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
Taylored Images is proud to be appointed the conference meeting event management company for the

**2007 SPINE SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA CONFERENCE**

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**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 Taylored Images. (We suggest you keep a copy for your records).

On-line registration is also available via the web site www.tayloredimages.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.tayloredimages.com.au or at www.spinesociety.org.au

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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 \(^1\), technique \(^2-4,6\) or if superscription is not available Jones (1), technique (2-4,6) List references at the end of the abstract according to the style –

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.
SECTION A – DELEGATE’S PERSONAL DETAILS

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

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☐ 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
Normal Member Registration after Friday 16 March 2007 $850.00
Non Member Registration $900.00
Registrar / Trainee $600.00
Scientific Registration* $420.00

* 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

Conference Dinner Saturday 21 April 2007 $135.00

Please indicate yours partner’s name: ____________________________
ADDITIONAL COMMENTS


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 “Taylored 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

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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.

Conference Airfares are subject to specific airfare type and seating class availability.

ALL delegates are urged to contact CTM on TOLLFREE: 1800 630 866 (within Australia) or 0011 61 7 3211 2400 (International) or Email: groups@travelctm.com

An on-line travel enquiry form is also available by clicking 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
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ASHGROVE QLD 4060
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ALL PRESENTATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED FOR THE FOLLOWING AWARDS:

ROB JOHNSTON AWARD
SPONSOR – SPINE SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA

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
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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