22nd Annual Scientific Meeting
Adelaide Convention Centre, 14-16 September 2011

STROKE 2011
Challenges in the New Millennium: Prevention, Thrombolysis & Repair!

Gold Sponsor:
Boehringer Ingelheim

REGISTRATION BROCHURE
Acknowledgements

The Organising Committee is grateful to the following who, at the time of printing, have given their support in many different ways:

Gold Sponsor: Boehringer Ingelheim

Bronze Sponsors: Pfizer, Penumbra, Allergan, Bayer HealthCare, Boehringer Ingelheim, Genzyme, Ipsen

Exhibitors:

Other sponsor: Stroke
Dear Friends and Colleagues

I extend an enthusiastic invitation to all to join us in Adelaide from the 14th to 16th of September 2011 for the best-ever Stroke Society of Australasia Annual Scientific Meeting (SSA-ASM).

Adelaide is beautiful at this time of year and you will enjoy the picturesque River Torrens where we will meet daily at the world-renowned Adelaide Convention Centre to hear, speak and learn about Stroke and how we will overcome it in 2011 and beyond. The theme for this 22nd SSA-ASM is: 'Challenges in the New Millennium: Prevention, Thrombolysis & Repair!'

To join us we have an impressive line up of Keynote Speakers who include Professor Werner Hacke (Germany), Professor Argye Hillis (USA), Associate Professor Stefano Pluchino (UK), and Associate Professor James Mick (USA). The SSA-ASM 2011 will build around these themes and speakers to cross all disciplines and interests, whether yours are clinical or scientific. There will also be three exciting satellite sessions: Tuesday afternoon 13th September on ‘Comprehensive Stroke Care for All’ that will target Nursing, Allied Health and Rehabilitation; Tuesday afternoon 13th September on ‘Stroke Advocacy – getting the message across!’; and Saturday 17th September on ‘TIA Stroke Prevention for Primary Practice’.

To help invigorate us and keep our minds alive and active we will be able to run or walk on Thursday morning (16 September) for the annual ‘SSA Fun Run’ and partake in great South Australian food and wine on Wednesday evening at Government House for the Welcome Reception and Thursday evening at the National Wine Centre for the annual Conference Dinner. Please bring your partners as there will be other activities in ‘our beautiful Adelaide’.

We look forward to seeing you in Adelaide!

Simon Koblar
Conference Convenor
Organising Committee
The SSA 2011 ASM Organising Committee welcomes you to Adelaide, on the banks of the Torrens River. Adelaide is surrounded by Park Lands, and everywhere is readily accessible. The Convention Centre is located right on the edge of the main Central Business District.

Adelaide is a vibrant, energetic city. The most diverse shopping experience in Rundle Mall is only minutes away and you’re a stone’s throw away from the enticing tastes and smell sensations of the Central Market – one of Australia’s largest fresh fruit and produce markets. It is also just a short walk to Museums, Art Galleries, cafés and restaurants.

Welcome to Adelaide!

Key Dates

Call for Abstracts
Closed 13 May 2011

Application for New Investigator Award
Closed 13 May 2011

Application for Nursing/Allied Health Scientific Award
Closed 13 May 2011

Application for Nursing/Allied Health Service Award
Closing Date – 10 June 2011

Application for Trainee/Fellow/Student Award
Closing Date – 10 June 2011

Early Registration
Closing Date – 4 July 2011

Conference Secretariat
For all enquiries please contact:
Lana Coleman, SSA 2011 ASM Secretariat
Tel: +61 3 9594 7578
Email: ssa2011adelaide@strokesociety.com.au

Venue
Adelaide Convention Centre
North Terrace
Adelaide 5000, South Australia
Tel: +61 8 8212 4099
Web: www.adelaidecc.com.au
Awards

Travel Support and Prizes

Conference Travel Support for Nurses and Allied Health

Service Award

In keeping with the principal goals of the SSA, which include disseminating and promoting the exchange of information about stroke, the SSA calls for applications from nurses and allied health professionals wishing to attend the SSA annual scientific conference for 2010 in Adelaide. The $1000 awards are intended to help defray the costs of travel and accommodation.

The awards are available to all nurses and allied health professionals who are attending the annual conference and application is open to both members and non-members of the SSA. These Service Awards are for services to stroke, and will be judged by the SSA Executive Committee. To be eligible the applicant must be from a nursing or allied health background. The following will be considered in judging these awards:

1. Demonstrated implementation of services to stroke in their field, i.e. > 3 years working in stroke;
2. Demonstrated initiatives in clinical practice, e.g. involvement in stroke Quality Improvement projects;
3. Attendance at (or organization of) Professional Development courses for stroke within the last 3 years;
4. Participation in improving stroke services in the work environment, i.e. planned projects, Quality Improvement involvement, and further education;
5. Active participation in local stroke networks; and
6. Evidence of leadership.

Applicants must provide a summary of their contribution to stroke and may use the above as a guide. This summary should be no longer than one page, and be in 12 point Arial or similar font. Applicants must also provide a brief (no more than 200 words) reference from their nominated referee. Applicants should also complete and return the application form and provide evidence of professional status to ssa2011adelaide@strokesociety.com.au before 10 June 2011. Previous winners of the award are ineligible. Winners will be notified before the closing date for early bird registrations.
SSA-ASM Conference Award for Stroke Fellows, Neurology Trainees & Higher Degree Students

These awards are being offered by the local organising committee of the ASM. The awards are available to all stroke fellows, neurology trainees and higher degree students who are wishing to attend the annual conference and application is open to both members and non-members of the SSA. There will be up to six $1000 awards that are intended to help defray the costs of travel and accommodation. The criteria for the Awards and the closing dates for application are listed below:

These awards are based on abstracts submitted for the conference and your interest in Stroke, and will be judged by the scientific committee.

To be eligible the investigator must:
1. Be a stroke fellow, neurology trainee, or a higher degree student in 2011;
2. Be first author on the paper;
3. Have contributed to the design and conduct of the research study;
4. Provide up to ½ A4 page as to 'Why attending the SSA-ASM in 2011 will be of benefit to your training in Stroke'; and
5. Complete and return the application form and provide evidence of professional status to ssa2011adelaide@strokesociety.com.au before 10 June 2011.

The applicant must nominate which abstract is to be considered for the award, and only one abstract can be nominated by each applicant.

New Investigator Awards

Application for these awards is now closed. When assessing these awards the judges will take into account the following:

Originality of the work
Scientific merit (sound methods, appropriate analysis, and valid interpretation)
Clarity of presentation
Adherence to allocated time (platform presentations)
Handling of questions

Note for Platform Presentations: Adhering to your allocated time to allow for questions, and the way you deal with them, form a significant part of the overall assessment.

Note for Poster Presentations: You should stand by your poster during the period allocated to poster presentations in order to answer questions concerning your work.
**KEYNOTE SPEAKERS**

**Professor Argye Hillis**  
**Baltimore, USA**

Argye E. Hillis, MD, MA is a Professor of Neurology at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, with joint faculty appointments in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation and in Cognitive Science at Johns Hopkins University. Dr. Hillis serves as the Executive Vice Chair of the Department of Neurology, Director of the Neurology Residency Program, and the Co-Director of the Cerebrovascular Division of Neurology at Johns Hopkins. Prior to medical training and neurology residency, Dr. Hillis worked for a decade as a speech-language pathologist, and conducted clinical research focusing on understanding and treating aphasia and hemispatial neglect. She has brought these areas of experience to impact on her clinical research in neurology, which involves cognitive and neuroimaging studies of aphasia and hemispatial neglect due to acute stroke and focal dementias. She has published extensively on these topics in journals and textbooks. Dr. Hillis is Co-Editor-in Chief of Behavioural Neurology and has served as Associate Editor of Brain, Annals of Neurology, Aphasiology, Nature Reviews Neurology, American Journal of Speech-Language Pathology, Neurocase, Cognitive Neuropsychology, and Language and Cognitive Processes. She also serves on the editorial board of Stroke.

**Associate Professor Stefano Pluchino**  
**Cambridge, UK**

Stefano Pluchino received his MD and PhD at the University of Siena, Italy, and additional training at Cambridge University, UK. Dr. Pluchino is a Professor of Regenerative Neuroscience at the University Vita-Salute San Raffaele (Milan). He is also an Adjunct Associate Professor in Neurology at the University of Vermont College of Medicine (Burlington, USA) and has recently been appointed to a University Lectureship in Brain Repair and an Honorary Consultancy in Neurology at the University of Cambridge, within the Centre for Brain Repair (2010). Dr Pluchino has demonstrated the [constitutive vs inducible] immune modulatory functions of somatic neural stem/precursor cells (NPCs). This seminal observation has led to a number of pre-clinical studies, both in rodents and non-human primates, where NPCs injected through biological routes, such as the blood stream and the cerebrospinal fluid, protect the nervous system from accumulation of chronic tissue damage (therapeutic plasticity of stem cells). His major recent focus has been the exploitation of the cellular and molecular mechanisms regulating the therapeutic plasticity of neural progenitor cells in inflammatory CNS diseases such as multiple sclerosis, ischaemic stroke, and spinal cord injury. Having established this, current research projects are exploring the different modalities by which NPCs engage programs of horizontal cell-to-cell communication with cells in the microenvironment.
**Professor Werner Hacke**  
Heidelberg, Germany  

Werner Hacke, is Professor and Chairman of the Department of Neurology at the University of Heidelberg in Germany. A Neurologist and Psychologist in training, he holds both an MD and a PhD. He received his Neurology training at the University of Aachen, Germany and at the University of Bern, Switzerland. After one year as visiting scientist at the Scripps Research Foundation in La Jolla, California, he took the Chair of Neurology at Heidelberg in 1987. He was Dean of Medicine of the University of Heidelberg, Germany, between 1990 and 1993 and 1995-1996. His main scientific and clinical interest is in stroke and critical care neurology. He has pioneered the field of thrombolysis for acute stroke and initiated several new management options for large infarctions including hypothermia and decompressive surgery. He was the President of the German Neurological Society (2001-2002) and the President of the German Interdisciplinary Society of Critical Care Medicine (2003-2004) and the German Stroke Society (2008-2009). He became the first President of the newly founded European Stroke Organisation (ESO) in 2008. He is member at large of the executive committee of the World Stroke Organization and member of the Board of Trustees, and Vice President, of the World Federation of Neurology. He is an honorary member of several national societies of Neurology, including the American Neurological Association (ANA), the Pan Russian Society of Neurology and the French Neurological Society, and holds an honorary doctorate in Tblisi, Georgia.  

In 1998 Prof Hacke was the first European recipient of the Feinberg award for Excellence in Stroke Research, given by the American Stroke Association and the first recipient of the Karolinska Stroke Award in 2004. He was awarded the Nonne-Medal, the highest award of the German Neurological Society in 2008. He received the President’s Award by the World Stroke Organisation (2008), the Mihara Award by the Mihara Foundation (Japan, 2009), and the Jarecki Award (USA, 2009). He was member or chair of the steering committees of several acute treatment and secondary prevention trials including ECASS I-III, SPACE and SPACE II, CHARISMA, AbESTT I and II, DIAS and DIAS II, DESTINY, ROCKET AF and others.  

Prof. Hacke has published 300 original articles listed in Pubmed and SCI. His H-index is 76. Between 2005 and 2010, he was a European editor of the Journal “Stroke”.

**Dr James Mick**  
Detroit, USA  

James Mick, MD is an Associate Professor of Medicine in the Department of Radiology at the William Beaumont Hospital, Detroit, USA. He did his Medical School training at Ohio State University. Following medical school he completed a Diagnostic Radiology Residency and Neuroradiology Fellowship at William Beaumont Hospital and went on to complete his Interventional Neuroradiology Fellowship at the University of California, San Francisco. His visit and presentation is sponsored by Penumbra.
INVITED SPEAKERS

Professor Graeme Hankey
Royal Perth Hospital

Graeme Hankey, MBBS, MD, FRCP (Lond), FRCP (Edin), FRACP is Head of the Stroke Unit at Royal Perth Hospital, and Clinical Professor, School of Medicine and Pharmacology, The University of Western Australia (UWA). He trained in neurology at the Royal Perth Hospital; Mayo Clinic, USA; and Western General Hospital, Edinburgh, UK. His main research interests include clinical trials of treatment strategies for acute stroke and stroke prevention (e.g. CHARISMA, VITATOPS, and AFFINITY) and epidemiological studies (e.g. Perth Community Stroke Study). Professor Hankey has >450 peer-reviewed medical articles (> 12,000 citations) and he has delivered 458 invited presentations. He has editorial responsibilities at The Lancet, The Lancet Neurology, and Stroke Treatment and Prevention, Stroke, among others. He is a board member of the World Stroke Organisation, Scientific Council of the American Stroke Association, and the Association of British Neurologists. Professor Hankey received the 1997 Royal Society of Medicine Medical Book Award, Advanced Author Book category and the 2006 Mervyn Eadie award of the Australian Association Neurologists for career achievement in neuroscience research. He was awarded the Western Australian Premier’s prize for achievement in science in 2006.

Professor Sandy Middleton
Australian Catholic University

Sandy Middleton is the Director of the Nursing Research Institute, located at St Vincents Hospital, Sydney. She is also Director of the National Centre for Clinical Outcomes Research, an Australian Catholic University Priority Research Centre. Professor Middleton has a particular interest in stroke and implementation research and has been successful in obtaining funding as a chief investigator on 45 grants attracting funding of over $4.8M. She was the lead investigator on the recently concluded Quality in Acute Stroke Care trial.

Dr Tim England: Warlow Prize Winner
University of Nottingham, UK

Dr England is the winner of the inaugural BASP Warlow Prize awarded by the British Association of Stroke Physicians.
**Wednesday 14 September**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Time</th>
<th>Event</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>0800</td>
<td>Registration Opens</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>0830 – 0900</td>
<td>Welcome</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>0900 – 1000</td>
<td><strong>KEYNOTE ADDRESS</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Werner Hacke</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Chair: Richard Lindley</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1000 – 1030</td>
<td><strong>MORNING TEA</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1030 – 1130</td>
<td><strong>CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><strong>WORKSHOP 1A</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Hyperacute Treatment of Stroke in 2011 and Beyond</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Chairs: Alan Barber, Mark Parsons</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><strong>WORKSHOP 1B</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Psychological Outcomes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Chairs: Skye McLennan, Maree Hackett</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><strong>WORKSHOP 1C</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Basic Science – Animal Models Of Stroke In Translation</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Chairs: Neil Spratt, Peter Crack</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1130 – 1230</td>
<td><strong>WORKSHOP 2A</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Clinical Issues in Stroke Care</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Chairs: Lizzie Dodd, Sandy Middleton</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1230 – 1350</td>
<td><strong>LUNCH</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1300 – 1350</td>
<td><strong>GUIDED POSTER SESSION</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Australasian Stroke Unit Network AGM</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1350 – 1530</td>
<td><strong>CONCURRENT SESSIONS</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><strong>FREE PAPERS</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1530 – 1600</td>
<td><strong>AFTERNOON TEA</strong></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

*STROKE 2011 Challenges in the new millennium p10*
Thursday 15 September

0600 – 0730  SSA Fun Run (5km Circuit) and Walk

0800  Registration Opens

0800 – 0900  **BREAKFAST SESSIONS**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>SESSION 1</th>
<th>SESSION 2</th>
<th>SESSION 3</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Atrial Fibrillation</td>
<td>Statistics, Truth &amp; Lies – come one, come all</td>
<td>Overseas Training</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Chairs: Andrew Lee, Chris Bladin</td>
<td>Chairs: Martin Lewis, Dominique Cadilhac</td>
<td>Chairs: Timothy Ingall, Richard Lindley</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

0900 – 1000  **KEYNOTE ADDRESS**

Argye Hillis
Chairs: Andrew Lee, Erin Godecke

1000 – 1030  **MORNING TEA**

1030 – 1130  **CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>WORKSHOP 3A</th>
<th>WORKSHOP 3B</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Stem Cell Therapy</td>
<td>Stroke Prevention</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Chairs: Simon Koblar, Richard Lindley</td>
<td>Chairs: Aaron Tan, Helen Dewey</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

1130 – 1230  **WORKSHOP 4A**

Demonstrating Post-Stroke Neuroplasticity
Chair: Michelle McDonnell, Leeanne Carey

1230 – 1350  **LUNCH**

1300 – 1350  **GUIDED POSTER SESSION**

Australasian Stroke Trials Network AGM
1350 – 1530

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

FREE PAPERS FREE PAPERS FREE PAPERS

1530 – 1600
AFTERNOON TEA

1600 – 1700
KEYNOTE ADDRESS
Excellence In Stroke Oration

1700 – 1830
SSA AGM

1930 – 2330
GALA DINNER
NATIONAL WINE CENTRE

Friday 16 September

0800
Registration Opens

0900 – 1000
KEYNOTE ADDRESS
Sandy Middleton
Chair: Chris Levi

1000 – 1030
MORNING TEA

1030 – 1230
CONCURRENT SESSIONS

NEW INVESTIGATOR SESSION FREE PAPERS FREE PAPERS

1230 – 1400
LUNCH

1300 – 1400
GUIDED POSTER SESSION

1400 – 1500
HYPOTHETICAL: CLINICAL, RESEARCH, ETHICS & THE LAW, OR, “HOW TO KEEP YOU ENGAGED ON THE LAST AFTERNOON”

1500 – 1530
AFTERNOON TEA

1530 – 1630
KEYNOTE ADDRESS
James Mick
Chairs: Bernard Yan, Jim Jannes

1630 – 1700
AWARDS & CLOSE
Breakfast sessions are not included in the conference registration fee. Breakfast sessions can be booked during registration on the web site for a fee of $40.00 per person per session. The Overseas Training breakfast session is free of charge. The three breakfast sessions will run concurrently and will be held on Thursday, 15 September 2011 from 0800 - 0900 hours. Pre-registration for all breakfast sessions (including the Overseas Training Session) is essential as places are limited.

**Thursday 15 September**

0800 – 0900 hours – running concurrently:

**BREAKFAST SESSION 1**

**Atrial Fibrillation**  
*Andrew Lee, Chris Bladin*

Atrial fibrillation (AF) is an important cause of acute ischemic stroke and the need for effective anti-coagulation that is safe and reliable is paramount. Recent evidence of using direct thrombin inhibitors will revolutionize its management. This workshop will address issues concerning risk stratification of atrial fibrillation into those that require more potent anticoagulation and provide an insight to new advances to prevent AF related cardio-embolic stroke.

Cost: $40.00

**BREAKFAST SESSION 2**

**Statistics, Truth & Lies – come one, come all**  
*Martin Lewis, Dominique Cadilhac*

Increasingly clinical and pre-clinical studies are becoming more complex in stroke. Statistical analysis is consequently becoming more specialised and the student t-test is not sufficient. This session will give a range of views of statistics and how much we need to know, who to ask, when to start thinking of stats in our studies and what are the strengths and weaknesses of good statistical analysis.

Cost: $40.00

**BREAKFAST SESSION 3**

**Overseas Training**  
*Timothy Ingall, Richard Lindley*

This informational workshop is targeted to trainees considering extending their stroke training overseas. A panel of stroke neurologists will present information, and answer questions, regarding the opportunities, and requirements, for overseas training in the USA, Europe, the UK, and China.

Cost: Free
All workshops are included in the conference registration fee.

Wednesday, 14 September 2011
1030 – 1130 hours – running concurrently:

WORKSHOP SESSION 1A
Hyperacute Treatment of Stroke in 2011 and Beyond
This interactive workshop will include talks by experts in the field with focus on current and emerging hyperacute stroke therapies, including endovascular treatment and hemicraniectomy, as well as the use of imaging-based selection for acute therapies. This workshop will be targeted to trainee stroke physicians, but should also be of great interest to those who are curious to know more about what all the excitement is about.

Chairs: Alan Barber, Mark Parsons

WORKSHOP SESSION 1B
Psychological Outcomes
Recovery from stroke can be impeded by psychological symptoms including cognitive impairments and mood disturbance. If left untreated, these symptoms can dramatically reduce quality of life. This session provides a practical overview of evidence-based approaches to identification and management of these common complications.

Chairs: Skye McLennan & Maree Hackett

WORKSHOP SESSION 1C
Basic Science – Animal Models of Stroke in Translation
The aim of animal models of stroke is to simulate what happens in the clinical situation. In order for pre-clinical studies to translate into successful clinical trials in patients it is now being recognised that preclinical studies require higher levels of rigor and closer attention to which animal model to use. This session will be of interest to all stroke researchers either involved in clinical or pre-clinical studies.

Chairs: Neil Spratt, Peter Crack
WORKSHOPS

Wednesday, 14 September 2011
1130 – 1230 hours – running concurrently:

WORKSHOP SESSION 2A
Clinical Issues in Stroke Care

Urinary incontinence is a common consequence post-stroke and a significant indicator of poor outcome, yet management is sub-optimal. This workshop will explore the pathophysiology of incontinence post stroke, showcase a local initiative to improve incontinence management in one health service and discuss the bigger issue of how we get clinicians to increase their uptake of evidence-based strategies to optimally manage this much neglected area of clinical practice following stroke. The workshop will be of interest to multidisciplinary clinicians who wish to implement evidence based practice improvements in the acute, rehabilitation and community settings.

Chairs: Lizzie Dodd, Sandy Middleton

WORKSHOP SESSION 2B
Seamless Rehabilitation: is it possible?

People with stroke describe the rehabilitation merry-go-round with ad hoc services, traumatic transitions, unclear pathways and entry criteria. This session will host a panel discussion on current rehabilitation models (early rehabilitation in the comprehensive stroke unit, early supported discharge and rehabilitation in the home, ambulatory services and inpatient rehabilitation). The issues of which model for which person and how to transition or coordinate through the options will be the focus of the discussion.

Chairs: Susan Hillier, Nigel Quadros

WORKSHOP SESSION 2C
Intracerebral Haemorrhage

Richard Gerraty, Tim Kleinig, Craig Anderson, Stephen Davis
Intracerebral haemorrhage is traditionally ischaemic stroke’s poorer cousin: under-researched, lacking effective acute therapies but causing disproportionate death and disability. This session outlines recent advances in understanding pathophysiology of intracerebral haemorrhage, the resulting potential new treatment targets, best practice medical management and haemostatic therapy for haematoma expansion. Cortical or convexity subarachnoid haemorrhage is also reviewed as a new diagnostic category and mimic of transient ischaemic attack.

Chairs: Tim Kleinig, Stephen Davis
WORKSHOPS

Thursday, 15 September 2011
1030 – 1130 hours – running concurrently:

WORKSHOP SESSION 3A
Stem Cell Therapy
Thrombolysis in acute stroke was a fundamental advance at the end of the 20th Century. What will be the next major advance at the beginning of the 21st Century? Stem Cell therapy has been promoted widely as the next major advance. Will this be fact or fiction? This session aims to look at the basics of stem cell biology, preclinical and clinical stem cell therapy trials to give real perspective in answering these important questions.

Chairs: Simon Koblar, Richard Lindley

WORKSHOP SESSION 3B
Stroke Prevention
This session aims to highlight the current challenges in stroke prevention in particular TIA definition and its management. It will be an interactive session to showcase the dilemmas we face in practice and current approaches.

Chairs: Aaron Tan, Helen Dewey

Thursday, 15 September 2011
1130 – 1230 hours – running concurrently:

WORKSHOP SESSION 4A
Demonstrating Post-stroke Neuroplasticity
The potential for neuroplasticity following stroke is enormous, but how can we demonstrate plasticity? This session will include talks by experts in the field who will discuss how functional neuroimaging and neurophysiological procedures can confirm the reorganisation that underpins the behavioural (functional) changes seen during rehabilitation and recovery. This session will be of interest to those working in stroke rehabilitation and will provide a greater understanding of neuroscience research.

Chairs: Michelle McDonnell, Leanne Carey

WORKSHOP SESSION 4B
Endovascular
This workshop will provide a comprehensive update on intra-arterial therapy for acute ischaemic stroke. Presentations will be evidence-based and will address important topics including indications of use (for both primary and rescue scenarios), rationale for selection of device type, infrastructure and workforce pre-requisites, complications and pre/post procedure management protocols. The workshop will conclude with several case presentations and discussion by an expert panel.

Chairs: Jim Jannes, Bernard Yan
SOCIAL EVENTS

Welcome Reception
VENUE: Gardens of Government House
North Terrace, ADELAIDE
DATE: Wednesday, 14 September 2011
TIME: 1730 - 1930 hours
COST: Included in Full Delegate Registration Fees
Extra tickets: $60.00 per person

The SSA Organising Committee is inviting all delegates and exhibitors to join them for the Welcome Reception. It is hoped all delegates and partners will be able to attend this evening. This is a fantastic networking opportunity and the first official function of the conference.

Fun Run/Walk
DATE: Thursday, 15 September 2011
TIME: 0600 – 0730 hours

For all those exercise conscious delegates, a 5km social fun run will be held along the Torrens. A shorter course will be available for delegates to leisurely walk at this time of the morning. Please register on the online registration form if you would like to participate. Specific details will be emailed to attendees closer to the time.

Gala Dinner
VENUE: National Wine Centre
Hickinbotham Hall
Corner Botanic & Hackney Roads, ADELAIDE
DATE: Thursday 15, September 2011
TIME: 1930-2330 hours
COST: Included in Full Delegate Registration Fees
Extra tickets: $115.00 per person

We welcome all delegates and their guests to join colleagues and friends for a memorable evening of fun, fine wine and excellent food, and great entertainment.

POSTERS
Posters will be displayed in the Hall G. Guided Posters Sessions will be held at on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday 14 - 16 September 2011. This is an opportunity to meet with the posters’ authors and for them to explain their work and answer any questions. Poster presenters will stand by their posters. Please meet the chairs of the guided session at the entrance of the Auditorium. The session will start at 1300 hours (on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday).
Accommodation has been reserved at several properties all within close proximity of the conference venue.

**Booking Information**

- **Room types:**
  - Single - one bed in room
  - Double - one large bed in room
- **Check in:** 1400 hours
- **Check out:** 1100 hours
- **Rates given are per room per night and include GST.** The Stroke Society of Australasia is acting as an agent only and will be transferring the amount to the accommodation venues. You must request a tax invoice at the accommodation venue at check out for GST purposes.
- **Rates do not include breakfast.**
- **Late arrivals** - if you plan to arrive after 1800 hours, please advise the Conference Secretariat to ensure the room is held for you and not released.
- **Only bookings through the online registration process will obtain these rates.**
- **To secure your accommodation booking, a minimum of the first night’s deposit is required.**
- **Accommodation will only be confirmed when the deposit is received.**
- **Deposits are non-refundable and will be forfeited if you do not arrive on the date specified on your registration form.**
- **Rates are correct at time of printing and may be subject to change.**
- **All alterations and cancellations to accommodation bookings must be made in writing to the Conference Secretariat.**

**Intercontinental Adelaide**  
*(Next door to the Adelaide Convention Centre)*  
North Terrace, ADELAIDE SA 5000  
Tel: +61 8 8238 2400  
Fax: +61 8 8231 1120

- Superior King **$220.00** per room per night  
- Riverview King **$245.00** per room per night

**Club Intercontinental King Rooms per night**  
(includes breakfast, evening drinks and canapés):  
- Single **($300.00)**  
- Double **($330.00)**

**Hotel Grand Chancellor Adelaide on Hindley**  
*(10 minutes walk from the conference venue)*  
65 Hindley Street, ADELAIDE SA 5000  
Tel: +61 8 8231 5552  
Fax: +61 8 8237 3800

- Deluxe Room **$155.00** per room per night

**Oaks Embassy Apartments**  
*(5-10 minutes walk from the conference venue)*  
96 North Terrace, ADELAIDE SA 5000  
Tel: +61 2 9361 1553  
Email: NSWRes26@theoaksgroup.com.au

Delegates wishing to book these apartments must do so directly to Mariam Mahmassani, Adelaide Groups Co-Ordinator, Oaks Hotels & Resorts at the number listed above (a Sydney number) or by email. Quote the “Stroke Society of Australasia Conference” to receive the below special rates (book early: rooms subject to availability).

- 1 bedroom deluxe apartments (1 x king split bed): **$175** per night  
- 2 bedroom deluxe apartments (1 x king split bed + 1 x queen bed + 1 bathroom): **$235** per night
Membership of the Stroke Society of Australasia is open to professionals working in the field of stroke or in kindred fields, who have an active interest in the work and aims of the Society.

Benefits of membership include:
1. Emailed copies of newsletters and registrations papers for the Annual Scientific Meeting;
2. Discounted registration fee for the Annual Scientific meeting;
3. Eligibility to stand for office;
4. Eligibility to apply for travel awards and new investigator awards;
5. Discounted membership to the World Stroke Organisation; and
6. Full voting rights.

A prospective member must be nominated by an existing member, using the form downloadable from www.strokesociety.com.au. The annual subscription fee is currently $82.50 (Australian dollars).

The aims of the Society are:
1. To further the study of all aspects of stroke
2. To improve standards of management of stroke in Australia and New Zealand
3. To foster investigation and research in all aspects of stroke
4. To disseminate and promote the exchange of information about stroke within Australia, and with similar bodies overseas
5. To solicit and enlist financial support from any source to fund and promote scientific work within the field of stroke
6. To build capacity in the stroke academic and clinical workforce
7. To provide a vehicle for education and increasing knowledge about stroke
8. To provide forums for setting priorities in stroke and stroke research

New members are welcome!

For further information on SSA Membership, please contact:
SSA Secretariat
P.O. Box 576
CROWS NEST NSW 1585 AUSTRALIA
Tel: +61 2 9431 8660
Fax: +61 2 9431 8677
Email: ssa@apcaust.com.au
Web: www.strokesociety.com.au
GENERAL INFORMATION

Registration Desk
The Registration Desk will be open from 0800 hours Wednesday, 14 September 2011 and located in the Foyer G, outside the Trade Exhibition Area at the Adelaide Convention Centre. Staff at the Registration Desk will be happy to help with any queries.

Name Badges
All delegates will be given a name badge at registration. This badge will be the official pass to sessions, teas, lunches and official social functions. It is necessary for delegates to wear their name badges at all times when on-site.

Messages
A notice board will be placed near the Registration Desk where messages received for or between delegates can be displayed. Messages regarding the conference and exhibition will also be placed here.

Credit Cards
Credit cards accepted at the Registration Desk are MasterCard and Visa. Note – Diners card is NOT accepted. The majority of hotels, restaurants and shops will accept all major credit cards.

Trade Exhibition and Internet Café
A trade exhibition will be held in Hall G, at the Adelaide Convention Centre. Arrival tea & coffee, morning teas, lunches and afternoon teas will be served in this area to enable you to visit the exhibitors whose support to the conference is much appreciated.

An Internet area will be available in the trade exhibition.

Goods & Services Tax (GST)
Please note that all prices quoted throughout this document (registration fees, accommodation, social events, etc) are inclusive of GST. However, the tax invoice will not show the GST component on the accommodation as SSA is acting as agents only and pass the deposits received onto the accommodation venues. A tax invoice must be requested at the accommodation venues at check-out for GST purposes.

Insurance
Registration fees do not include insurance of any kind. As you will be incurring considerable expenses when attending this event, it is strongly recommended that you take out an insurance policy of your choice when booking your travel arrangements. The Conference Secretariat cannot take any responsibility for any participant failing to arrange their own insurance. This insurance is to be purchased in your country of origin.
Parking

Adelaide Convention Centre

There are two on-site car parks. The Riverbank car park is accessible from Festival Drive and the North Terrace car park is accessible from North Terrace. A total of 1200 spaces are available and access to the Convention Centre is via lift.

Conference and Exhibition Parking

The Adelaide Convention Centre offers parking vouchers for delegates. These allow multiple entries and exits for each 24 hour period. All bookings to be made no later than 5 working days prior to the event (tel. (618) 8212-4099).

Parking Vouchers $18.00 per day
One car per ticket at any time (multiple entries per day). Prepaid parking only and no refunds for any unused parking.

If not pre-booked, the following rates are applicable to each car park and all prices are inclusive of GST:

Early Bird $10.00
Available 7 days for entry between 5am and 9:30am and exit by 6:30pm.

Beyond 6:30pm casual parking charges will apply as below to a maximum of $24.00 for 24 hours inclusive of early bird parking time.

Casual 0-1hr $4.00
1-2hrs $8.00
2-3hrs $12.00

Then an additional $1.00 for each hour or part thereof to a maximum of $24.00 for each 24 hour period.

InterContinental Adelaide

Valet Parking for in-house guests is available at $30.00 per day.

Hotel Grand Chancellor Adelaide on Hindley

A discounted rate for in-house guests of $15 per day will be charged per car. This price is correct at the time of printing, however this rate is subject to change at their discretion.

Oaks Embassy Apartments

A rate of $15 per day is payable (in-house guests only). Guests must advise on booking if required.

Disclaimer of Liability

The Organising Committee, including the Conference Secretariat, will not accept liability for damages of any nature sustained by participants or their accompanying persons or loss of or damage to their personal property as a result of the meeting or related events.

Air Travel

Please visit the following websites for domestic airfares to Adelaide:

- www.jetstar.com
- www.qantas.com.au
- www.tigerairways.com
- www.virginblue.com.au
REGISTRATION FEES

FEES

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th>BEFORE OR ON 4/7/2011</th>
<th>AFTER 4/7/2011</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Full ASM Registrations</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SSA Members</td>
<td>$675.00</td>
<td>$775.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Non-Members</td>
<td>$825.00</td>
<td>$925.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><em><em>Students</em> and Special Groups</em>*</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SSA Members</td>
<td>$500.00</td>
<td>$600.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Non-Members</td>
<td>$600.00</td>
<td>$700.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>One Day Registrations</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SSA Members</td>
<td>$300.00</td>
<td>$350.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Non-Members</td>
<td>$350.00</td>
<td>$400.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><em><em>Students</em> and Special Groups</em>*</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SSA Members</td>
<td>$275.00</td>
<td>$325.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Non-Members</td>
<td>$325.00</td>
<td>$375.00</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

*Student registrants must provide a copy of their student identification and email it to the conference secretariat at ssa2011adelaide@strokesociety.com.au.

**Special groups includes Nurses, Allied Health Professionals, Paramedics and Non-Clinicians

Your registration fee includes:

**Full ASM Registrations**
- Entry to all scientific sessions
- Entry to trade exhibition & poster area
- Morning/afternoon teas and lunches during the Meeting
- Welcome Reception
- Gala Dinner
- Satchel
- Final Program Book
- CD of Conference Abstracts

**One Day Registrations**
- Entry to all scientific sessions on that day
- Entry to trade exhibition & poster area on that day
- Morning/afternoon tea and lunch on that day
- Satchel
- Final Program Book
- CD of Conference Abstracts

One Day Registrations do not include the Welcome Reception and/or the Gala Dinner; however registrants are welcome to purchase a ticket at the guest rate.

Method of Payment
- Register online at www.strokesociety.com.au (credit card payment required)
- Credit cards accepted are Mastercard and Visa (please note that American Express and Diners is NOT accepted)
- If sending money via international transfer, all charges must be paid by the sender.

Acknowledgement
Registrations will be acknowledged via email within 10 working days, with confirmation of your requirements according to your registration form, together with a tax invoice. Bookings will only be confirmed when payment is received.

Cancellation Policy
All cancellations or alterations should be put in writing to the Meeting Secretariat. Please note that there is no refund on accommodation bookings.

If cancellation is received in writing:
- By 4 July 2011 - $100.00 cancellation fee will apply
- By 10 August 2011 - 50% of monies paid
- After 10 August 2011 - no refund of monies paid