2009
SPINE SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA CONFERENCE

International Guest Speakers
Dr Marcel Dvorak,
Dr Tom Oxland, Dr Charles Fisher
Vancouver, Canada

Sofitel
BRISBANE, AUSTRALIA
Friday 17 – Sunday 19 April 2009
Taylored Images is proud to be appointed the conference meeting event management company for the

2009 SPINE SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA CONFERENCE

We can…

› Assist with your travel arrangements to Brisbane through our official travel agency, Corporate Travel Management;
› Book alternative accommodation to the allocated conference accommodation, subject to availability;
› Organise accommodation for an extended stay in Brisbane before or after the conference; and
› Arrange leisure tours & activities before or after the conference.

MEETING SCHEDULE

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

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

IMPORTANT DATES

Friday 09 January 2009
Closing date for receipt of abstract

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

Friday 13 March 2009
Closing date for Early Registration

Monday 16 February 2009
Confirmation of abstracts acceptance forwarded

LIVE INTERACTIVE CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

PREVIOUS SSA DELEGATES – WITH EMAIL

If Taylored 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.tayloredimages.com.au, click on the ‘Conferences / Events’ icon, scroll down to ‘Forthcoming Events – 2009’ and select your conference. Click on ‘Register Securely Online’. This site contains all the information regarding the conference. This is a secure website so you can register online using your credit card.

Interactive allows you to revisit & amend your registration until Friday 13 March 09.

Alternatively complete the registration form provided and mail or fax it to Taylored Images.
CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

SUBMISSION METHOD
It is highly recommended that all authors read the presentation on, ‘How to write a better abstract’ at www.spinesociety.org.au, 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 – 2009’ and select the ‘Spine Society of Australia Conference.’ Alternatively go directly to www.spinesociety.org.au.

PRESENTATION LENGTH
Papers selected should be suitable for an 8 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 then 8 slides including the title slide.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE
Please return abstracts no later than 1700 EST on Friday 09 January 2009. 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 26 January 2009. Revisions, if requested, must be returned to the Editorial Secretary by 1700 EST on Friday 06 February 2009. Authors will be notified of abstract acceptance by Monday 16 February 2009.

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; and
- **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; and
- 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 – 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.
2009 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: _____________ Email: _____________________________________________

Telephone: Work (      ) ___________________  A / H (      ) ______________________

Facsimile: Work (      ) ____________________  Mobile __________________________

Emergency Contact Details:
Name: _________________________________________________________________
Relationship: _____________________________ Telephone: (      ) __________________

SECTION B – ACCOMPANYING PERSON’S DETAILS

Adult’s Name: ____________________________________________________________

(To appear on Name Badge)

Children’s Name: __________________________________________ Age: ___________

Name: __________________________________________ Age: ___________

SECTION C – SPECIAL DIETARY REQUIREMENTS

Please indicate person’s name and specify their special dietary requirement

Name: ________________________________ Dietary Requirement: ______________

Name: ________________________________ Dietary Requirement: ______________
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: ______________________________________________

Sofitel Brisbane (249 Turbot Street, Brisbane, QLD, 4000)

☐ Superior Suite @ $220.00 per room per night
☐ Luxury Suite @ $265.00 per room per night
☐ Luxury Club Suite @ $320.00 per room per night

Special Requests: ☐ Non Smoking  ☐ Smoking  ☐ Disabled Facilities
☐ Ground Floor  ☐ Cot (Charges may apply)
☐ Request early Check In
☐ Guarantee early Check In (charge additional night’s fee)
☐ Request late Check Out
☐ Guarantee late Check Out (charged additional night’s fee)
☐ Other __________________________________________________

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

NB: All Bookings & Amendments made after 13 March 2009 will incur a $33.00 service fee

Day & Date of Arrival: _____________________________ / April 2009
Day & Date of Departure: ___________________________/ April 2009

A credit card 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 13 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 13 March 2009 $500.00 □
Normal Member Registration after Friday 13 March 2009 $650.00 □
Non Member Registration on / before Friday 13 March 2009 $650.00 □
Non Member Registration after Friday 13 March 2009 $750.00 □
Registrar / Trainee $450.00 □
Scientific Registration* on / before Friday 13 March 2009 $250.00 □
Scientific Registration* after Friday 13 March 2009 $325.00 □

* 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 $225.00 □
☐ Saturday Inclusions: Attendance at all scientific sessions, breakfast, morning refreshments, lunch, afternoon refreshments & conference dinner $250.00 □
☐ Sunday Inclusions: Attendance at all scientific sessions, breakfast, morning refreshments $175.00 □

NB: A Cancellation fee of $200 shall apply if your registration is cancelled prior to Friday 13 March 2009, after this date no refunds will be granted.

SECTION F – OPTIONAL PARTNER SOCIAL FUNCTIONS

Welcome Cocktail Reception Friday 17 April 2009 $80.00 □
Please indicate your partner’s name: ___________________________________________

Conference Dinner Saturday 18 April 2009 $130.00 □
Please indicate your 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 13/03/09 @ $33.00  $______________
Section E – Registration Fees  $______________
Section F – Optional Partner Functions  $______________

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE  $______________

PAYMENT METHOD

☐ Cheque: Please forward your cheque made payable to Taylored Images – SSA 2009
☐ Credit Card:  ☐ MasterCard  ☐ Visa  ☐ Diners Club  ☐ Amex

Cardholder’s Name: _____________________________________________ Expiry Date: ____ / ____

Card Number: ___ ___ ___ ___   ___ ___ ___ ___   ___ ___ ___ ___   ___ ___ ___ ___

CVV (Credit card 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, Taylored Images will appear on your next statement as a service provider.
CONFERENCE & ACCOMMODATION VENUE

SOFITEL BRISBANE HOTEL (249 Turbot Street, Brisbane, QLD, 4000)

The Sofitel Brisbane is located in the heart of Brisbane’s lively central business district and glamorous shopping precinct. The first international hotel to grace the Brisbane landscape, the Sofitel has newly emerged from a multi-million-dollar renovation, and offers five star luxury and convenience.

The elegantly appointed rooms and suites are complemented by the finest personal luxuries to make this one of Brisbane’s best accommodation experiences with additional services available to make your stay all the more memorable: four dining and entertainment venues, an award winning team of chefs, health and fitness centre, spa, hotel masseur and a 12 metre heated pool. Club Sofitel Lounge, on the top floor; offers a fully equipped business centre, babysitting service and a hair salon.

AIR TRAVEL

To see all flight options to the ‘2009 Fundamentals of Spine Surgery’ and ‘2009 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 – “SSA2009” when making your travel booking. This code must be quoted to access the specially designated Conference Airfares.

HOTEL CANCELLATION POLICY – ACCOMMODATION

ACCOMMODATION CANCELLATIONS MADE AFTER FRIDAY 13 MARCH WILL INCUR A CANCELLATION FEE EQUIVALENT TO THE FULL STAY OF EACH ROOM CANCELLED AS PER HOTEL TERMS AND CONDITIONS.
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 2009, 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 2009 conference, to be held in Brisbane, 16 – 19 April 2009.

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 09 January 2009 to 2009ssa@tayloredimages.com.au.

Questions regarding this award should be addressed to:
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C/– Taylored Images
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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$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, by 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 2009. 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 2009. The winner of the award will be judged by the Scientific Program Committee.
PRELIMINARY PROGRAM OVERVIEW

THURSDAY 16 APRIL

0830 – 1700  
Fundamentals in Spine Surgery (separate registration)

1700 – 1800  
Registration annual meeting

FRIDAY 17 APRIL

0715 – 0900  
Walk through continental breakfast with industry

0900 – 0915  
Formal opening

0915 – 1030  
Scientific Session 1

1030 – 1045  
Morning refreshments – Industry Exhibition Area

1045 – 1200  
Scientific Session 2

1200 – 1300  
Working luncheon – Industry Exhibition Area

1315 – 1530  
Scientific Session 3

1530 – 1600  
Afternoon refreshments – Industry Exhibition Area

1600 – 1730  
Moderated Poster Session

1730 – 1930  
Welcome Cocktail Reception – Industry Exhibition Area

SATURDAY 18 APRIL

0715 – 0930  
Walk through continental breakfast with industry

0930 – 1030  
Scientific Session 4

1030 – 1100  
Morning refreshments – Industry Exhibition Area

1100 – 1230  
President’s Session

1230 – 1330  
Working luncheon – Industry Exhibition Area

1330 – 1500  
Scientific Session 5

1500 – 1530  
Afternoon refreshments – Industry Exhibition Area

1530 – 1700  
Scientific Session 6

1700 – 1800  
Business Meeting 1

1845 – 2300  
Conference Dinner

SUNDAY 19 APRIL

0730 – 0900  
Walk through continental breakfast with industry

0800 – 0900  
Business Meeting 2

0900 – 1030  
Scientific Session 7

1030 – 1100  
Morning refreshments – Industry Exhibition Area

1100 – 1200  
Scientific Session 8

1200 – 1230  
Presentations

Close of Program
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