



SPINE  
SOCIETY OF  
AUSTRALIA



**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**



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## 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

**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 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 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](http://www.taylorredimages.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 Taylorred 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](http://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.taylorandimgames.com.au](http://www.taylorandimgames.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](http://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 than 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 – 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.

# 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete the following registration form, detach and forward via post or fax to Tailored Images.

## 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

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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	<input type="checkbox"/>
Normal Member Registration after Friday 13 March 2009 _____	\$650.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Non Member Registration on / before Friday 13 March 2009 _____	\$650.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Non Member Registration after Friday 13 March 2009 _____	\$750.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Registrar / Trainee _____	\$450.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Scientific Registration* on / before Friday 13 March 2009 _____	\$250.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Scientific Registration* after Friday 13 March 2009 _____	\$325.00	<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 \$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 **Taylorred 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, **Taylorred Images** will appear on your next statement as a service provider.

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## 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.

## 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.

## 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](http://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](mailto: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.

# 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](http://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@taylorimages.com.au](mailto:2009ssa@taylorimages.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

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	<b>Fundamentals in Spine Surgery</b> (separate registration)
1700 – 1800	<b>Registration annual meeting</b>

## FRIDAY 17 APRIL

0715 – 0900	Walk through <b>continental breakfast</b> with industry
0900 – 0915	Formal opening
0915 – 1030	Scientific Session 1
1030 – 1045	<b>Morning refreshments</b> – Industry Exhibition Area
1045 – 1200	Scientific Session 2
1200 – 1300	<b>Working luncheon</b> – Industry Exhibition Area
1315 – 1530	Scientific Session 3
1530 – 1600	<b>Afternoon refreshments</b> – Industry Exhibition Area
1600 – 1730	Moderated Poster Session
1730 – 1930	<b>Welcome Cocktail Reception</b> – Industry Exhibition Area

## SATURDAY 18 APRIL

0715 – 0930	Walk through <b>continental breakfast</b> with industry
0930 – 1030	Scientific Session 4
1030 – 1100	<b>Morning refreshments</b> – Industry Exhibition Area
1100 – 1230	President's Session
1230 – 1330	<b>Working luncheon</b> – Industry Exhibition Area
1330 – 1500	Scientific Session 5
1500 – 1530	<b>Afternoon refreshments</b> – Industry Exhibition Area
1530 – 1700	Scientific Session 6
1700 – 1800	<b>Business Meeting 1</b>
1845 – 2300	<b>Conference Dinner</b>

## SUNDAY 19 APRIL

0730 – 0900	Walk through <b>continental breakfast</b> with industry
0800 – 0900	<b>Business Meeting 2</b>
0900 – 1030	Scientific Session 7
1030 – 1100	<b>Morning refreshments</b> – Industry Exhibition Area
1100 – 1200	Scientific Session 8
1200 – 1230	Presentations
	<b>Close of Program</b>



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