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Invitation Letters

Dear Colleagues

On behalf of The International Society for Gynecologic Endoscopy (ISGE), it is my honor and privilege to invite you to participate in our society's 19th Annual Congress to be held May 26-29, 2010 in Sydney Australia. This year's meeting promises to be a truly outstanding educational endeavor, as it will be held in conjunction with the Australasian Gynaecological Endoscopy and Surgery Society's (AGES) XX Annual Scientific Meeting. The theme of our ambitious program could not be more relevant and timely – 'Gynecological Endoscopy: has it come of age?'

There will be in depth discussions on minimally invasive surgical techniques, including robotics, hysterectomy, treatment of gynecologic malignancies, fibroids, pelvic floor prolapse, and endometriosis. Presentations will also focus on hysteroscopy, pain, and infertility management. Controversial topics, such as infertility and in-vitro fertilization, natural orifice surgery, as well as cosmetics and the gynecologist are sure to be stimulating and thought provoking.

The International Society for Gynecologic Endoscopy remains committed to the introduction and adoption of minimally invasive gynecologic surgical techniques worldwide. With a totally international focus, comprised of an international membership and board, after nearly 20 years of existence, the ISGE remains the leading truly international society advancing gynecologic endoscopy.

We are most grateful to have the opportunity to co-host this memorable World Congress in beautiful and exciting Sydney, Australia with the Australasian Gynaecological Endoscopy and Surgery Society. AGES has long been recognized within the international community as one of the leading country based minimally invasive gynecologic surgical societies. The commitment of its membership from throughout Australia and New Zealand to the advancement of gynecologic endoscopy continues to be legendary.

So, please do plan to join us 'Downunder' May 26-29, 2010 for this unique scientific and cultural opportunity. I promise you a truly international program complimented by the talent and graciousness of the ISGE and AGES.

Cordially,

Prof. Stefano Bettocchi
President, ISGE

Dr Charles E. Miller
Vice President, ISGE

Dear Colleagues

On behalf of the Australasian Gynecological Endoscopy and Surgical Society (AGES) and The International Society for Gynecologic Endoscopy (ISGE) it is our honour and privilege to invite our International and Australian colleagues to the combined ISGE 19th Annual Congress in conjunction with the AGES XX Annual Scientific Meeting. The theme of the meeting is 'Gynaecological Endoscopy: has it come of age?' We are delighted to co-host such an exciting meeting.

An extensive international and national faculty has already been confirmed for this meeting. The Congress will aim to address the pros and cons of the laparoscopic approach in a wide range of gynaecological topics including robotics, hysterectomy, treatment of gynaecologic malignancies, fibroid, pelvic floor repair and endometriosis.

The program will consist of two concurrent sessions, two plenary lectures each day, free communications and each day will conclude with the controversial topic of the day. These sessions will stimulate, excite and encourage interaction and discussion.

Both these societies have long been recognised for their commitment and leadership in minimally invasive gynaecologic surgery. Please join us in Sydney Australia for what will be a truly International program and for unforgettable Australian Hospitality.

Sincerely

A/Prof. Alan Lam
President, AGES

Dr Jim Tsaltas
Vice President, AGES



Free Communications

ISGE and AGES strongly encourage free communications, including oral, video and poster.

There will be six free communications sessions at the Congress, including one video presentation session. Posters will be on display throughout the Congress.

All abstracts selected will be published in the Congress proceedings.

FREE COMMUNICATIONS INSTRUCTIONS FOR AUTHORS

1. The abstract submission deadline is 15 April 2010
2. All abstracts must be submitted online via the Congress link on either www.ages.com.au or www.isge.org
3. Abstracts that are faxed, posted, or submitted in any other form will not be considered
4. Abstracts must be in the English language only
5. Maximum 400 words / 3050 characters
6. No pictures, graphs, tables or images
7. References are excluded from the word limit but must be restricted to a maximum of 3 only
8. Abstracts that are submitted for oral/video presentation, but are not selected for oral/video presentation, will be referred to the poster sessions unless indicated otherwise by the author
9. All decisions of the selection committee are final
10. Successful applicants for the Free Communications program will be notified no later than 23 April 2010
11. Presenters of accepted abstracts are required to pay for registration to ISGE 19th Annual Congress / AGES XX Annual Scientific Meeting 2010 by 30 April 2010
12. Failure to follow the instructions for submission of abstracts may result in rejection of the submission

13. By submitting an abstract you agree that copyright of the abstract(s) is(are) assigned to AGES only for the purpose of publication in the Congress Abstract Book and (if applicable) media releases/reports
14. No changes to any abstracts will be accepted after submission
15. Any questions should be directed to AGES at: abstracts@ages.com.au

ORAL/VIDEO PRESENTATIONS

1. All oral/video presentations will be 7 minutes in duration with an additional 3 minutes' question time, with no exceptions
2. All presentations at the Congress will be via the Congress laptops. No personal laptops will be used for presentations
3. All presentations including videos must be sent in advance to the Congress Organisers. Full details will be forwarded with notification of acceptance of abstract
4. Any conflict of interest/sponsorship must be declared at the commencement of all presentations and noted on all posters

Prizes and Awards

Several prizes will be awarded for the best presentations in all categories at the Congress. Judging will be by an impartial panel comprising senior members of AGES and ISGE. The judges' decisions are final. All prizes will be presented at the Congress Closing Ceremony. The presenting/first author is to accept in person.



Provisional Program

Wednesday 26 May 2010

1500 – 1800 **CONGRESS REGISTRATION**

1800 – 1900 **OPENING CEREMONY**

1900 – 2100 **WELCOME RECEPTION**



Congress Destination

SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA

Sydney, Australia's oldest and largest city, has been awarded 'World's Best City' title 11 times by Conde Nast Traveller and 'World's Favourite City' by Travel and Leisure.

Located on one of the world's most beautiful and famous harbours, Sydney is a vibrant and cosmopolitan city surrounded by iconic beaches, World Heritage areas, lush hinterland and acclaimed wine regions.

Enjoy Sydney's gorgeous harbour, seductive outdoor lifestyle and great natural beauty. Kayak under the Sydney Harbour Bridge or admire the Opera House as you ride a ferry across the harbour. Visit one of our 70 sparkling beaches. Lose yourself in the cobblestone cul-de-sacs of The Rocks or in the markets, boutiques, cafes and pubs of Paddington.

Sydney is also a shop-till-you-drop destination – whether your tastes run to Australia's world-renowned opals, pink diamonds and pearls, Aboriginal paintings, or even designer fashion.

Australia is a politically, socially and economically stable country and is recognised as having a low risk of political instability,

Dining in Sydney

With a multitude of cultural influences, eating out is one of Sydney's great delights. Sydney's good food reputation has spread internationally with the city being named by the Los Angeles Times as the "best place on earth to eat". Two of Sydney's restaurants appear in the 2009 World's 50 Best Restaurants list.

Access

Sydney is easily accessible. 44 passenger airlines fly into Sydney International Airport with a total of 600 flights arriving per week. Delegates from Asia, North America, Africa and South America can fly non-stop to Sydney.

Major international airlines operate direct or one stop services from major hub cities including Bangkok, Singapore, Shanghai, Tokyo, Mumbai, London, Paris, Rome, Frankfurt, Los Angeles, Milan, New York, Johannesburg, Santiago, and many more.

Sydney's city centre is only 8 kilometres/5 miles from the airport. The cost of a taxi fare is approximately A\$30 (US\$25/€18/£15). Buses depart the airport every 15 minutes en route to various city hotels and cost approximately A\$9 per person. Delegates can also take a direct rail link from the airport to the city centre in 13 minutes

Thursday 27 May 2010

0800 – 1000 SESSION 1

HYSTERECTOMY

0800 – 0815 **Total Laparoscopic Hysterectomy from Inception to Acceptance** Dr David Molloy

0815 – 0830 **Sub-Total Hysterectomy - Gimmick or Made for Laparoscopy?** Dr Tom Lyons

0830 – 0845 **Does Lift Laparoscopy Have a Place in Hysterectomy?** Dr Daniel Kruschinski

0845 – 0900 **Vaginal Hysterectomy - Natural Orifice** Prof Bash Goolab

0900 – 0915 **Are Complications Still the Achilles' Heel of Laparoscopic Hysterectomy?** Dr Rob O'Shea

0915 – 0930 **Complications of Subtotal Hysterectomy** Prof. Bernd Bojahr

0930 – 0945 **Take Note - Single Port Hysterectomy** Prof. Bruno van Herendael

0945 – 1000 **Discussion**

HYSTEROSCOPY

0800 – 0815 **Hysteroscopy in the Office** A/Prof. Thierry Vancaillie

0815 – 0830 **Hysteroscopy and Assisted Reproduction: Collaboration not Competition** Prof. Dr Osama Shawki

0830 – 0845 **Hysteroscopy in a Developing Society** Dr Wachyu Hadisaputra

0845 – 0900 **Plusses & Pitfalls of Hysteroscopic Sterilisation** Dr David Rosen

0900 – 0915 **The Limitations of Hysteroscopic Myomectomy** A/Prof. Jason Abbott

0915 – 0930 **Endoscopic Management of Uterine Anomalies** Dr Kurian Joseph

0930 – 0945 **Next Generation Ablation Techniques** Prof. Ellis Downes

0945 – 1000 **Discussion**

1000 – 1030 MORNING TEA & TRADE EXHIBITION

1030 – 1100 **PLENARY LECTURE New Technology in Hysteroscopy** Prof. Stefano Bettocchi

1100 – 1230 SESSION 2

ADHESIONS

1100 – 1115 **Managing Adhesions: Laparotomy vs. Laparoscopy** Dr Carlos Petta

1115 – 1130 **Ovarian Suspension to Prevent Adhesions** Dr Michael East

1130 – 1145 **The Role of Second Look Laparoscopy** A/Prof. Peter Maher

1145 – 1200 **Adhesion Prophylaxis – A Reality?** Prof. Rudy De Wilde

1200 – 1215 **Will Single Port Laparoscopy Lead to Less Adhesions** Dr Hugo Verhoeven

1215 – 1230 **Discussion**

ONCOLOGY

1100 – 1115 **Pioneering Tales of an Australian Gynaecological Oncologist** A/Prof. Tom Jobling

1115 – 1130 **Training in Advanced Gynaecological Endoscopy for Oncology** Dr Stuart Salfinger

1130 – 1145 **The Place of Laparoscopic Surgery in Ovarian Cancer** A/Prof. Jubilee Brown

1145 – 1200 **Robotics in the Management of Gynaecological Oncology** Prof. Chyi-Long Lee

1200 – 1215 **The Role of the Laparoscope in Endometrial Cancer** Prof. Joo-Hyun Nam

1215 – 1230 **Discussion**

1230 – 1300 **PLENARY LECTURE THE DANIEL O'CONNOR LECTURE**
Role of Laparoscopic Surgery in Non-Uterine or Cervical Cancer Prof. Tony McCartney

1300 – 1400 LUNCH & TRADE EXHIBITION

1400 – 1530 SESSION 3

FREE COMMUNICATIONS 1

FREE COMMUNICATIONS 2

FREE COMMUNICATIONS 3

FREE COMMUNICATIONS 4

1400 – 1530 Meeting of the German Endoscopy Society Chairs: Prof. Lilo Mettler, Prof. Hugo Verhoven

1530 – 1600 AFTERNOON TEA & TRADE EXHIBITION

1600 – 1730 SESSION 4 CONTROVERSY OF THE DAY: COSMESIS AND THE GYNAECOLOGIST

1600 – 1620 **'N.O.T.E.S.' in Gynaecology** Prof. Hans-Rudolf Tinneberg

1620 – 1640 **Single Port Laparoscopy** Dr Pedro Escobar

1640 – 1700 **The 'Cosmetic Gynaecologist'** Dr Duncan Turner

1700 – 1730 **Panel Discussion**



Provisional Program

Friday 28 May 2010

0700 – 0750 **Sponsored Breakfast Symposium**

0800 – 1000 **SESSION 5**

ENDOMETRIOSIS	PELVIC FLOOR / PROLAPSE I
0800 – 0815 How to Plan the Surgical Approach to Severe Endometriosis A/Prof. Peter Maher	0800 – 0820 Critical Evaluation of Pelvic Floor Defects Dr Rob O'Shea
0815 – 0830 Multidisciplinary Approach to Deep Infiltrating Endometriosis Prof. Jacques Dequesne	
0830 – 0845 Computer Animation and Simulation of Endometriosis Dr Tamer Seckin	0820 – 0840 Vaginal Mesh - Angel or Demon? Dr Marcus Carey
0845 – 0900 Is Nerve Sparing Possible in Treatment of Severe Cul-de-sac Endometriosis? A/Prof. Alan Lam	0840 – 0900 Laparoscopic Sacral Colpopexy - Tricks of the Trade Dr Greg Cario
0900 – 0915 Outcomes after Radical Treatment of Deep Infiltrating Endometriosis Prof. Michelle Nisolle	0900 – 0915 Laparoscopic Sacral Colpopexy - The Evidence A/Prof. Christopher Maher
0915 – 0930 Surgical Approach to Colorectal Endometriosis Dr Jim Tsaltas	0915 – 0930 Place of Robotic Surgery in Pelvic Floor Prolapse A/Prof. Catherine Matthews
0930 – 1000 Discussion	0930 – 1000 Panel Discussion: Is the Laparoscope Still Necessary in Pelvic Floor Surgery ?

1000 – 1030 **MORNING TEA & TRADE EXHIBITION**

1030 – 1100 **PLENARY LECTURE Menstruation, Endometriosis and Stem Cells** Prof. Ray Garry

1100 – 1230 **SESSION 6**

FIBROIDS	PELVIC FLOOR / PROLAPSE II	INFERTILITY
1100 – 1120 Non-Surgical Therapies for Uterine Fibroids Prof. P M Yuen	1100 – 1115 The Role of Urodynamics in Pelvic Floor Surgery Dr Anna Rosamilia	1100 – 1115 PCOS: Medical Treatment Dr Mark Bowman
1120 – 1140 Laparoscopic Myomectomy – How Big is Too Big? Dr Ornella Sizzi	1115 – 1130 The Neurophysiology of Pelvic Floor Dysfunction Prof. Timothy McKinney	1115 – 1130 Endoscopic Treatment of PCOS Prof. Timur Gurgan
1140 – 1200 Different Strategies for Laparoscopic Myomectomy for the Large Fibroid Uterus A/Prof. Prashant Mangeshikar	1130 – 1145 Patient Care During Long Operative Laparoscopy Ms Wendy Winer	1130 – 1145 Place of Tubal Surgery in Infertility Dr Yves Leroy
1200 – 1220 Limitations of Laparoscopic Myomectomy Prof. Mitsuru Shiota	1145 – 1200 The Ideal Mesh for Pelvic Organ Prolapse ? Prof. Jim Ross	1145 – 1200 Introduction to and Benefits of Fertiloscopy Dr Antoine Watrelot
1220 – 1230 Discussion	1200 – 1230 Discussion	1200 – 1215 Complications of IVF A/Prof. Peter Illingworth
		1215 – 1230 Role of Fertility Enhancing Laparoscopic Fertility Surgeries in ART: Indian Scenario Dr Pravin Patel

1230 – 1300 **PLENARY LECTURE The Place of Myomectomy in the Infertile Patient** Dr Charles Miller

1300 – 1400 **LUNCH & TRADE EXHIBITION**

1400 – 1530	SESSION 7		
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	FREE COMMUNICATIONS 8		
1400 – 1530	Meeting of the Society of Laparoendoscopic Surgeons Chairs: A/Prof. Maruice Chung, Prof. Paul Wetter		
1430 – 1600	AFTERNOON TEA & TRADE EXHIBITION		
1600 – 1700	SESSION 8		
	CONTROVERSY OF THE DAY: THE IMPACT OF ENDOMETRIOSIS ON INFERTILITY AND IVF		
1600 – 1610	Is Laparoscopy Necessary Pre-IVF? Dr Alberto Valero		
1610 – 1620	The Impact of Endometriosis on IVF Outcome Dr Jim Tsaltas		
1620 – 1630	Pregnancy Outcomes after Bowel Resection Dr Geoffrey Reid		
1630 – 1640	Deep Infiltrative Endometriosis and IVF Dr Carlos Petta		
1640 – 1650	Surgery or More IVF? A/Prof. Anusch Yazdani		
1650 – 1730	Panel Discussion		
1730 – 1800	AGES ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING		1730 – 1800 ISGE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
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Saturday 29 May 2010

0700 – 0750	Sponsored Breakfast Symposium		
0830 – 1030	SESSION 9		
	HAS LAPAROSCOPY LED TO MORE OR LESS COMPLICATIONS?		
0830 – 0850	Laparoscopic Peritoneal Entry Complication A/Prof. Artin Ternamian		
0850 – 0910	Avoiding and Managing Urinary Tract Injuries in Laparoscopic Surgery Prof. Lilo Mettler		
0910 – 0930	Avoiding and Managing Bowel Injuries in Laparoscopic Surgery Dr Danny Chou		
0930 – 0950	Consent in Advanced Laparoscopic Surgery Dr Michael Cooper		
0950 – 1010	Complications of Single Port Laparoscopy Prof. Misaake Andou		
1010 – 1030	Discussion		
1030 – 1100	MORNING TEA & TRADE EXHIBITION		
1100 – 1230	SESSION 10		
	MANAGEMENT OF PAIN		
1100 – 1115	Alternatives for Management of Chronic Pain in the Patient with Endometriosis Dr Susan Evans		
1115 – 1130	Does Mesh Cause Pain? Dr Elvis Seman		
1130 – 1145	What to Do when Laparoscopic Treatment of Pelvic Pain Fails? A/Prof. Maurice Chung		
1145 – 1200	Medical Treatment of Chronic Pelvic Pain Dr Allan Molloy		
1200 – 1215	Discussion		
1215 – 1230	CLOSING CEREMONY		



Congress Venue

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All Congress sessions will be held at the Hilton Sydney.

The Hilton Sydney is in a prime central location in the Sydney CBD. It is located in the heart of the city's shopping, entertainment and business district. Following an AU\$200 million renovation, this chic hotel boasts state of the art amenities, stylish bars, the city's largest health club and fine dining.

The health club occupies an entire floor, complete with fitness facilities, saunas, steam baths, and a 25-metre heated pool.

Perhaps the biggest transformation is in the areas of dining and entertainment — the glass brasserie was designed by a star New York architect and is overseen by one of Sydney's celebrity chefs, and even the Marble Bar, a fixture since 1893, has a new lease on life — though largely untouched by renovations, its crowd benefits from the Hilton's new status.

The Hilton's guest rooms are well-executed and contemporary, all wood floors and flat-screens, frosted-glass bathrooms and ergonomic work desks

CONGRESS ACCOMMODATION – HILTON SYDNEY

Guest Rooms Plus

These well-appointed 30 square metre / 323 square feet rooms with contemporary décor offer personal comfort and state of the art technology, combining the luxury of a chaise lounge with a functional work area including an ergonomic work station.

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- IP Telephony (a first for any Australian hotel)
- Data, fax and high speed wired internet access at work desk
- High speed wireless internet access in the room
- Blackout screens
- Room safe
- Remington 2000 watt hair dryers
- Complimentary tea and coffee
- Iron and ironing board
- Pillow menu offering a complimentary pillow selection service
- MAGIC - the one touch button for all guest services
- Daily newspaper
- Fluffy bathrobe
- Access to LivingWell Premier Health Club

Executive Rooms

Executive Rooms (30 square metre / 323 square feet) offer all the Guest Room Plus facilities plus additional amenities that allow guests to work effectively from their hotel room or simply wind down in comfort after the demands of a busy day. Guests have access to the exclusive Executive Lounge that offers a special place to relax, meet or do business. (Please refer Executive Lounge inclusions below).

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Oases of tranquillity (48 square metres / 517 square feet), designed to be different in space, light and colour, and divided into three distinct zones to differentiate between work and relaxation: the relaxation zone with oversized beds, mood lighting, ultra-comfortable lounging chairs, and home entertainment centre comprising flat-screen TV, DVD player, Bose multidisc, books and DVDs; the work zone with its large functional desk, ergonomically designed chairs, adjustable lighting and Internet access; and the bathroom zone with natural light, hydra-spa bath, TV, body-jet shower and holistic relaxation kit with massage and aromatherapy oils, toiletries and body lotions.

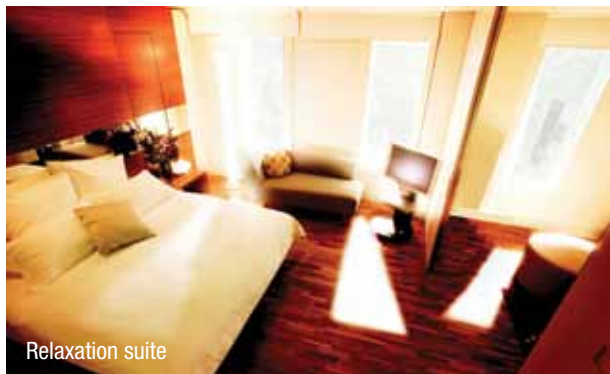
- 1 x 42" Plasma television
- 1 x 17" LCD television in the bathroom
- DVD player
- Hydro spa bath
- Powerful 3 jet body shower
- Sliding partitions separate rooms to open space or close off rooms
- IP Telephony (a first for any Australian hotel)
- Data, fax and high speed wired internet access at work desk
- High speed wireless internet access in the room
- Blackout screens
- Room safe
- Remington 2000 watt hair dryers
- Luxurious toiletries in bathroom
- Complimentary tea and coffee
- Iron and ironing board
- Fluffy bathrobe
- Pillow menu offering a complimentary pillow selection service
- MAGIC - the one touch button for all guest services
- Access to LivingWell Premier Health Club

Guests in Relaxation Rooms have access to the Executive Lounge. (Please refer inclusions below).

Relaxation Suites

Relaxation Suites (54 square metres/581 square feet) offer the three separate zones of the Relaxation Rooms, with the added benefit of privacy providing sliding doors to close off each zone.

- 2 x 32" LG LCD televisions
- 1 x 17" LG LCD television in the bathroom



Relaxation suite



Guest Room Plus

- DVD player
- Hydro spa bath
- Powerful 3 jet body shower
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- High speed wireless internet access in the room
- Blackout screens
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- Fluffy bathrobe
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- Access to LivingWell Premier Health Club

Guests in Relaxation Suites have access to the Executive Lounge. (Please refer inclusions below).

King Suites

King Suites (80 square metres / 861square feet) boast panoramic city views, a king bed, spa bath and spacious formal dining and lounge areas.

- Long low mini-bar and television unit with 32" LCD television (freestanding) with white marble top and high-gloss lacquered finish
- IP Telephony (a first for any Australian hotel)
- Data, fax and high speed wired internet access at work desk
- High speed wireless internet access in the room
- Blackout screens
- Room safe
- Remington 2000 watt hair dryers
- Luxurious toiletries in bathroom

- Complimentary tea and coffee
- Iron and ironing board
- Fluffy bathrobe
- Pillow menu offering a complimentary pillow selection service
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- Access to LivingWell Premier Health Club

Guests in King Suites have access to the Executive Lounge. (Please refer inclusions below).

Executive Lounge access includes:

- Private check-in and check-out at the Executive Lounge reception
- Business Centre facilities: fax, email, basic secretarial duties
- 3 personal computers available for guest use
- Newspapers daily
- Access to LivingWell Premier Health Club
- Complimentary pressing and shoe shine (limited to one item per guest)
- Breakfast
- Coffee, tea, & drinks throughout the day
- Afternoon tea
- Evening Drinks and canapés

Hotel Check-in/Check-out

Check-in time is 1500 and check-out 1100. Whilst the hotel will do everything possible to assist with earlier check-in, this cannot be guaranteed without payment of an additional night's tariff.

Changes to hotel reservations

Any changes must be made in writing to the Congress Organisers and not directly to the hotel.

Parking

Valet and self parking are available at the Hilton Sydney for hotel guests and also delegates.



Hilton Hotel



Reception



Social Program

Opening Ceremony & Welcome Reception

Hilton Sydney
488 George Street
Sydney NSW 2000 Australia
Wednesday 26 May
1800 to 2100

Delegates are warmly invited to attend the Opening Ceremony and Welcome Reception in AGES and ISGE tradition. Both functions are included in the delegate registration fee.

Gala Dinner



Art Gallery of New South Wales
Art Gallery Road
The Domain NSW 2000 Australia
Friday 28 May
1900 for 1945

The Art Gallery of New South Wales is a leading museum of art, boasting significant collections of European, Australian and European art as well as important temporary exhibitions.

The evening will commence with drinks and canapés in the Modern Australian gallery, home of many works from the 20th century Australian Collection, including artists such as Sydney Nolan, William Dobell and Russell Drysdale.

We will also enjoy a private viewing of one of the Gallery's most popular annual exhibitions, the Archibald, Wynne & Sulman prizes.

Dinner will be held in the Grand Court of the Art Gallery. This dramatic space features many great iconic pieces such as the recent acquisition by Cy Twombly and works from artists such as Brett Whiteley and John Olsen. Dinner will be followed by dancing.

This will be an evening to remember combining fine dining and great art in one of Sydney's most magnificent buildings.

Complimentary coach transfers will be provided.

Registration Fee Inclusions

- Attendance at Opening Ceremony
- Attendance at Welcome Reception
- Attendance at all Congress Sessions
- Congress satchel and all Congress publications
- Congress lunches, morning and afternoon teas on Thursday 27 and Friday 28 May; Congress morning tea on Saturday 29 May

Registration and payment are now available online. Go to www.ages.com.au or www.isge.org.au and follow the Congress links.

Registration Form

DELEGATE DETAILS:

TITLE	FIRST NAME	SURNAME	
ADDRESS	STATE		ZIP/POSTCODE
PHONE	MOBILE	FAX	E-MAIL
BADGE NAME	PRACTICE SPECIALTY	SPECIAL DIETARY REQUIREMENTS	

CONGRESS COSTS / TAX INVIOCE

ABN 33 075 573 367

FEES (Fulltime registration)	Early bird Payment on or before 1 March 2010	Standard Payment after 1 March	TOTAL
Fellow	AUS 1260 <input type="checkbox"/>	AUS 1380 <input type="checkbox"/>	AUS
Member ISGE or AGES	AUS 1050 <input type="checkbox"/>	AUS 1155 <input type="checkbox"/>	AUS
Trainee/Scientist	AUS 600 <input type="checkbox"/>	AUS 660 <input type="checkbox"/>	AUS
Nurse	AUS 450 <input type="checkbox"/>	AUS 495 <input type="checkbox"/>	AUS
Student	AUS 450 <input type="checkbox"/>	AUS 495 <input type="checkbox"/>	AUS
Accompanying person	AUS 450 <input type="checkbox"/>	AUS 495 <input type="checkbox"/>	AUS

SOCIAL EVENTS

Opening Ceremony & Welcome Reception – Delegate	(Included in registration)		
Opening Ceremony & Welcome Reception – Partner		AUS 70 <input type="checkbox"/>	AUS
Gala Congress Dinner – Delegate		AUS 150 <input type="checkbox"/>	AUS
Gala Congress Dinner – Partner		AUS 150 <input type="checkbox"/>	AUS

MULTIPLE MEETING PACKAGES

Registration to ISGE/ AGES 2010 & 1 other AGES Meeting in 2010 - CHOOSE ONE ONLY

Fellow – Member AGES	AUS 1890 <input type="checkbox"/>	+Pelvic <input type="checkbox"/>	+ Focus <input type="checkbox"/>	AUS
Fellow – Non Member AGES	AUS 2155 <input type="checkbox"/>	+Pelvic <input type="checkbox"/>	+ Focus <input type="checkbox"/>	AUS
Trainee	AUS 1000 <input type="checkbox"/>	+Pelvic <input type="checkbox"/>	+ Focus <input type="checkbox"/>	AUS

Registration to ISGE/ AGES 2010& 2 other AGES Meetings in 2010 - Pelvic Floor Meeting & Focus Meeting

Fellow – Member AGES	AUS 2600 <input type="checkbox"/>	AUS
Fellow – Non Member AGES	AUS 2910 <input type="checkbox"/>	AUS
Trainee	AUS 1334 <input type="checkbox"/>	AUS

ACCOMMODATION

Please book the following accommodation (All accommodation is subject to availability)

Check in: / / 2010 Check out: / / 2010

I will be accompanied by/have arranged to share with (name):

I would prefer a non-smoking room Yes No
 Room type request King Twin

Hilton Sydney

Rate room per night

Guest Room Plus	AUS 289 <input type="checkbox"/>	AUS
Executive Rooms	AUS 379 <input type="checkbox"/>	AUS
Relaxation Rooms	AUS 559 <input type="checkbox"/>	AUS
Relaxation Suites	AUS 659 <input type="checkbox"/>	AUS
King Suites	AUS 989 <input type="checkbox"/>	AUS

TOTAL AU\$

BOOKING AGREEMENT

On behalf of each person named for whom this booking request is made, I have read, understood, and agree to be bound by the conditions set out in this Congress Brochure.

SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____

PAYMENT BY CHEQUE

Please send the registration form and cheque in AU\$ made payable to 'AGES' to:
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 282 Edinburgh Road
 Castlecrag
 SYDNEY NSW 2068
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AGES Membership Fees in 2010

Fees to 31 December 2010

Fellow	AU\$375
International Fellow	AU\$340
Registrar / Trainee (with AAGL Journal)	AU\$100
Registrar / Trainee member of RANZCOG	*N/C
International Registrar / Trainee / non-member of RANZCOG	AU\$160
Associate	AU\$250

* Application Required

- Journal of Minimally Invasive Gynecology (formerly AAGL Journal) or IUGA Journal

ISGE Membership Fees in 2010

MEMBERSHIP FEES

Lifetime:	Lifetime	US\$950
Annual:	Annual Full	US\$100
	Annual Developing Country Resident **	US\$60
Associate:	Scientists, Paramedics	US\$60
	Industrial	US\$350

- Journal of Minimally Invasive Gynecology (formerly AAGL Journal) JMIG additional US\$80 per annum
- ** Resident must provide letter from Head of Department verifying training status
- Corporate Sponsor: On Request

Congress Payments

- Registration form must be accompanied by payment
- Member registration fees apply only to ISGE/AGES members who are financial members in 2010
- Single day registrations are not available
- All costs are in Australian dollars (AU\$), including GST where applicable
- Registration fees are payable by cheque, Visa and MasterCard.
- Tax invoices will be issued on receipt of registration and payment
- Registrations are only valid when written confirmation is received from the AGES Secretariat
- Please ensure that you have received written confirmation from the AGES Secretariat especially if you have faxed your registration form

Other AGES meetings in 2010

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FOCUS MEETING

Darwin, Northern Territory
13 & 14 August 2010



AGES PELVIC FLOOR SYMPOSIUM & WORKSHOP XI

Brisbane, Queensland
15 & 16 October 2010



AGES/RANZCOG TRAINEE WORKSHOP VI

Melbourne, Victoria



AGES Multiple meeting packages in 2010

Multiple meeting packages for AGES meetings in 2010 are available at substantial discounts.

Two or three meeting packages are available combining registration to this Congress, the Pelvic Floor Conference and/or the Focus Meeting.

The deadline for all multiple meeting package registrations is 1 May 2010. Applications received after this deadline will be charged at normal rates.





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Congress Information



Climate

Sydney has a pleasant cool to mild climate in May. Temperatures generally range between 11° and 19°C or 52° and 67°F. For more information see www.bom.gov.au.



Currency

Australia's currency is the Australian dollar (AU\$). All major credit cards are widely accepted in Australia. Current exchange rates are available at www.xe.com



Language

English is spoken throughout Australia and is the official language for the Congress. For information about Australia in other languages please go to <http://www.visitnsw.com/>



Time

Local Sydney time is Greenwich Mean Time plus 10 hours. There will be no Daylight Saving in New South Wales at the time of the Congress. There are several time zones in Australia. The West Coast is two hours behind the East Coast.



Banks

Banks in Australia are generally open from 0930 to 1600 Monday to Thursday and 0930 to 1700 on Fridays. Some banks are also open on Saturdays. Exchange facilities are available at airports and major hotels. Automatic teller machines (ATMs) are widely available.



Shopping

In Sydney, the majority of shops are open from 0900 to 1730 Monday to Friday and 0900 until 1600 on Saturday and Sunday. Extended shopping hours are on Thursdays from 0900 to 2100 in most areas.



Travel and Health Insurance

We strongly recommend that you take out insurance policies to cover medical and travel expenses. Your travel agent or airline will be able to assist.



Wheelchair access or other mobility disability access during the Congress

At the time of registration please notify the Secretariat of any mobility disabilities you have. For more information about getting around Sydney, please see <http://cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/AboutSydney/CBDDisabledAccess/Default.asp>



Electricity

The electricity supply in Australia is 240 volts, 50Hz. The connection for appliances is a flat 3-pin plug of unique design. Most hotels provide 110 outlets for shavers.



Taxes

A Goods and Services Tax (GST) of 10% applies to all consumer goods and is included in retail prices. You can claim a refund of the goods and services tax (GST) and wine equalisation tax (WET) that you pay on goods you buy in Australia. The refund only applies to goods you take with you as hand luggage, or wear onto the aircraft or ship when you leave the country. You can obtain more information at: www.customs.com.au.



Tipping

Service charges are not added to accounts by hotels or restaurants. You may tip hotel porters and food and drink waiters in restaurants if you wish (up to 10% of the bill). At all times tipping is your choice.



Dress Code

Business or smart casual attire is recommended for all Congress sessions. Dress code for the Opening Ceremony, Welcome Reception and Gala Congress Dinner is cocktail or business attire.



Mobile Phones

Australia operates on a digital network.



Transport from the Airport

There are a number of taxi companies in Sydney that service the Sydney Airport. There is a train service from the Sydney Domestic Terminal with connection to the International Terminal. For more information go to <http://www.sydneyairport.com.au/SACL/To-and-From-the-Airport.html>



The Appropriate Visa for Delegates

All visitors to Australia who are not Australian citizens (other than citizens of New Zealand travelling on a New Zealand passport) require a valid visa or Electronic Travel Authority (ETA) to enter Australia. It is essential that you seek further information from your airline, travel agent or the Australian Consulate in your country, as immigration laws are very strict. Please visit for more information www.immi.gov.au.

Invitation letter and Visa:

If you require an invitation letter for visa purposes please indicate this on your registration form or contact the Congress Secretariat. Please note that an invitation letter is simply intended to assist participants who require a visa or permission to attend the ISGE 19th International Congress / AGES XX Scientific Meeting 2010. It does not represent an official invitation covering fees or any other expenses, nor does it imply any financial support for attendance at the Congress.



Congress Conditions

DEPOSITS AND FINAL PAYMENTS:

All Congress costs are payable in advance. If, for any reason, your entire payment has not been received by the due date, we reserve the right to treat your booking as cancelled and will apply the appropriate cancellation fees.

Faxed or posted registration forms will only be processed/confirmed if valid credit card details or cheque payment accompany the forms. You may not pay your fees by Electronic Funds Transfer.

CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY:

Should you or a member of your party be forced to cancel, you should advise the Congress Organisers in writing addressed to "AGES c/- Conference Connection, 282 Edinburgh Road Castlecrag Sydney NSW 2068 Australia"

- Single Meeting Registrations: the Congress cancellation policy allows a cancellation fee of AU\$250.00 of registration fees for cancellations received up to 8 weeks prior to the first day of the Congress, and of 50% of registration fees for cancellations up to 4 weeks prior to the first day of the Congress. No refund will be made after this time.
- Multiple meeting registrants: no refunds apply.

Hotels and other suppliers of services, depending on date of cancellation, may also impose cancellation charges. Accommodation payments will be forfeited if the room is not occupied on the requested check-in date. Please note that a claim for reimbursement of cancellation charges may fall within the terms of travel insurance you effect.

The Congress Organisers reserve the right to cancel any workshop or course if there are insufficient registrations. Also, at any time, without notice and without giving reasons, the Congress Organisers may cancel or postpone the Congress, change the venue or any published timetables, activities, presenters or particulars without being liable for any loss, damage or expense incurred or suffered by any person.

Refunds of the whole or any part of the fees and payments received by the Congress Organisers will only be made if the Congress Organisers in the exercise of their absolute discretion, determine that persons have been unfairly prejudiced by any cancellation, postponement or change.

INSURANCE:

Registration fees do not include insurance of any kind. It is strongly recommended that at the time you register for the Congress and book your travel you take out an insurance policy of your choice. The policy should include loss of fees/deposit through cancellation of your participation in the Congress, or through cancellation of the Congress, loss of international/ domestic air fares through cancellation for any reason, loss of tour monies through cancellation for any reason including airline or related services strikes within and/or outside Australia, failure to utilise tours or pre-booked arrangements due to airline delay, force majeure or any other reason, medical expenses (including sickness and accident cover), loss or damage to personal property, additional expenses and repatriation should travel arrangements have to be altered. The Congress Organisers cannot take any responsibility for any participant failing to arrange his/her own insurance. This insurance is to be purchased in your country of origin.

PRICING POLICY:

It is impossible to predict increases to cost elements such as government taxes and other service provider tariffs. In the event of such fluctuations or increases affecting the price of the Congress, we reserve the right to adjust our prices as may be necessary at any time up to and including the first date of the Congress, even though the balance payment may have been made. If we are forced to change your booking or any part of it for any reason beyond

our control – for instance, if an airline changes its schedule – we reserve the right to vary your itinerary and will give you, or cause to be given to you, prompt notice thereof.

Congress Costs do not include: Insurance, telephone calls, laundry, food and beverage except as itemised in the brochure, and items of a personal nature.

TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION:

The Congress Organisers are not themselves carriers or hoteliers nor do we own aircraft, hotels, or coaches. The flights, coach journeys, other travel and hotel accommodation herein are provided by reputable carriers and hoteliers on their own conditions. It is important to note, therefore, that all bookings with the Congress Organisers are subject to terms and conditions and limitations of liability imposed by hoteliers and other service providers whose services we utilise, some of which limit or exclude liability in respect of death, personal injury, delay and loss or damage to baggage.

OUR RESPONSIBILITY:

The Congress Organisers cannot accept any liability of whatever nature for the acts, omissions or default, whether negligent or otherwise of those airlines, coach operators, shipping companies, hoteliers, or other persons providing services in connection with the Congress pursuant to a contract between themselves and yourself (which may be evidenced in writing by the issue of a ticket, voucher, coupon or the like) and over whom we have no direct and exclusive control.

The Congress Organisers do not accept any liability in contract or in tort (actionable wrong) for any injury, damage, loss, delay, additional expense or inconvenience caused directly or indirectly by force majeure or other events which are beyond our control, or which are not preventable by reasonable diligence on our part including but not limited to war, civil disturbance, fire, floods, unusually severe weather, acts of God, act of government or any authorities, accidents to or failure of machinery or equipment or industrial action (whether or not involving our employees and even though such action may be settled by acceding to the demands of a labour group). Please note that add prices quoted are subject to change without notice.

PRIVACY:

Collection, maintenance and disclosure of certain personal information are governed by Australian legislation. Please note that your details may be disclosed to the parties mentioned in this brochure and your details may be included in the list of delegates.

ENTRY TO AUSTRALIA:

All participants from countries outside Australia are responsible for complying with Australian visa and entry requirements and re-entry permits to their own countries. Letters to support visa applications will be sent upon request, but only after receipt of registration forms and fees.

CONGRESS BADGES:

Official name badges must be worn or produced on demand at all times during the Congress to obtain entry to all Congress sessions and to social functions. Proof of identity will be required for the issue of replacement badges.

THE CONGRESS ORGANISERS:

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