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**2007**  
SPINE SOCIETY  
OF AUSTRALIA  
CONFERENCE

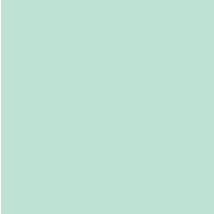


International Guest Speaker

**Dr Eugene Carragee**  
**California, USA**

Hotel Grand Chancellor  
HOBART, AUSTRALIA

Friday 20 – Sunday 22 April 2007



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## 2007 SPINE SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA CONFERENCE

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- ▶ We can arrange & book alternative accommodation other than the allocated conference accommodation – subject to availability
- ▶ Can organise pre or post leisure accommodation if you are thinking of extending your time in Hobart
- ▶ Can also arrange your pre or post leisure tours & activities

## MEETING SCHEDULE

### Monday 8 January 2007

Closing date for receipt of abstract

**NB – abstracts received later than 1700hrs EST WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED**

### Friday 16 March 2007

Closing date for Early Registration Fee

### Monday 5 February 2007

Confirmation of abstracts acceptance forwarded

**Please complete the registration form, detach and forward via post or fax to Taylorred Images. (We suggest you keep a copy for your records).**

On-line registration is also available via the web site [www.taylorredimages.com.au](http://www.taylorredimages.com.au)

To access the conference site proceed to "conference/event icon," click on the "conference & events icon," and scroll down to "forth coming events – 2007" and select the "**Spine Society of Australia Conference.**" This secure site contains all the information regarding your conference; this is a secure website so you can register securely on-line using your credit card.



# CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

## SUBMISSION METHOD

Abstract submissions will be **accepted online ONLY** through the abstract submission form found on the conference website [www.taylorandimgames.com.au](http://www.taylorandimgames.com.au) or at [www.spinesociety.org.au](http://www.spinesociety.org.au)

To access the conference website click on the "conference/events" icon, scroll down to "Forthcoming events – 2007" and select the "**Spine Society of Australia Conference**." This secure site contains all the information regarding your conference, allows you to register securely online and **submit your online abstract**.

## PRESENTATION LENGTH

Papers selected should be suitable for a **10 minute presentation** with an additional allocation of **5 minutes for questions & answers**.

Abstracts submitted for oral and poster presentation maybe accepted as a full length oral presentation or as a short oral presentation in the poster session of the program. This will be a **5 minute oral presentation using no more then 8 slides including the title slide**.

## SUBMISSION DEADLINE

Please return abstracts no later than **1700 EST on Monday 8 January 2007**. Abstracts received after this date **will not** be accepted. Please note all selected presenters must register for the conference to be eligible to present. The conference committee regrets that it is unable to meet any travel or reimbursement of expenses incurred.

## NOTIFICATION TO AUTHORS

All abstract submissions will be judged by the conference committee and you will be notified by email of the committee's decision after **Monday 5 February 2007**.

## LEGAL REQUIREMENTS FOR PUBLICATION

Submission of your abstract implies your consent to the abstract, if accepted, being published in the Orthopaedic Publication Supplement of the JBJS (B) and on the JBJS Website.

# ABSTRACT

## GENERAL GUIDELINES

The abstract should provide sufficient information to allow the reader to assess fully the aims, methods, results and implications of the work undertaken. Each submission must be original work that has not been published previously. **The abstract should include the following sections:**

- ▶ **Introduction** – the purpose of the study and a brief overview of relevant literature/current state of research in the field
- ▶ **Methods** – a short explanation of data collection and processing
- ▶ **Results** – presented in the form of text only. Important statistical results (small p values or correlation coefficients) should be included
- ▶ **Discussion** – major findings and conclusions from the work including implications for further research

It is important that methods and results are clearly defined in the abstract; therefore, general statements such as “results will be presented” are not acceptable. When a procedure or method is stated to have “advantages,” those advantages should be defined. Abstracts that simply summarise results without defining objectives and methods are equally undesirable.

Abstracts will be limited to no more than 550 words.

## FIGURES AND TABLES

Figures and tables will not be accepted. Abstracts will be accepted as non formatted text only. Any tables should be converted to descriptive text.

## REFERENCES

- ▶ Minimise the number of references
- ▶ References are to be assigned a number in parenthesis after the appropriate detail e.g. Jones <sup>1</sup>, technique <sup>2-4,6</sup> or if superscription is not available Jones (1), technique (2-4,6) List references at the end of the abstract according to the style –  
1. Author, A.N. and Other, A.N., Title of Paper, Journal, vol: pp-pp, year

## STATEMENT OF INTEREST

The Spine Society of Australia is committed to providing a transparent statement of interest (financial or otherwise) that an author may have. All papers will be selected for presentation on academic merit only and the reviewers will not have access to the statement of interest. The statement of interest will be used to produce a standard format slide which must be the second slide of an author's presentation. Details of the statement of interest can be found on the abstract submission website.

# 2007 SPINE SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA CONFERENCE DELEGATE REGISTRATION & ACCOMMODATION BOOKING FORM

## SECTION A – DELEGATE'S PERSONAL DETAILS

SSA Member

SSA Non Member

Title:  Prof.  Assoc. Prof.  Dr  Mr  Ms  Miss  Mrs

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Given Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Name for Name Badge: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: Work (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ A / H: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

Facsimile: Work (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Detail: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_

## SECTION B – ACCOMPANYING PERSONS' DETAILS

Adults Name: \_\_\_\_\_

*(To appear on Name Badge)*

Children Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

## SECTION C – SPECIAL DIETARY REQUIREMENTS

Please indicate person's name and specify their special dietary requirement  
(eg: vegetarian, coeliac)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Dietary Requirement: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Dietary Requirement: \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete the following registration form, detach and forward via post or fax to [www.spine.org.au](http://www.spine.org.au)

## SECTION D – ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation **IS** required       Accommodation is **NOT** required

*(If accommodation is NOT required, we request you supply us your alternative accommodation contact details in the event of an emergency)*

Name / Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Hotel Grand Chancellor** (1 Davey Street, Hobart, TASMANIA, 7000)

**Standard Room @ \$180.00 per room per night**

Special Requests:  Non Smoking                       Smoking                       Disabled Facilities

Ground Floor                       Cot (Charges may apply)

Other \_\_\_\_\_

If you are twin sharing please indicate the name of the person with whom you are sharing

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NB. All Bookings & Amendments made after **16 March 2007** will incur a **\$33.00** service fee

Day & Date of Arrival: \_\_\_\_\_ / April 2007

Day & Date of Departure: \_\_\_\_\_ / April 2007

A **credit card guarantee for the first night's room rate must be provided** with your registration to guarantee accommodation. Your credit card number will be passed to the accommodation venue but will not be debited unless you fail to arrive on the date indicated without having advised Taylored Images of your change in plans. If you are paying by cheque please include one night's accommodation with your payment.

**Please Note: Accommodation cancellations within 30 days will incur a cancellation fee equivalent to the full stay of each room cancelled as per hotel terms & conditions**

## SECTION F – REGISTRATION FEES

### DELEGATE REGISTRATION

Early Member Registration on/before Friday 16 March 2007	\$690.00 <input type="checkbox"/>
Normal Member Registration after Friday 16 March 2007	\$850.00 <input type="checkbox"/>
Non Member Registration	\$900.00 <input type="checkbox"/>
Registrar / Trainee	\$600.00 <input type="checkbox"/>
Scientific Registration*	\$420.00 <input type="checkbox"/>

\* Proof required — a letter from head of department / institution must accompany your registration to process

**Inclusions** – Attendance at all scientific sessions, daily breakfast, morning and afternoon refreshments, luncheons, welcome cocktail reception and conference dinner as listed in the program and conference documentation.

### Registrar / Trainee Registration (Per Day Only)

(Please tick which day/s you will be attending)

- Friday Inclusions;** Attendance at all scientific sessions, lunch, afternoon refreshments & welcome cocktail reception **\$330.00**
- Saturday Inclusions;** Attendance at all scientific sessions, breakfast, morning refreshments, lunch, afternoon refreshments & conference dinner **\$380.00**
- Sunday Inclusions;** Attendance at all scientific sessions, breakfast, morning refreshments **\$290.00**

NB: A Cancellation fee of \$150 shall apply if you cancel your conference registration 30 days prior to the conference

## SECTION G – OPTIONAL PARTNER SOCIAL FUNCTIONS

Welcome Cocktail Reception Friday 20 April 2007 **\$100.00**

Please indicate yours partner's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Conference Dinner Saturday 21 April 2007 **\$135.00**

Please indicate yours partner's name: \_\_\_\_\_

## ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

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## PAYMENT

Section D – Accommodation Deposit\* \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \*

(\*ONLY NECESSARY IF PAYMENT IS MADE BY CHEQUE)

Accommodation Service Fee after 16/03/07 @ \$33.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Section F – Registration Fees \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Section G – Optional Partner Functions \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## PAYMENT METHOD

**Cheque:** Please forward your cheque made payable to “**Taylorred Images–SSA 2007**”

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## CONFERENCE & ACCOMMODATION VENUE

### HOTEL GRAND CHANCELLOR

(1 Davey Street, Hobart, TASMANIA, 7000)

Located right on the waterfront in Hobart, just a stone's throw from the central business district and all of Hobart's many tourist attractions, Hotel Grand Chancellor Hobart offers the ultimate in accommodation with panoramic views over the Derwent River, Mount Wellington and the city.

Here all the facilities you would expect of a superior hotel are at your disposal with services such as lobby shops, hair salon, tour desk and valet parking. All rooms now have broadband access.

The Hotel Grand Chancellor Hobart is the ideal base for your Tasmanian Conference.

## HOTEL CANCELLATION POLICY— ACCOMMODATION

CANCELLATIONS WITHIN 30 DAYS WILL INCUR A CANCELLATION FEE EQUIVALENT TO THE FULL STAY OF EACH ROOM CANCELLED.

## AIR TRAVEL

**CORPORATE TRAVEL MANAGEMENT** has been appointed the official travel agency for your conference. Early booking is advised to ensure the BEST possible airfares available.

**CORPORATE TRAVEL MANAGEMENT** will ensure you are offered the "*best-available airfares of the day*" to ensure the best value for money in travelling to your conference. Please note strict terms and conditions are applicable to discount airfares.

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**Email: [groups@travelctm.com](mailto:groups@travelctm.com)**

An on-line **travel enquiry form** is also available by clicking **[www.travelctm.com/enq/SSA07.htm](http://www.travelctm.com/enq/SSA07.htm)**

**PLEASE QUOTE CONFERENCE CODE "SSA2007" when making your travel booking, this code must be quoted to access the specially designated Conference Airfares.**



## AWARDS

TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE SPINAL RESEARCH AWARD (AS BELOW)

### SPINAL RESEARCH AWARD

SPONSOR – MEDTRONIC SOFAMOR DANEK

This award consists of a certificate and a prize of AUD\$8,000 for the most outstanding contribution in the field of basic science, biomechanics or clinical studies of the spine, presented at the 2007 Conference, to be held in Hobart, 20 – 22 April 2007.

Papers are required to be in a form ready for submission to a scientific journal and must contain original material not previously published or presented at a major meeting. Multiple authors are acceptable. One of the authors will be required to present the paper at the meeting at their own expense and this person must be nominated at the time of submission of the article.

One original and five copies of each paper, in full, must reach the address below no later than Monday 8 January 2007. Authors are also requested to submit an abstract via the online submission process.

The address for submission of entries is:

**2007 SSA Conference  
C/- Taylored Images  
PO BOX 247  
ASHGROVE QLD 4060  
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ALL PRESENTATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED FOR THE FOLLOWING AWARDS:

### ROB JOHNSTON AWARD

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This award consists of a certificate and a prize of AUD\$1000, which is partially funded through the Rob Johnston Trust Fund. It will be awarded to the best presentation by a Trainee or Fellow at the Annual Scientific Conference from the Spine Society of Australia.

### BEST PRESENTATION AWARD

SPONSOR – MEDTRONIC SOFAMOR DANEK

This Award of AUD\$2,000 for the best paper presented by a member of the Spine Society of Australia at the conference will be offered again in 2007. The winner of the Award will be judged by the Scientific Program Committee.

### BEST POSTER AWARD

SPONSOR – ORTHOTECH

This Award of AUD\$1,000 for the best poster presented at the conference will be offered again in 2007. The winner of the Award will be judged by the Scientific Program Committee.



# PRELIMINARY PROGRAM OVERVIEW

## FRIDAY 20 APRIL

- 0700 – 1800 Registration  
0900 – 1200 Executive Meeting  
1200 – 1300 **Welcome Luncheon** – Industry Exhibition Area  
1300 – 1315 Formal opening  
1315 – 1530 Scientific Session 1  
1530 – 1600 **Afternoon Refreshments** – Industry Exhibition Area  
1600 – 1730 Poster Presentation Session  
1745 – 1930 **Welcome Cocktail Reception** – Industry Exhibition Area

## SATURDAY 21 APRIL

- 0715 – 0830 Walk through **Continental Breakfast** with the Industry  
0830 – 1030 Scientific Session 2  
1030 – 1100 **Morning Refreshments** – Industry Exhibition Area  
1100 – 1230 Symposium  
1230 – 1330 **Working Luncheon** – Industry Exhibition Area  
1330 – 1500 Debate  
1500 – 1530 **Afternoon Refreshments** – Industry Exhibition Area  
1530 – 1730 Scientific Session 3  
1730 **Business Meeting 1**  
1900 **Conference Dinner** – Meadow Bank Winery

## SUNDAY 22 APRIL

- 0730 – 0900 Walk through **Continental Breakfast** with the Industry  
0800 – 0900 **Business Meeting 2**  
0900 – 1100 Scientific Session 4  
1100 – 1130 **Morning Refreshments** – Industry Exhibition Area  
1130 – 1230 Scientific Session 5  
**Close of Program**



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