CALL FOR PAPERS

AUSTRALIAN RHEUMATOLOGY ASSOCIATION
WITH THE RHEUMATOLOGY HEALTH PROFESSIONALS ASSOCIATION

GRAND CHANCELLOR HOTEL
Hobart, Tasmania
17-20 MAY 2014
The Organising Committee of the 55th ARA and RHPA Annual Scientific Meeting is delighted to invite you to Hobart, Tasmania on May 17 -20, 2014. The meeting will be held at the Hotel Grand Chancellor overlooking the beautiful Hobart harbour with conference dinner at the spectacular Museum of Old and New Art (MONA). The meeting will feature some common Victoria-Tasmania interest areas including Osteoarthritis, Ankylosing Spondylitis and models of care in rheumatology. Dynamic and engaging international speakers will be featured, including Professor Dan Clauw (USA) speaking about Fibromyalgia, Pain and Osteoarthritis and Professor Chris Ritchlin (USA) speaking about Psoriatic Arthritis. Paediatric and Adult SLE as well as transitional care will be a strong focus with international speakers Professor Hermine Brunner (Canada) Paediatric SLE and Professor Shuang Ye (Shanghai, China) providing insights from a very large cohort of Asian SLE patients. Professor Lorimer Mosely, an outstanding Australian researcher and speaker from Adelaide will present his work on aberrant pain maps. The program will be supported by a range of our own excellent local researchers and speakers. The Paediatric Satellite Meeting will directly follow the main ASM and will be held close by on the Hobart harbour at the stylish Henry Jones Art Hotel and once again feature international invited speaker, Professor Hermine Brunner (Canada). We hope that you can save the date and join us in Hobart 2014 for what is likely to be a high quality meeting in all of the important domains scientific, culinary, aesthetic and above all fellowship and friendship.

A/Prof Michelle Leech
Convenor, ARA 55th Annual Scientific Meeting

Please note that encore posters can be submitted only if they haven’t already been published. Also the presenter cannot present unless they were an investigator. If there is no presenter registered to attend then the poster cannot be hung and will be required to withdraw. Company employees not eligible to present company data unless they were on the original presentation. If you are not an investigator then you cannot be a co-author. If not present at the meeting then poster will not be able to be presented.

VENUE
Hotel Grand Chancellor Hobart
1 Davey Street, Hobart TASMANIA 7000
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IMPORTANT DATES
• Early November 2013
  - Call for Abstracts submission available
• Late January 2014
  - Online registration available
• Friday 7 February 2014
  - Closing date for abstract submissions
• Friday 7 March 2014
  - Closing date for Grand Round submissions
• Mid March 2014
  - Confirmation of acceptance of abstracts
• Friday 14 March 2014
  - Closing date for early bird registration
Daniel Clauw is a Professor of Anesthesiology, Medicine (Rheumatology) and Psychiatry at the University of Michigan. He serves as Director of the Chronic Pain and Fatigue Research Center. Until January 2009 he also served as the first Associate Dean for Clinical and Translational Research within the University of Michigan Medical School, and PI of the UM Clinical and Translational Sciences Award (CTSA). He attended the University of Michigan for both undergraduate and medical school studies and then completed his Internal Medicine residency and Rheumatology Fellowship at Georgetown University. He joined the faculty at Georgetown University in 1990, and while there, founded the Georgetown Chronic Pain and Fatigue Research Center, and served as the Division Chief of Rheumatology, Immunology and Allergy, and Vice Chair of the Department of Medicine. Since moving to UM in 2001, Dr. Clauw has continued his commitment to the clinical care and research into chronic pain, having become an internationally known expert in the central nervous system contributions to chronic pain states, performing past or ongoing work in conditions such as fibromyalgia, interstitial cystitis, low back pain, osteoarthritis, vulvodynia, and endometriosis. He is also an active mentor, serving as the primary mentor for 17 individuals on NIH K awards since returning to Michigan.

Hermine Brunner, MD MSc MBA. is a Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center. She attended medical school in Germany, completed pediatric residency training at the University of Chicago, USA and pediatric rheumatology subspecialty training at the Hospital for Sick Children, University of Toronto, Canada. As Director of the Lupus Center at CCHMC, Co-Director of the Cincinnati Pediatric Rheumatology Clinical Research Center, her work focuses on translational and clinical research in pediatric rheumatology. She has been continuously funded by NIAMS since 2002 for her research in childhood-onset lupus. Since 2006 she serves as the Scientific Director of the Pediatric Rheumatology Collaborative Study Group (PRCSG), a network of clinical investigators in North America and Puerto Rico focused on clinical trials of new medications for the treatment of rheumatologic diseases in childhood.

In the Clinical Immunology Research Unit, patient oriented research is conducted on multiple levels. Investigator New Drug (IND) trials of novel agents (adalimumab, rituximab) in the treatment of PsA and AS have been completed or are about to start. Additional trials have been performed to study the effect of TNF inhibition on the frequency of osteoclast precursors and enhancing bone marrow edema in PsA. The Unit also conducts multicenter trials with novel biologic agents such as rituximab and abatacept in PsA with special attention directed towards understanding how these agents alter bone remodeling in these disorders. Additional studies underway include microanalysis assays of synovium, skin and intestinal tissues in patients with Immune Mediated Inflammatory Disorders (IMIDs) before and after TNF inhibition. Future plans include the development of ultrasound outcome measures in collaboration with Dr. Ralf Thiele and Dr. Darren Tabechian, to assess synovial, lymph node and periarticular tissue responses to different therapies in inflammatory arthritis.
Dr Shuang Ye is Executive Director of the Rheumatology Division, Renji Hospital South Campus, and Vice Director of the Department of Rheumatology, Renji Hospital Main Campus, Shanghai Jiao Tong University School of Medicine in Shanghai, China. He was also Vice Director of the Shanghai Institute of Rheumatology, a position he had held during 2008 to 2012.

Dr Ye earned his medical doctoral degree from the Shanghai Second Medical University in Shanghai, China; and his postdoctoral rheumatology fellowship at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles, USA.

Dr Ye maintains active clinical research programs, for which he has received several grants, including the Chinese National Science Foundation Grant, Young Scholarship Grant, and the Shanghai Science Academy Grant. His work has appeared in numerous peer-reviewed journals, such as the Arthritis & Rheumatism, PLoS ONE, Journal of Clinical Rheumatology, Rheumatology (Oxford), Clinical Rheumatology and Lupus.

Dr Ye has been an invited speaker at many national and international conferences such as Asia REACH 2013, Malaysia; the International Workshop on Autoantibodies and Autoimmunity (IWAA) 2011, China; 7th Pain and Inflammation Summit 2011, Thailand; European League Against Rheumatism (EULAR) Congress 2011, UK; and the 70th Annual Scientific Meeting of the American College of Rheumatology (ACR) 2006, USA. He was the recipient of the Outstanding Young Medical Professional Award from the Shanghai Health Bureau.

Lorimer leads an interdisciplinary team of researchers at the University of South Australia and Neuroscience Research Australia. They investigate the role of the brain and mind in chronic pain. Lorimer has authored 140 papers and three books, now in 6 languages. He has won the Ulf Lindblom Award from the International Association for the Study of Pain, the Elsevier Prize for Rehabilitation Research and the Marshal & Warren Award from the National Health & Medical Research Council. In 2012, he was runner-up for the Australian Science Minister’s Prize for Life Sciences.
AWARDS+PRIZES

PRESTIGIOUS AWARDS
Parr Prize: $1,000 plus Medal and Certificate Awarded Triennially: Next in 2016.
Eligibility: Full or Associate members of the ARA
President’s Prize for Collaborative Research: $5,000
Awarded Triennially: Next in 2015.
Eligibility: Full or Associate Member of the ARA

DISTINGUISHED SERVICES MEDAL: (DSM)
Distinguished Services Medal and Certificate: Medal and Certificate
(up to 2 maybe awarded)
Eligibility: Senior Full members of ARA in good standing
(membership of 20yr (+) who may be currently retired from active practice)

SCHOLARSHIPS & FELLOWSHIPS
Ken Muirden Overseas Travelling Fellowship: $100,000 and Certificate
Eligibility: Member of ARA in last year of Advanced Training in rheumatology
or having completed that training within the previous 2 years. Fellowship
may not be used to fund Advanced training.
Barbara Cameron l ARA Fellowship: $50,000 Awarded biennially: Next in 2015
Eligibility: Fellows or Advanced trainees of the RACP or its Faculties or Chapters
or members of the ARA who hold a doctoral degree or equivalent, awarded
within the preceding five years.
RACP/ARA and Star Fellowship: $40,000 Awarded biennially: Next in 2014
Eligibility: Australia and New Zealand Advanced Trainees in Rheumatology of the
RACP, its Divisions, Faculties and Chapters or; Fellows of the RACP, its Divisions,
Faculties and Chapters who have completed advanced training in rheumatology
within the previous 5 years.
AF-A-ARA Heald Fellowship: $50,000
Eligibility: Application and/or chief investigator should be a rheumatologist
or, at least, working with a member of the ARA. Preference will be given to a
Rheumatologist, all other criteria being equal. The expectation is that it will
be used for post-doctoral research.

AWARDS RELATED TO THE ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING
Roche Travelling Scholarships for Rheumatology Trainees: 3 awarded.
Registration and accommodation at ACR or EULAR: $4,000 towards travel
expenses and Certificate
(This award must be claimed within 13 months of the Award being presented)
Eligibility: Current Trainees of the ARA Speciality Training Program or
Rheumatologists who have completed their fellowship in the past 2 years
and are now enrolled in a full-time research higher degree e.g. PhD.
ARA ASM Travel Grants: $500 l Certificate Up to 6 Awarded
Eligibility: ARA/RHPA members who: have recently (<3 years) completed
training and Rheumatology Advanced Trainees.
New Investigator Award: $3,000
Eligibility: Registered for ASM; submission of abstract
APLAR: Return economy airfares + accommodation.
Eligibility: A Rheumatologist practicing in a developing country that is a
member of APLAR, and who is within 5 years of completing their training.

AWARDS FOR BEST PRESENTATIONS
4.1a Best Basic Science Free Paper: $3,000 per award
4.1b Best Clinical Science Free Paper: $3,000
Eligibility: Registered for Annual Scientific Meeting; Submission of abstract
4.1c Best Basic Science Poster: $500 per award
4.1d Best Clinical Poster: $500 per award
Eligibility: Registered for Annual Scientific Meeting; Submission of abstract
Best Allied Health Poster: $500
Best Allied Health Free Paper: $1,000