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QUEENSLAND

14-17 MAY 2011

CALL
FOR
PAPERS

The 2011 Australia Rheumatology Association Annual Scientific Meeting with the Rheumatology Health Professionals Association will be held at the Convention and Exhibition Centre on **Brisbane's South Bank** from **14th to 17th May 2011**. The conference, "**Rheumatology, its many faces and friends**" includes key speakers **Professor Iain McInnes** (Glasgow), **Professor Andrew Cope** (London), **Dr Joost Frenkel** (Utrecht) and **Dr Ray Naden** (Auckland). These esteemed colleagues will explore the many different facets of rheumatology ranging from the cutting edge of novel therapies, through pregnancy and paediatric rheumatology and will be complemented by Queensland's own **Professors' Ranjeny Thomas** and **Matt Brown** sharing their ground breaking research into vaccination for RA and the genetics of AS. Other speakers will provide entertaining and educational overviews. The meeting will conclude with the ever popular Grand Round, where clinical acumen can be demonstrated in a relaxed but friendly environment, followed by farewell drinks to complete the event.

The meeting will offer an opportunity to update yourself with advancements in the field while enjoying the warmth of the sunshine state and the friendly camaraderie of Australian rheumatologists.

The meeting commences with welcome drinks from 5pm on Saturday 14th May and the scientific programme begins the following day at 8.30am. The conference dinner will be held Level 12 Rooftop, Rydges Hotel, Southbank with Professor Ian Frazer, 2006 Australian of the Year, as after dinner speaker.

More details from the conference website: www.araconference.com

Combine all this with an environment welcoming of families and we hope rheumatologists of all ages from all round the world will be stimulated to join the Australians for a meeting to remember.

Drs Claire Barrett and David Careless
Co-Chairs Organising Committee

IMPORTANT DATES

- October 2010 - Call for Abstracts
- Late January 2011 - Online registration available
- 12 February - Closing date for abstract submissions
- Mid March - Confirmation of acceptance of registrations
- 19 March - Closing date for early bird registration

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INVITED SPEAKERS

Professor Iain McInnes (Glasgow)

Iain McInnes is the Professor of Experimental Medicine and Rheumatology at Glasgow Biomedical Research Centre. He studied medicine in the University of Glasgow and completed his PhD and post doctoral studies via fellowships from The Wellcome Trust, ARC (UK) and NIH Fogarty Fellowship Programme in NIH in Glasgow and the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, USA. Iain's research includes the role of cytokines in inflammatory synovitis, from the basic laboratory perspective of functional activity and using a translational medicine approach to investigate the therapeutic utility of such molecules and the role of inflammation in promoting vascular disease, particularly atherogenesis.

Professor Andrew Cope (London)

Andrew Cope is Professor of Rheumatology, Guy's Hospital, London and the Arthritis Research UK Chair of Rheumatology at King's College London. He studied medicine in London and trained in rheumatology with Professor Sir Ravinder Maini and Dr Barbara Ansell CBE. He completed his PhD in Cytokine Biology with Professor Marc Feldmann via a Wellcome Trust Clinical Training Fellowship and a postdoctoral fellowship with Professor Hugh McDermott at Stanford University, California, studying transgenic models of autoimmunity. Andrew's focus of research is to understand at the molecular and cellular level pathways of T cell activation and differentiation that promote autoimmunity, and which contribute to the persistence of chronic immune and inflammatory responses.

Dr Ray Naden (Auckland)

Ray Naden is a Specialist Physician currently practicing in Maternal Medicine Auckland Hospital. In addition to his interest in obstetric medicine, he has been involved in health service management as a key clinical leader in several strategic projects including the review of clinical and financial viability of several district health boards, the development of the various specialty services and identification of hospital capacity constraints. In the field of rheumatology Ray has been part of the ACR/EULAR collaborative initiative that published the 2010 RA classification criteria. He has also worked with the Canadian Health Services to develop the Rheumatology Priority Referral Score, a weighted score of 8 criteria and sublevels to assess relative urgency of referrals and published on its role in the Canada Waiting List Project. He is a Clinical Director in the New Zealand Ministry of Health, overseeing the implementation of a national service framework, major clinical or service strategy and providing advice to the Government.

Dr Joost Frenkel (Utrecht)

Joost Frenkel, division of paediatrics, University Medical Center, Utrecht, trained in paediatric nephrology and paediatric rheumatology at the Academic Medical Center Amsterdam and the Hospital for Sick Children at Great Ormond Street, London. Joost's current research interest is in the area of autoinflammatory disorders. He has fostered international collaborative studies on these rare disorders. His own research has focussed on one of these diseases, mevalonate kinase deficiency (MKD).

Professor Ranjeny Thomas (Brisbane)

Ranjeny Thomas is a graduate of the University of Western Australia who trained there as a rheumatologist. She commenced a research fellowship with Peter Lipsky in Texas in 1990 and was appointed as Senior Lecturer at the University of Queensland in 1994, then promoted to Associate Professor in 1999 and to Professor in 2003. She is head of the Arthritis Queensland Rheumatology laboratory at the UQ Diamantina Institute. Her research is focussed on the study of the biology and clinical use of human dendritic cells. It has explored basic mechanisms of immune function and of autoimmune disease, through which clinical therapeutic applications have arisen, including the first rheumatoid arthritis vaccine. Ranjeny is founder and a director of the spin-off company, Dendright, which is developing vaccines to suppress autoimmune diseases.

Professor Matt Brown (Brisbane)

Matt Brown is Professor of Immunogenetics at the University of Queensland, based at the Diamantina Institute and Institute of Molecular Biosciences, a position he has held since September 2005. Prior to that he was Professor of Musculoskeletal Sciences, University of Oxford, where he worked since 1994. He initially trained in rheumatology in Sydney. Matt's group is the central genetics research centre for the Australo-Anglo-American Spondyloarthritis Consortium, the main international AS genetics group. In addition, the group are performing genomewide association studies in multiple sclerosis, osteoporosis and cervical cancer, and have genetics projects ongoing in rheumatoid arthritis and several other diseases.

Professor Keith Hill (Melbourne)

Keith Hill is Professor of Allied Health at La Trobe University and Northern Health, and senior researcher at the National Ageing Research Institute. His background is as a physiotherapist with over 30 years clinical and research experience in the areas of gerontology, rehabilitation, exercise / physical activity, and falls prevention. He completed his PhD titled "Balance studies in older people" in 1998. He has over 90 publications, and 10 book chapters, mostly in the falls prevention / physical activity for older people areas, including in high falls risk groups such as people with stroke or arthritis.

Other invited speakers include

Associate Professor Leonie Callaway

Head, Royal Brisbane Clinical School, UQ and Specialist in Obstetric and Internal Medicine, RBWH.

Associate Professor David Colquhoun

Cardiologist, Wesley & GPH, A/Professor of Medicine UQ and Medical Director Core Research Centre.

Associate Professor Emma Duncan

Staff Specialist in Endocrinology, RBWH, A/Professor of Medicine, UQ and Senior Research Officer, UQ Diamantina Institute.

Professor Tim Florin

Senior Staff Specialist in Gastroenterology Mater Health Services' Adult Hospital, Professor of Medicine UQ and NHMRC Clinical Research Practitioner.

Dr Alison Grimaldi

Physiotherapist with a PhD on muscle function around the hip and pelvis, and principal physiotherapist Physiotech, Brisbane.

Dr Paul Licina

Orthopaedic spinal surgeon, Holy Spirit Northside Hospital, Brisbane and founder of the QUT Northside Spine Research Group.

Ms Melissa Locke

Specialist paediatric physiotherapist; owner/director Movement Solutions, Brisbane, Australian Physiotherapy Association's President (2011-2012).

Ms Leigh McCutcheon

Physiotherapist with postgraduate qualifications in manipulative therapy and Western acupuncture, currently working in private practice and runs national and international courses on acupuncture and dry needling.

Associate Professor David A. F. Morgan

Orthopaedic surgeon, QLD Bone Bank Director, Clinical Associate Professor, UQ with research links to Dept Human Movements, UQ.

Dr Geraldine Moses

Senior drug information pharmacist, Mater Health Services and visiting lecturer to medical, nursing, dental, optometry and pharmacy students at QUT and UQ, at undergraduate and postgraduate levels.

Dr Merja Ruutu

Post-doctorate researcher in inflammatory arthritis and immunology, UQ Diamantina Institute, Brisbane.

Dr Kevin Sims

Specialist Musculoskeletal Physiotherapist, Cricket Australia and private practitioner.

Professor Bill Vicenzino

Professor of Sports Physiotherapy and Head of the Division of Physiotherapy in the School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences, UQ.

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

Abstract submissions are invited from doctors, nurses, health professionals and scientists on topics related to the rheumatic diseases. Research presentations form an important aspect of the ARA/RHPA Annual Scientific Meeting.

Abstract submission will be online only at www.araconference.com/abstracts.asp

Please note the following requirements with regards to submission:

- Abstracts are required for ALL paper and poster presentations.
- The "TITLE" should be brief, but explicit and typed in capitals.
- The "Authors/Presenters" must show the surname/s and initials only in that order. The presenting author must be distinct from co-authors. Titles, degrees and awards, full stops are not to be shown. (e.g. *Smith JY, Jones PG, White EY*)
- The "institution/City" box must show that only. Street address, postcode, state and/or country are not required unless outside Australia and New Zealand when only the city and country are required. Affiliations must have superscript numbering only if there is more than one.
- The abstract must be arranged as follows:
Aim, Methods, Results, Conclusions. Excluding title, authors and institutions, the abstract **must not exceed 300 words**. Any references (maximum of two) must be included in this allowance.
- Abbreviations should only be used for common terms. For uncommon terms, the abbreviation should be given in brackets after the first full use of the word.
- No tables / figures are to be included in the abstract (text only)
- All free papers (oral) presentations will be of 15 minutes duration (10 minutes presentation with 5 minutes discussion).

AWARDS AND PRIZES

- Travel Awards - \$500 (5 ARA, 2 RHPA) Rheumatology trainee, PhD student, nurse, medical student or allied health professional from interstate who has an abstract accepted for presentation
- New Investigator Prize - \$3,000 - Rheumatology trainee, PhD student, rheumatologist, nurse or allied health professional within 5 years of finishing training or scientist within 2 years of finishing PhD
- Best Basic Science Free Paper - \$3,000
- Best Clinical Science Free Paper - \$3,000
- Best Allied Health/Nursing Free Paper - \$1,000
- Best Basic Science Poster - \$500
- Best Clinical Poster - \$500
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