

Section B: Registration Fees

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~One Day Registration: please tick (✓) day of attendance Wed, 1 Sept Thur, 2 Sept Fri, 3 Sept

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TOTAL REGISTRATION FEES \$ _____

Section C: Accommodation

Date of arrival: ____ / 09 / 2010 Date of departure: ____ / 09 / 2010 No of Nights: _____

Room type: Please tick (✓) Single Double Twin Sharing with: _____

ACCOMMODATION VENUES	RATE PER NIGHT	MIN. DEPOSIT	PAYMENT
Sofitel Melbourne on Collins	\$285.00	\$285.00	\$ _____
Metropole 2 Bedroom Standard Apartments	\$315.00	\$315.00	\$ _____
Rydges Melbourne	\$175.00	\$175.00	\$ _____
Travelodge Southbank Melbourne Hotel	\$139.00	\$139.00	\$ _____
TOTAL ACCOMMODATION FEES			\$ _____

Section D: Breakfast Sessions Places are limited, please book early to avoid disappointment

Thursday, 2 September 2010 – Running concurrently from 0730 – 0830 hours

Session 1	Risk-Management of Post-Stroke Starvation	\$40.00	\$ _____
Session 2	Neurosurgical Perspectives of Acute Stroke Management	\$40.00	\$ _____
Session 3	The IRIS Australian Investigators Meeting	<input type="checkbox"/> I would like to attend the IRIS Breakfast	
TOTAL BREAKFAST SESSIONS			\$ _____

Section E: Workshops Please tick which workshop you would like to attend (one workshop only in each session)

Wednesday, 1 September 2010 – running concurrently from 1330 – 1500 hours

Session 1A	Australasian Academic Trials Update	ATTENDANCE
Session 1B	Guidelines 2010: Introduction and Implementation	<input type="checkbox"/>
		<input type="checkbox"/>

Thursday, 2 September 2010 – running concurrently from 1330 – 1500 hours

Session 2A	Small Vessel Disease	<input type="checkbox"/>
Session 2B	Spasticity – The Challenge of Reaching Consensus on Assessment and Management	<input type="checkbox"/>
Session 2C	Early Supported Discharge Services: Their Place in Stroke Rehabilitation	<input type="checkbox"/>

Friday, 3 September 2010 – running concurrently 1045 – 1215 hours

Session 3A	Advances in Palliative Care for Stroke Patients	<input type="checkbox"/>
Session 3B	Missing Data, Minding Data and Messing with Data in Stroke Studies	<input type="checkbox"/>

Section F: Social Events Please ensure you tick the boxes below. Failure to tick the boxes will result in non-attendance.

DATE	EVENT		COST	NO. OF TICKETS	PAYMENT
Wed, 1 Sept. 2010	Welcome Reception	Full Delegate	N/A	Attending YES <input type="checkbox"/> or NO <input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____
		Guest	\$70.00	x No of tickets _____	
Thur, 2 Sept. 2010	Fun Run	Full Delegate	N/A	Attending YES <input type="checkbox"/> or NO <input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____
		Guest	N/A	Attending YES <input type="checkbox"/> or NO <input type="checkbox"/>	
Thur, 2 Sept. 2010	Gala Dinner	Full Delegate	N/A	Attending YES <input type="checkbox"/> or NO <input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____
		Guest	\$135.00	x No of tickets _____	
TOTAL SOCIAL EVENTS					\$ _____

Section G: Total Payment

All cheques and bank drafts must be in Australian dollars & drawn on an Australian bank.

Please make payable to **Stroke Society of Australasia ASM**

Payment Section B	Registration Fees.....	\$ _____
Payment Section C	Accommodation	\$ _____
Payment Section D	Breakfast Sessions.....	\$ _____
Payment Section F	Social Events.....	\$ _____
TOTAL PAYMENT DUE		\$ _____

Section H: Credit Card Payment

Please tick (✓) box: MasterCard Visa AMEX (Please note Diners is NOT accepted)

Cardholder Name: _____ Expiry Date: ____ / ____

Card Number:

Signature: _____ Date: _____

PRIVACY CLAUSE: In registering for this ASM relevant details will be incorporated into a delegate list (name & organisation only) and may be made available to parties directly related to the ASM including SSA, Organising Committees, accommodation providers (for the purpose of room bookings only) and key sponsors. A delegate list will be made available to all delegates at the ASM. This information will also be added to a database for future SSA Annual Scientific Meetings.

I do not wish my details to be added to this database.