

Accommodation

Special accommodation block bookings have been made at a variety of hotels. More details will be available on the website or in the registration brochure which will be printed by November 2007.

Website

www.apsoc.org.au

- Log on for online submission of topical sessions, free papers and posters
- To register interest in the conference
- For more information on industry exhibition and sponsorship opportunities

Air Travel

 Qantas is the official carrier for the conference. To save time & money, book online for fares cheaper than booking by phone and you'll have access to all the latest deals and options. Book online at: www.qantas.com.au/content/dyn/conference/apsMar08

Submission Deadlines

CALL FOR TOPICAL SESSIONS:

15 June 2007

FREE PAPER AND POSTER SUBMISSIONS

19 October 2007

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION

1 February 2008

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The Spectrum of Pain

29 March - 2 April 2008

Perth Convention
Exhibition Centre

28th Annual Scientific Meeting of the Australian Pain Society



“How can we know that pain is in the body or the mind?”

Dr Owen Williamson

In conjunction with
The ASM of the
Australian and
New Zealand Academy
of Orofacial Pain &
the IASP Global Year
Against Pain in Women



Sensitization and
Somatization:
Are these useful
constructs for
understanding
pain in the
21st century?



Convenor's Invitation

The Australian Pain Society's 28th Annual Scientific Meeting to be held in Perth during April 2008, is themed **The Spectrum of Pain**. Although we will explore a wide range of topics across the pain spectrum, the conference will focus on the fundamental concepts of **sensitization** and **somatization**, as presented by our world renowned keynote speakers:

Professor Clifford Woolf

from Harvard (USA), is a leading expert on the neurobiology of central sensitization and acute to chronic pain transition.

Professor Johan Vlaeyen

is from the University of Leuven, Belgium, an expert in pain-related anxiety disorders and a key player in developing the 'fear avoidance' paradigm of pain disability.

Assoc. Professor Milton Cohen

will use 'fibromyalgia' and related conditions as a basis for exploring the pain spectrum.

Professor Michael Cousins

will enhance the discussion with a presentation: 'Pain as its own disease.'

As a new initiative, the first formal day of the ASM will be shared with delegates of the Australian and New Zealand Academy of Orofacial Pain and will include a combined plenary session focusing on headache and orofacial pain themes as well as topical workshops.

We will also be acknowledging 2008 as the Global Year Against Pain in Women with a number of interesting presentations. Plenary lecturer **Professor Nicky Leap** will speak on labour pain from a midwife's perspective, with other experts discussing pain management during pregnancy and lactation, chronic pelvic pain and debating the question: **'Do women hurt more than men?'**

Other plenary topics will include

- Management of neuropathic pain by acute pain services
- Opioids in chronic non-cancer pain
- Multidisciplinary headache management
- Whiplash- associated neck pain
- Palliative care

The ASM would not be complete without the inclusion of wide-ranging free papers, posters & PhD presentations enhancing pain research.

So come to Perth in 2008 for a meeting which is sure to appeal. Meet world renowned experts in the field of pain,



enjoy the company of colleagues and friends and an excellent social program, over the rainbow on Australia's sunset coast. We hope to see you there!

Eric Visser, Convenor



Keynote Speakers



Professor Clifford Woolf

is the first incumbent of the Richard Kitz Chair of Anesthesia Research at Harvard Medical School and Massachusetts General Hospital.

After training for his MB, BCh and PhD in South Africa he worked at University College, London for close on 20 years, latterly as a Professor of Neurobiology and an Honorary Consultant at University College London Hospital. He established the Neural Plasticity Research Group in the Department of Anesthesia & Critical Care, Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston and has made fundamental contributions to our understanding of pain mechanisms, most notably that pain hypersensitivity is largely due to abnormal excitability of neurons within the central nervous system - the phenomenon of central sensitization.



Professor Johan WS Vlaeyen PhD

is a Professor of Behavioural Medicine in the Department of Psychology, University of Leuven, Belgium. He is also a Professor at the University of

Maastricht, The Netherlands. Dr Vlaeyen is on the editorial board of **European Journal of Pain**, **Clinical Journal of Pain**, **Pain**, and **Cognitive Behaviour Therapy**. He co-edited the book **Understanding and Treating Fear of Pain**, received the Pain Award of the Dutch Chapter of the IASP, and obtained an honorary doctorate from the University of Örebro, Sweden, for his scientific contributions in the area of the psychology of pain.

Cottesloe Beach, Perth | Image supplied by Tourism WA

Notable Australian Speakers



Professor Michael Cousins AM



is Professor & Head of the Department of Anaesthesia and Pain

Management, Royal North Shore Hospital and Director of the Pain Management Research Institute, University of Sydney.

Awarded the prestigious Order of Australia for his contribution to anaesthesia and pain management, he is Past-President of the Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists and current Chair of the College of Presidents of Medical Colleges. Prof Cousins recently became the first Australian to receive the Australian Society of Anaesthetists' Pugh Award for research. His research interests include causes and treatment of acute, chronic and cancer pain, post spinal cord injury pain, opioid and non-opioid drug administration by novel routes, injury response, and general pain management.



Assoc. Professor Milton Cohen,

a rheumatologist and pain physician on the St Vincent's Sydney Campus, is also a past Councillor and Secretary of the Australian Pain Society and has

served on IASP committees. He has been involved in the development and teaching of Pain Medicine as a discipline for many years and is the Immediate-Past Dean of the Faculty of Pain Medicine, Australian & New Zealand College of Anaesthetists. His interests are broad and include issues in pain theory and practice, rational pharmacotherapy for pain and implications of persistent pain for public policy.



Professor Stephan A Schug

is a German-trained specialist anaesthetist with an MD in pharmacology. During his 12 years in Auckland, he became Chair of

Anaesthesiology at the University of Auckland and Director of the Pain Service at Auckland Hospital. He is currently Chair of Anaesthesiology in the Pharmacology and Anaesthesiology Unit of the University of Western Australia and Director of Pain Medicine at Royal Perth Hospital. He has research interests in the pharmacology of analgesics and local anaesthetics, the management of acute, chronic and cancer pain, regional anaesthesia and analgesia, organisational structures for pain management and reduction of adverse events in hospitals.

Notable Australian Speakers



Professor Nicky Leap

is Professor of Midwifery Practice Development and Research, for the South Eastern Sydney and Illawarra Area Health Service and the

University of Technology Sydney. She also holds a position at Kings College London as a Visiting Senior Research Fellow and has a wealth of experience in developing collaborative midwifery models of care in the UK and Australia. Prof Leap has written and lectured extensively on the subject and research includes understanding the role of labour pain when promoting a positive experience of pregnancy, labour and birth for women and their families.



Dr Roger Goucke

is Head of the Department of Pain Management at Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital in Perth, Western Australia. He initially trained in anaesthesia,

but now practises full time in pain medicine and is a Fellow of the Australasian Chapter of Palliative Medicine and a past President of the Australian Pain Society. Dr Goucke was a founding member of the Faculty of Pain Medicine of the Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists and is the current Dean. His interests include pain in the elderly, chronic headache, difficult to control cancer pain, and the appropriate use of opioids for the management of chronic non cancer pain.

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Notable Australian Speakers



Dr Michele Sterling



is Associate Director, Centre for National Research on Disability and

Rehabilitation Medicine (CONROD), a Chief Investigator at the NHMRC CCRC in Spinal Pain Injury & Health and a Senior Lecturer in the Division of Physiotherapy, University of Queensland. Her main areas of research are the physical and psychological factors (and how they inter-relate) underlying whiplash associated disorders, the prediction of outcome following whiplash injury and translation of research findings to clinical practice. Dr Sterling has received over \$4million in research funding from the ARC and NHMRC and her results have been published internationally in journals such as *Pain*, *Spine* and *Journal of Rheumatology*. She has also been awarded the 2005 University of Queensland Foundation Research Excellence Award.



Dr Robert Delcanho

Intensely interested in temporomandibular disorders and orofacial pain, Dr Delcanho was accepted into UCLA's two year postdoctoral program in Orofacial Pain and Dysfunction in 1991. Whilst at UCLA he also completed an MS thesis in Oral Biology having researched mechanisms of chronic muscle pain. In 1993 he established the first Australian Orofacial Pain/ TMJ Dysfunction and Dental Sleep Medicine private practice. He is a Diplomate of the American Board of Orofacial Pain, a Fellow of the Faculty of Pain Medicine, Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists and is a P/T faculty member at the Dental School, Univ. of Western Australia, teaching at both undergraduate and postdoctoral levels.



Professor Mike Paech

is Professor of Obstetric Anaesthesia and Director of Research in the Departments of Anaesthesia & Pain Medicine at King Edward Memorial and Royal Perth Hospitals. He also edits *Anaesthesia and Intensive Care*, is on the editorial board of several journals including the *International Journal of Obstetric Anesthesia* and reviews for 10 international journals. In 2006 he was made an honorary fellow of the Royal Australian & New Zealand College of Obstetrics & Gynaecology and is the Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists Lennard Travers Professor. His research interests include labour and postoperative analgesia; epidural and spinal anaesthesia, perioperative outcome & drugs in lactation.

Associated Conferences and Workshops

ASM of the Australian and New Zealand Academy of Orofacial Pain (ANZAOP)



This year the ANZAOP Conference will be held in conjunction with the Australian Pain Society Conference during the morning of Monday 31 March 2008. In the afternoon of Monday 31 March 2008 the ANZAOP will hold a separate session for its members and any interested APS Delegates.

Pain - Nursing Issues Workshop

This workshop will be held on Sunday 30 March from 1.00pm - 5.00pm

Neuromodulation Workshop

The 3rd ASM of the Australian Chapter of the International Neuromodulation Society will be conducted on Sunday 30 March from 2.00pm - 5.30pm

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