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2008
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CONFERENCE

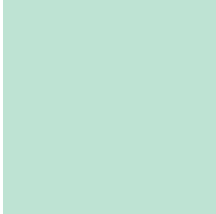


International Guest Speaker

Professor Dieter Grob
Zurich, Switzerland

Hilton Hotel
ADELAIDE, AUSTRALIA

Friday 18 – Sunday 20 April 2008



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

2008 SPINE SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA CONFERENCE

We are your one stop shop for your conference, & beyond.

Right from the planning stages to your return home.

We can...

- ▶ Arrange your travel to arrive in Adelaide and return home through our official travel agency – Corporate Travel Management
- ▶ If you wish to stay longer than the duration of your conference we will organise your additional accommodation
- ▶ Arrange & book alternative accommodation other than the allocated conference accommodation – subject to availability
- ▶ Organise pre or post leisure accommodation if you are thinking of extending your time in Adelaide
- ▶ Arrange your pre or post leisure tours & activities

MEETING SCHEDULE

Taylorred Images is *Interactive*. This enables you to view & amend your existing data on the conference database. The procedure streamlines your registration process offering ease & efficiency.

***Interactive* is “live”;** allowing new & existing conference delegates to register; submit abstracts, book accommodation and much more.

Interactive increases accuracy & supplies you with an automatic summary & confirmation of your registration instantly upon submission.

IMPORTANT DATES

Friday 11 January 2008

Closing date for receipt of abstract

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

Friday 14 March 2008

Closing date for Early Registration Fee

Monday 18 February 2008

Confirmation of abstracts acceptance forwarded

LIVE INTERACTIVE CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

PREVIOUS SSA DELEGATES – WITH EMAIL

If Taylorred Images has your email address, you will receive a personal access key. This key is your unique login to access your existing personal data. Upon entering the site, the interactive session begins (refer below).

NEW OR SSA DELEGATES – WITHOUT EMAIL

Please follow the procedure below:

INTERACTIVE REGISTRATION PROCEDURE

Visit www.taylorredimages.com.au. Click on the 'conferences/events' icon, scroll down to 'Forthcoming Events – 2008' and select your conference. From there, click on 'Register Securely Online'. This site contains all the information regarding the conference; this is a secure website so you can register securely online using your credit card.

Interactive allows you to revisit & amend your registration even once you have registered, until **Friday 14 March 08**.

Alternatively complete the registration form, detach and forward via post or fax to Taylorred Images. (Keep a copy for your records).



CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

SUBMISSION METHOD

It is highly recommended that all authors read the presentation on 'How to write a better abstract' (www.spinesociety.org.au/better-abstracts) prior to submitting their abstract.

Abstract submissions will be **accepted online ONLY** through the abstract submission form found on the conference website www.tayloredimages.com.au to access the conference website click on the 'conference/events' icon, scroll down to 'Forthcoming events – 2008' and select the '**Spine Society of Australia Conference**'. Or at www.spinesociety.org.au.

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 may be 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 than 8 slides including the title slide**.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE

Please return abstracts no later than **1700 EST on Friday 11 January 2008**. 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 Scientific Program Committee. Authors may be provided with an opportunity to revise abstracts, prior to a final decision regarding acceptance. Authors who submitted abstracts for oral presentation may be offered poster presentations.

Authors will be notified by email of the committee's decision regarding the need for revision by **Monday 28 January 2008**. Revisions, if requested must be returned to the Editorial Secretary by **1700 EST on Friday 8 February 2008**. Authors will be notified of abstract acceptance by **Monday 18 February 2008**.

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 SSA 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, graphics or tables. 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 after the appropriate detail. As an example: Jones (1), technique (2-4, 6) List references at the end of the abstract according to the style – I. 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.

2008 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 Details:

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 Taylor@Images.com.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: _____

Hilton Adelaide Hotel (233 Victoria Square, Adelaide, SA, 5000)

Guest Room @ \$195.00 per room per night

Deluxe Room @ \$235.00 per room per night

Executive Room @ \$295.00 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

NB. All Bookings & Amendments made after **14 March 2008** will incur a **\$33.00** service fee

Day & Date of Arrival: _____ / April 2008

Day & Date of Departure: _____ / April 2008

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 made after Friday 14 March will incur a cancellation fee equivalent to the full stay of each room cancelled as per hotel terms & conditions.

SECTION E – REGISTRATION FEES

DELEGATE REGISTRATION

Early Member Registration on/before Friday 14 March 2008	\$640.00 <input type="checkbox"/>
Normal Member Registration after Friday 14 March 2008	\$750.00 <input type="checkbox"/>
Non Member Registration	\$750.00 <input type="checkbox"/>
Registrar / Trainee	\$540.00 <input type="checkbox"/>
Scientific Registration*	\$320.00 <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 **\$250.00**
- Saturday Inclusions;** Attendance at all scientific sessions, breakfast, morning refreshments, lunch, afternoon refreshments & conference dinner **\$300.00**
- Sunday Inclusions;** Attendance at all scientific sessions, breakfast, morning refreshments **\$200.00**

NB: A Cancellation fee of \$150 shall apply if you cancel your conference registration is cancelled prior to Friday 21 March 2008, after this date no refunds will be granted.

SECTION F – OPTIONAL PARTNER SOCIAL FUNCTIONS

Welcome Cocktail Reception Friday 18 April 2008 **\$80.00**

Please indicate yours partner's name: _____

Conference Dinner Saturday 19 April 2008 **\$120.00**

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 14/03/08 @ \$33.00 \$ _____

Section E – Registration Fees \$ _____

Section F – Optional Partner Functions \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE \$ _____

PAYMENT METHOD

Cheque: Please forward your cheque made payable to “**Taylorred Images–SSA 2008**”

Credit Card: MasterCard Visa Diners Club Amex

Cardholder's Name: _____ Expiry Date: ____ / ____

Card Number: _____

CVV (Creditcard Validation Value): ____ ____ ____ this is a 3 or 4 digit code embossed or imprinted on the reverse side of Visa and Mastercard and on the front of American Express Cards.

Cardholder Signature: _____ Date: ____ / ____

Payment via credit card, **Taylorred Images** will appear on your next statement as a service provider.



CONFERENCE & ACCOMMODATION VENUE

HILTON ADELAIDE HOTEL

(233 Victoria Square, Adelaide, SA 5000)

Located in the heart of the city, 10 minutes' drive from Adelaide Airport, the Hilton Adelaide hotel offers exquisite contemporary guest rooms some boasting city and mountain views in an ideal central location.

While at the hotel relax by the outdoor swimming pool, wind down in the sauna, work out in the exercise room or enjoy a game of tennis.

The Hotel also offers exceptional dining at award winning The Grange Restaurant.

Feel like some sight seeing? Catch a tram to seaside Glenelg from the doorstep of this city centre hotel, adjacent to popular Adelaide attractions like the Central Market.

HOTEL CANCELLATION POLICY— ACCOMMODATION

ACCOMMODATION CANCELLATIONS MADE AFTER FRIDAY 14 MARCH WILL INCUR A CANCELLATION FEE EQUIVALENT TO THE FULL STAY OF EACH ROOM CANCELLED AS PER HOTEL TERMS & CONDITIONS.

AIR TRAVEL

The longer you wait to book your flights – the more you potentially pay!

To see **ALL flight options** to the **2008 Spine Society of Australia Conference** on a single computer screen: use Taylored Images preferred travel provider Corporate Travel Management's latest flight booking technology at www.travelctm.com/bookings

Alternatively, contact CTM direct for the best airfares available to your conference on **1800 630 866** or e-mail: groups@travelctm.com

PLEASE REMEMBER TO QUOTE CONFERENCE CODE – “SSA2008” when making your travel booking, this code must be quoted to access the specially designated Conference Airfares.

AWARDS

TRAVELLING SPINAL CLINICAL BURSARY

SPONSOR – DEPUY SPINE

The DePuy Spine Clinical Fellowship Bursary is designed to encourage and promote the pursuit of dedicated Clinical Spine Fellowship Training. The Bursary funds are aimed to assist the successful applicants with the costs associated with attending an overseas fellow program.

There are 5 individual Bursaries available for 2008, each valued at **AUD\$15,000**. To be eligible for consideration to be awarded a Bursary, applicants must be a current Australian or New Zealand Orthopaedic or Neurosurgical Trainee and have an overseas Spinal Surgical Fellowship program arranged to start at the end of training. For further information please look under prizes and Fellowships at www.spinesociety.org.au.

SPINAL RESEARCH AWARD

SPONSOR – MEDTRONIC

This award consists of a certificate and a prize of **AUD\$10,000** for the most outstanding contribution in the field of basic science, biomechanics or clinical studies of the spine, presented at the 2008 Conference, to be held in Adelaide, 18 – 20 April 2008.

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.

Papers should be submitted in PDF format by email no later than 1500 hrs Friday 11 January 2008 to 2008ssa@tayloredimages.com.au

Questions regarding this award should be addressed to:

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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\$1,000**, 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

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 2008. 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 paper presented by a member of the Spine Society of Australia at the conference will be offered again in 2008. The winner of the Award will be judged by the Scientific Program Committee.



PRELIMINARY PROGRAM OVERVIEW

FRIDAY 20 APRIL

0830 – 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	Moderated Poster Session
1730 – 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	President's Session
1230 – 1330	Working Luncheon – Industry Exhibition Area
1330 – 1500	Scientific Session 3
1500 – 1530	Afternoon Refreshments – Industry Exhibition Area
1530 – 1700	Scientific Session 4
1700 – 1800	Business Meeting 1
1845 – 2300	Conference Dinner – National Wine Centre of Australia

SUNDAY 22 APRIL

0730 – 0900	Walk through Continental Breakfast with the Industry
0800 – 0900	Business Meeting 2
0900 – 1030	Scientific Session 5
1030 – 1100	Morning Refreshments – Industry Exhibition Area
1100 – 1200	Scientific Session 6
1200 – 1230	Presentations
	Close of Program



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