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Welcome to Stroke 2012.

On behalf of the Organising Committee, we invite you to attend Stroke 2012, to be held from 29 – 31 August 2012 at the Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre.

Stroke 2012 is a combined event for the Stroke Society of Australasia 2012 Annual Scientific Meeting and the 8th Smart Strokes Australasian Nursing and Allied Health Stroke Conference.

This will be the second time the organisations have combined and provides a unique opportunity for medical, nursing, allied health, basic science and paramedic researchers, clinicians, managers, students and educators to come together in the fight against stroke. It will provide the opportunity for front line clinicians to hear of the exciting developments research is producing, which will impact upon their delivery of care and for researchers to see how the evidence is being implemented by clinicians.

We have designed an extensive program, outlined in this registration brochure, which should prove to be interesting, thought-provoking and stimulating to people from all fields of stroke. We have invited renowned international speakers along with local experts to participate in our keynote addresses, symposia and workshops. We have a record number of abstract submissions from which our dedicated Scientific Committee, led by Professor Sandy Middleton, have selected the abstracts of the highest scientific merit and of interest to our diverse audience for oral and poster presentations. For the first time for both Smart Strokes and the SSA we will have e-posters: an innovative way to share the work our delegates are undertaking and to enable delegates to communicate with the authors via email.

We are also proud to be hosting the Australian premiere of the award-winning short film, “Aphasia the Movie” which focuses on Carl McIntyre, a seasoned American actor who suffered a massive stroke that left him with aphasia. This important event allows us, for the first time, to welcome stroke survivors, their families and carers along with delegates to a session of the program.

Of course the conference is not all work and no play. With over 600 delegates expected, there will also be great opportunities to network with like-minded people, to catch up with old friends and perhaps make some new ones. Our social opportunities will commence with the Welcome Reception in the Bayside Gallery on Wednesday, 29 August 2012 followed by the Conference Gala Dinner to be held on the evening of Thursday 30, August 2012 overlooking the spectacular Darling Harbour precinct.

We hope this brief overview has whetted your interest in the conference and hope by reading on, you will find this will be an event you cannot miss.

We look forward to having you join us.

Kind regards

Richard Lindley & Di Marsden
On behalf of Stroke 2012 Organising Committee
ORGANISING COMMITTEE

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KEY DATES

- Early Registration Closing Date: 29 June 2012
- Accommodation Rate Guaranteed to: 8 July 2012 (pending availability)

CONFERENCE VENUE

Stroke 2012 will be held at:
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TRADE EXHIBITION

The exhibition will be held in the Parkside Foyer on Level 1 at the Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre from 29 – 31 August 2012. Morning tea, lunch & afternoon tea will be served in this area to enable you to visit all exhibitors whose support of the event is much appreciated.

WEBSITE www.stroke2012.com.au

Please visit the website for online registration and for up-to-date information about the conference.

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RUSTAM AL-SHAHI SALMAN

Rustam Al-Shahi Salman received his medical education at Cambridge University and his postgraduate training in general internal medicine at hospitals in London, including the Hammersmith Hospital and the National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery. He relocated to Edinburgh in 1998 to set up an observational, prospective, population-based cohort study of intracranial vascular malformations, which formed the basis of his PhD (supervised by Professor Charles Warlow) and continues to the current day. Rustam completed his specialist training in neurology in Edinburgh in 2006. He has held career awards from the UK Medical Research Council 1998-2002, 2005-2011, and currently holds an MRC senior clinical fellowship 2011-2016. His research has also been funded by the UK Stroke Association, Chest Heart and Stroke Scotland, and the Chief Scientist Office of the Scottish Government.

Rustam's research focuses on the frequency, prognosis, treatment, and causal mechanisms underlying intracerebral haemorrhage (as well as subarachnoid haemorrhage), using community- and population-based cohort and case-control studies, brain banking, and meta-analysis. He already participates in a variety of investigator-led multi-centre randomised controlled trials (RCTs), and is developing RCTs of secondary prevention after intracerebral haemorrhage. Rustam also chairs the UK British Neurological Surveillance Unit and sits on various committees to do with data privacy, confidentiality, ethics, and research governance.

Rustam’s department has enjoyed long and fruitful collaborations with many Aussies, so it is a particular pleasure for him to be heading down under to see old friends, respected colleagues, and a bit of sunshine (for a change).

VALERIE POMEROY

Valerie Pomeroy is Professor of Neurorehabilitation and Director of Research in the School of Allied Health Professions at the University of East Anglia, UK. Her research focuses on the restoration of movement control and functional ability of people who experience neurological deficits. International activity includes: Associate Editor (Neurology) for Physiotherapy and membership of working groups who have been, and who are working towards, consensus for research and clinical practice to enhance rehabilitation outcomes for stroke survivors.

CHRISTIAN STAPF

Christian Stapf is a Tenured University Professor of Neurology at Université Diderot - Sorbonne Paris Cité (France) and an Adjunct Assistant Professor of Neurology at Columbia University in New York City, NY (USA).

Christian received his MD degree in 1995 from Freie Universität Berlin, completed his neurology residency at Klinikum Benjamin Franklin in Berlin (Germany) and trained during a two-year stroke fellowship at The Neurological Institute of Columbia University. In 2003, he was appointed consultant neurologist at Hôpital Lariboisière in Paris (France) where he is in charge of the Acute Neurovascular Unit.

His main research interest is the neurology of brain vascular malformations and other conditions predisposing to intracranial haemorrhage. He is a co-PI in the NIH-funded ARUBA trial and serves as co-PI for the Australian NHMRC-funded INTERACT2 trial in Europe. Christian has participated in many clinical trials of acute and preventive stroke therapy, and has published and lectured on various aspects of stroke and brain vascular malformations. He has received a Young Investigator Award of the European Stroke Conference (2000) and the Robert G. Siekert New Investigator Award in Stroke of the American Heart Association (2001).

He is a member of the World Stroke Organization (WSO), the European Stroke Organization (ESO), the Stroke Council/ American Heart Association, the Société Française de Neurologie (SFN) and Société Française Neuurovasculaire (SFNV).
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR NOEL HAYMAN - QUEENSLAND AUSTRALIAN OF THE YEAR 2011

Noel Hayman, whose people are Wakka Wakka (from South Queensland) and Kalkadoon (from Cloncurry, Mt Isa area), is a medical practitioner and the first Indigenous person to become a Fellow of the Australasian Faculty of Public Health Medicine. Associate Professor Hayman is Clinical Director of the Inala Indigenous Health Service in Brisbane and also holds an appointment in the University of Queensland’s School of Medicine.

Noel is on numerous state and national committees including the Health Care Committee of the NHMRC. In 2003, he received the Centenary Medal for his long service to primary health care in Indigenous communities and in 2008 received an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Deadly award for outstanding achievement in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health. In 2011 he was awarded Queensland Australian of the Year.

STEPHANIE HO

Stephanie had not long completed her double degree in Business and Computing at the University of Technology Sydney and was working for a financial services company, Deloitte, when she had a severe stroke, which left her unable to talk, walk or move her right arm or hand. She will share with us “how my stroke came about, the crucial ingredients that took me from good to fantastic and things that have helped and not helped during my 2 years of rehab”. She hopes her presentation will be “a reminder to believe in your patients’ ability and not to get blind-sighted on statistics”.

CAROLINE WATKINS

Caroline Watkins, Professor of Stroke and Older People’s Care and Director of Research, at the University of Central Lancashire, School of Health, England, leads a multidisciplinary team of researchers (>25 research staff) with a large portfolio of patient-centred, applied health research, both national and international. She is a Senior Investigator with the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR), and a member of the Faculty of NIHR Senior Investigators.

She contributes significantly to stroke service development, at a local and national level, through the North West (NW) Stroke Alliance, and leads the Stroke Theme for the Health, Innovation and Education Cluster in Lancashire and Cumbria. She has been advisor to the Department of Health on the implementation of the National Stroke Strategy and the development of the UK Forum for Stroke Training.

She is as Academic Lead and Chair of UK Forum for Stroke Training, now part of the UK Stroke Forum; and is on the Steering Group for the UK Stroke Forum. She is a member of the Stroke Association Research Awards Committee, Past President of the Society for Research in Rehabilitation, member of the SRN Training Group. She is also an active member of the National Stroke Nursing Forum (NSNF) and represents the NSNF on the Scientific Committee for the UK Stroke Forum.
Invited Speakers cont.

ANNE W ALEXANDROV

Anne W Alexandrov is a nurse physiologist who focuses her research on integrated systemic and intracranial hemodynamics. Her physiologic research is in the area of blood flow augmentation in hyperacute stroke, innovatively using devices such as intra-aortic balloon pumps and external counterpulsation, gravitational techniques, and manipulation of oxygenation/ventilation. She is currently funded by an NIH NINDS – SPOTRIAS award to study the use of external counterpulsation in acute ischemic stroke patients that are not candidates for reperfusion therapy.

Anne also explores methods to support improved Stroke Center performance, including improvement in the delivery of reperfusion therapies such as intravenous tissue plasminogen activator (tPA) and intra-arterial rescue procedures. She was funded by the Health Resources Services Administration (HRSA) from 2007-2010 for the development and implementation of the NET SMART – AP (Neurovascular Education and Training in Stroke Management and Acute Reperfusion Therapies – Advanced Practice) program, the world’s first vascular neurology fellowship education/clinical training program for Advanced Practice Nurses in the world.

She was recently funded for the second time by HRSA to develop and implement the NET SMART – Junior Program. Similar to the NET SMART – AP Program, Junior also targets improvement in tPA treatment rates, but focuses its education and clinical development on expert front-line staff nurses capable of identifying patients that are likely reperfusion therapy candidates.

ANDREI ALEXANDROV

Andrei Alexandrov is Professor of Neurology, Director of the Division of Cerebrovascular Disease, and Director of the UAB Comprehensive Stroke Research Center. He is an international leader in Neurosonology and Nanotechnology in the evaluation and treatment of stroke and made the move to UAB from the Barrow Neurological Institute in Phoenix, Arizona. He spent seven years before his move to Phoenix in the outstanding Stroke Center at the University of Texas at Houston.

Andrei received his MD degree in 1989 from the First Moscow Medical Institute (Sechenov), and specialized in clinical neurology at the Institute of Neurology, Russian Academy of Medical Sciences, Moscow, Russia. He completed his fellowship training in stroke and cerebrovascular ultrasound at the University of Toronto with Dr John Norris and at the University of Texas with Dr James Grotta, and also received mentoring from Drs Patrick Pullicino and Sandra Black.

He has trained 25 fellows in cerebrovascular ultrasound and stroke. He serves as Director of the Neurosonology Examination of the American Society of Neuroimaging, Board member of the Intersocietal Commission for Accreditation of Vascular Laboratories (ICAVL), Board member of Stroke journal of the American Heart Association, and Associate Editor of the International Journal of Stroke and Journal of Neuroimaging.
## Provisional Program

### Tuesday, 28 August 2012

1145 - 1800  PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP: Australasian Stroke Trials Workshop

### Wednesday, 29 August 2012

0730 - 1700  Registration Open
0845 - 0900  Welcome to Day 1
0900 - 1030  INVITED SPEAKER SESSION 1
0900 - 0930  Christian Stapf, Hôpital Lariboisière, Paris: Intracerebral haemorrhage: What’s the cause?
0930 - 1030  Rustam Al-Shahi Salman, University of Edinburgh: Intracerebral haemorrhage: Does the cause matter?
1030 - 1100  MORNING TEA
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**Friday, 31 AUGUST 2012**

0715 – 1545  Registration Open

0730 – 0845  BREAKFAST SESSION: START – EXTEND Investigator Meeting (by invitation only) – Sponsored by: Boehringer Ingelheim

0900 – 1045  INVITED SPEAKER SESSION 3

0900 – 1000  Caroline Watkins, University of Central Lancashire: Workforce Development: The key to high quality stroke care

1000 – 1045  Abstracts selected by the Scientific Committee in the following categories:

1000 – 1015  **Best Research**
The Hunter Rural PAST Protocol: An innovative and effective partnership between ambulance and a regional thrombolysis centre to facilitate access for rural stroke patient to thrombolysis Ashley Garnett, John Hunter Hospital

1015 – 1030  **Best Innovation / Implementation**
Exposure to an enriched environment increases post stroke activity and decreases time spent alone Heidi J anssen, Hunter Stroke Service

1030 – 1045  **Most Controversial**
Discharge destination as a driver of care rather than an outcome: A qualitative study Julie Luker, University of SA

1045 – 1115  MORNING TEA
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1245 – 1330 **LUNCH**

1330 – 1530 **KEYNOTE SESSION – And you thought by now you knew everything...**

1330 – 1400 Rustam Al-Shahi Salman, Edinburgh University

1400 – 1430 Caroline Watkins, University of Central Lancashire

1430 – 1500 Valerie Pomeroy, University of East Anglia

1500 – 1530 Round table – questions and answers

1530 – 1545 Prizes and Conference Wrap Up
Workshops

Pre-conference workshop
Australasian Stroke Trials Workshop
Date/Time: Tuesday, 28 August 2012, 1145 – 1800 hours
Speakers include: Rustam Al-Shahi Salam, Anne Alexandrov, Romesh Markus, Chris Levi, Craig Anderson, Coralie English, Sandy Middleton, Andrew Lee, Graeme Hankey, Suzanne Hasthorpe, Steve Davis, Despina Engwall

Lunch, afternoon tea and drinks are provided.

Aims: This workshop on Quick Fire Trial updates, Trials and Coordination is free, but places are limited and registration essential gabriel.silver@mh.org.au

Acute Stroke Nursing: Networks and Training
Date/Time: Wednesday, 29 August 2012, 1100 – 1230 hours
Presenters: Sandy Middleton Director of Nursing Research Institute, St Vincents and Mater Health Sydney, Australian Catholic University, National Centre for Clinical Outcomes Research, Gabriel Silver Manager, Clinical Stroke Trials, Royal Melbourne Hospital, Anne Alexandrov Assistant Dean and Professor, NET SMART (Neurovascular Education and Training in Stroke Management and Acute Reperfusion Therapies) Program Director, DNP Program Coordinator, School of Nursing and Comprehensive Stroke Center, University of Alabama Atte Meretoja Post-doctoral Research Fellow, Royal Melbourne Hospital, Caroline Watkins Professor of Stroke and Older People’s Care and Director of Research, University of Central Lancashire

Aims: This Symposium shall include an examination of overseas models of training and networking for acute stroke nurses, an education session on improving door-to-needle times, and finally an interactive panel discussion regarding the feasibility of establishing an Acute Stroke Nurse Network in Australia.

Breakfast Session

Bayer Healthcare Sponsored Breakfast
Date/Time: Thursday, 30 August from 0700 – 0830 hours
Topic: Stroke prevention in patients with Atrial Fibrillation, options and challenges
Presenter: Jonathan Sturm, Neurologist

Topics:
1. The burden of stroke in AF, risk assessment and guidelines: A/Prof Jonathan Sturm
2. Recent developments in anticoagulation for stroke prevention: Speaker TBC

Session synopsis:
Symposium 1: Optimising mobility outcomes after stroke
Date/Time: Wednesday, 29 August 2012, 1100 – 1230 hours
Presenters: Catherine Dean Macquarie University, Julie Bernhardt Florey Neuroscience Institutes, Coralie English University of SA, Karl Schurr Bankstown Lidcombe Hospital, Louise Ada The University of Sydney, Ruth Chen Westmead Hospital
Aims: This Symposium will include a review of evidence and discussion of strategies to optimise mobility outcomes. Two case studies will be presented and an expert panel will outline what intervention they would provide to the stroke patients, the evidence supporting their plan, and their clinical reasoning. The panel and audience will be invited to ask questions and discuss how intervention may be applied or modified depending on the setting and the patient’s abilities.

Symposium 2: Hypothermia and neuroprotection for stroke
Date/Time: Wednesday, 29 August 2012, 1100 – 1230 hours
Presenters: David Howells Director of NSRI, Neil Spratt Neurologist and Director of Experimental Stroke Lab University of Newcastle, Chris Levi Director of CTNMH, University of Newcastle
Aims: Time to chill-out with the experts! This Symposium will review hypothermia, neuroprotection and preventing further damage caused by stroke. There will be presentations on animal modeling, therapeutic and long-term potential to reduce the impact of stroke, and a lively (but not heated!) debate about the best duration for these modes of interventions.

Symposium 3: Less assessment: More therapy
Date/Time: Wednesday, 29 August 2012, 1345 – 1515 hours
Presenters: Annie McCluskey The University of Sydney, Stroke Survivor Adrian O’Malley NSF Consumer Council, Steven Faux St Vincents Hospital, Sally Horsley Sunshine Coast District Health Service, Kate Vickers Bankstown Lidcombe Hospital / The University of Sydney, Maree Bellamy Clinical Excellence Commission
Aims: There is concern that too much time is spent assessing patients and too little time spent engaged in training. This Symposium will include an overview of published research, quotes from a local research project and audit data to highlight the problem of over - assessment. Allied health professionals will describe strategies and changes that have been made to minimise assessment and report writing time. A legal or health informatics professional will respond to issues raised about the adequacy of documentation and report writing. The panel will debate this area of concern.

Symposium 4: FAST or slow. Where do the stroke patients go?
Date/Time: Wednesday, 29 August 2012, 1345 – 1515 hours
Presenters: James Dunne NSW Ministry of Health, Martin Jude Rural Stroke Network, Ian Mosley Monash University, Bruce Paddock Ambulance Service NSW, Natalie Wilson St Vincent’s Sydney
Aims: The symposium will identify the potholes along the road of the triage, transfer and treatment of stroke patients from the recognition of the onset of stroke through to the emergency department. How are the barriers created and how can we reduce the barriers to support prehospital systems and emergency departments in providing an appropriate patient journey.

Symposium 5: Frontiers in stroke neuroscience
Date/Time: Wednesday, 29 August 2012, 1345 – 1515 hours
Presenters: Colin Derdeyn Mallinckrodt Institute of Radiology, Mhairi Macrae Institute of Neuroscience and Psychology, University of Glasgow, David Howells Director of NSRI, Neil Spratt Neurologist and Director of Experimental Stroke Lab University of Newcastle, Chris Levi Director of CTNMH, University of Newcastle
Aims: Would you like to learn from those on the cutting edge of neuroscience and stroke? In this Symposium expert clinicians will present and discuss innovations such as the impact of magnetic enhanced diffusion on clots, and the potential of fusion imaging with ultrasound and CT/MRI, and ‘super-oxygen’ treatment of stroke.

Symposium 6: Urinary incontinence after stroke: A wee problem we need to manage
Date/Time: Wednesday, 29 August 2012, 1535 – 1705 hours
Presenters: Caroline Watkins University of Central Lancashire, Louise Jordan Hunter New England Health, Denise Forshaw University of Central Lancashire
Aims: Urinary Incontinence is a common, significant but often poorly managed consequence of stroke. This forum will explore the challenges of identifying UI types, subsequent management strategies and the impact on quality of life for stroke survivors.
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Symposium 7: Neuroscience bench to bedside stroke recovery
Date/Time: Wednesday, 29 August 2012, 1535 – 1705 hours
Presenters: Michael Nilsson Director of Hunter Medical Research Institute, J ulie Bernhardt Florey Neuroscience Institutes, Heidi J anssen Hunter New England Health, Milos Pekny Biology and CNS Regeneration Center for Brain Repair and Rehabilitation (CBR)

Aims: This Symposium will begin with a presentation by Michael Nilsson on the ‘big picture’ concerning stroke recovery. Following that, experts will present on an early, more intense approach, on enriching the environment and on the cellular mechanisms supporting recovery. An interesting session for all clinicians wanting to apply an evidence-based approach to stroke recovery practice.

Symposium 8: Neurointervention in stroke
Date/Time: Thursday, 30 August 2012, 1100 – 1230 hours
Presenters: Ken Faulder Royal North Shore Hospital, Peter Mitchell Interventional Radiologist RMH, Alan Coulthard Professor of Radiology UQ, Geoff Parker Interventional Radiologist RPA, Bernard Yan Interventional Neurologist RHM, Ferdi Miteff Interventional Neurologist J HH

Aims: This Symposium will include a debate on the role of endovascular treatment for stroke and also talks on treatment of idiopathic intracranial hypertension and transverse venous stenting, update on new trials and endovascular devices for acute stroke, antithrombolytic resistance, and expert panel discussions.

Symposium 9: Aphasia: Living well with it
Date/Time: Thursday, 30 August 2012, 1345 – 1515 hours
Presenters: Linda Worrall The University of Queensland, Kyla Brown The University of Queensland, Brooke Grohn The University of Queensland, Elizabeth Armstrong Edith Cowan University

Aims: Research has provided an insight into what helps people to live successfully with aphasia. Those attending this Symposium will hear a summary of the research and then discuss strategies about how the results can be incorporated into service provision for people with aphasia and their families.

Symposium 10: Neuroimaging
Date/Time: Thursday, 30 August 2012, 1345 – 1515 hours
Presenters: Tim Harrington Interventional Neuroradiologist, RSNH, Rustam Al-Shahi Salman MRC Senior Clinical Fellow, University of Edinburgh, Stephen Davis Professor of Neurology RMH, Colin Dederyn Professor of Radiology, Neurology and Neurosurgical Surgery Mallinckrodt Institute of Radiology, Director, Stroke and Cerebrovascular Center Washington University School of Medicine/Barnes Jewish Hospital

Aims: Would you like to hear from experts in stroke and Neuroimaging? As neuroimaging techniques evolve, it’s important to remain up-to-date on the benefits and challenges both in the hyperacute phase and as a predictor or risk and prognosis. This Symposium will include presentations on hyperacute CT and MR, the management of microbleeds and TIA assessment with imaging.

Symposium 11: The Quality in Acute Stroke Trial (QASC) evidence into practice
Date/Time: Thursday, 30 August 2012, 1535 – 1705 hours
Presenters: Sandy Middleton Director of Nursing Research Institute, St Vincents and Mater Health Sydney and Australian Catholic University and National Centre for Clinical Outcomes Research, Simeon Dale Nursing Research Institute, Liz O’Brien Royal North Shore Hospital, Louise Jordan Hunter New England, Kelvin Hill National Stroke Foundation

Aims: The Quality in Acute Stroke Trial (QASC) was a single blind cluster RCT of a multidisciplinary intervention aimed to facilitate management of fever, hyperglycaemia and swallowing dysfunction following acute stroke. The intervention consisted of evidence-based treatment protocols to manage Fever, Sugar and Swallowing dysfunction (FeSS), multidisciplinary team building workshops, staff education programs and local stroke unit coordinator engagement. It was highly successful, with significantly more patients from intervention stroke units alive and independent at 90-days. This Symposium will examine how FeSS protocols are implemented and explore mechanisms for successful integration into routine clinical care.
Symposium 12: Unravelling the magic: Frequently unasked questions in statistics and publishing

**Date/Time:** Thursday, 30 August 2012, 1535 – 1705 hours  
**Presenters:** Leonid Churilov National Stroke Research Institute, Carmen Lahiff-Jenkins International Journal of Stroke

**Aims:** There are questions unasked in both publishing and statistics that should be asked in order to produce and disseminate quality stroke research. We discuss the unknown and misinterpreted in both publishing and in statistics.

Symposium 13: Advanced imaging

**Date/Time:** Thursday, 30 August 2012, 1535 – 1705 hours  
**Presenters:** Peter Mitchell Department of Radiology, Royal Melbourne Hospital, University of Melbourne, Ken Faulder Department of Radiology, Royal North Shore Hospital, Tim Harrington Department of Radiology, Royal North Shore Hospital, Alan Coulthard Department of Radiology, Royal Brisbane Hospital, University of Queensland, Geoff Parker Department of Radiology, Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, Mark Parsons FRACP Department of Neurology, John Hunter Hospital, Bernard Yan Department of Neurology, Royal Melbourne Hospital, Bruce Campbell Department of Neurology, Royal Melbourne Hospital, Ferdi Miteff Department of Neurology, John Hunter Hospital, University of Newcastle, Roland Bammer Centre for Quantitative Neuroimaging and Translational Neuroimaging Research, Stanford University

**Aims:** Small groups will be guided through a series of acute stroke cases with advanced imaging with on-hand advice from the ‘experts’.

Symposium 14: Motor learning strategies for priming, augmenting and practice of functional tasks after stroke

**Date/Time:** Friday, 31 August 2012, 1115 – 1245 hours  
**Presenters:** Valerie Pomeroy University of East Anglia, Paulette van Vilet University of Newcastle

**Aims:** Motor learning after stroke occurs by neuroplastic changes. This workshop will: present state-of-the-art knowledge of neuroplastic changes in response to therapy; outline how physical therapies could prime/augment CNS activity for people with difficulty participating in repetitive practice; and examine how to maximise motor learning through selection and implementation of practice strategies.

Symposium 15: Access to primary health care services for indigenous people

**Date/Time:** Friday, 31 August 2012, 1115 – 1245 hours  
**Presenters:** Craig Anderson Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, University of Sydney, Noel Haymen Clinical Director, Inala Indigenous Health Service (First Indigenous Doctor & Qld Australian of the Year 2011), Cindy Dilworth Manager, Rural Stroke Outreach Service, Royal Brisbane & Women’s Hospital, Ian Meade Senior OT, Townsville, Juanita Sherwood Professor of Australian Indigenous Education, University of Technology Sydney

**Aims:** This symposium will provide a summary of Aboriginal health and address the facts about common health problems (risk factors) at a primary health care level. "What are we doing about it" Further improvement in health advancement programs (as in Closing the Gap) and expansion of primary health care services will also be addressed.

Symposium 16: Australasian Stroke Trials Network (ASTN)

**Date/Time:** Friday, 31 August 2012, 1115 – 1245 hours  
**Presenters:** Steve Davis Professor of Neurology, Royal Melbourne Hospital, Geoff Donnan Director Florey Neuroscience Institutes, Mark Parsons FRACP Department of Neurology, John Hunter Hospital, Neil Spratt Neurologist and Director of Experimental Stroke Lab, University of Newcastle, Chris Levi Director of CTNMH, University of Newcastle, Julie Bernhardt Director AVERT, Florey Neuroscience Institutes, Andrei Alexandrov Professor of Neurology, University of Alabama

**Aims:** One of the Australasian Stroke Trial Network’s most important functions is to assist ASTN Members in the facilitation of their academic trials, both in Australasia and overseas. In this workshop a number of ASTN Members shall be sharing their current experience, and future plans. The EXTEND group (IV, IA, Tenecteplase Phase III), ASTA China Office activities, CLOTBUSTER, EVERT shall be covered.
Aphasia The Movie

We are thrilled to host the Australian premiere of Aphasia The Movie

Aphasia The Movie is the true story of actor Carl McIntyre who, after suffering a massive stroke at age 44 and losing his ability to read, write, and talk, struggles against overwhelming odds to redefine his life. Carl McIntyre stars as himself and gives a compelling and nuanced performance in this life-affirming film which puts the audience in the seat of the stroke patient and provides an emotional and humorous ride as Carl navigates the waters of his new normal. Aphasia provides hope and inspiration not only to stroke survivors and their families, but to anyone who has struggled to meet life’s daunting and ever-changing challenges.

Aphasia has been acclaimed on the international film festival circuit including:

- Winner 2011 Feel Good Film Festival Los Angeles
- Winner 2010 Big Bear Lake International Film Festival
- Official Selection 2010 Prince Edward Island International Film Festival
- Official Selection 2010 Radar Hamburg International Independent Film Festival
- Official Selection 2010 Foyle Film Festival

We would like to thank the following sponsors:

- Gold Sponsor: Speech Pathology Australia
- Gold Sponsor: Statewide Stroke Clinical Network
- Silver Sponsor: Centre for Clinical Research, Excellence in Aphasia Rehabilitation
- Bronze Sponsor: Australian Aphasia Association Inc

Aphasia the Movie Committee

- **CHAIR** – Megan Alston, Speech Pathologist, Hunter New England Health
- **Greg Cadigan**, Principle Project Officer, Statewide Stroke Clinical Network
- **Nikki Graham**, Statewide Program Manager – Speech Pathology, Allied Health Clinical Education & Training Unit, Clinical Education and Training, Queensland
- **Alexis McMahon**, Speech Pathologist, War Memorial Hospital, NSW

“Comic Gold... not only touched the hearts of the viewers, but took them along ....didn’t just teach us about loss for words.....it left its audience experiencing it.”

S. Pogue, Examiner

“... the movie has wry humor... painfully funny.”

L. Toppman Charlotte Observer
Accommodation has been reserved at three locations all within walking distance to the Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre. Please note that each rate given is per room per night and includes the GST – however only bookings through the Stroke 2012 Secretariat will obtain these rates. To secure your booking, credit card details must be provided when registering and these will be passed on to the hotel.

Please note:
- Rooms are booked on an availability basis
- Only bookings through the Stroke 2012 Secretariat will obtain these rates
- These bookings are room only and do not include breakfast
- Accommodation will only be confirmed when credit card details are supplied
- Your account (for room costs and incidentals) must be settled directly with the hotel on your departure
- Late arrivals: if you plan to arrive after 1800 hours, please advise the Stroke 2012 Secretariat to ensure the room is held for you and not released
- All alterations and cancellations to accommodation bookings must be made in writing to the Stroke 2012 Secretariat

Novotel Sydney on Darling Harbour
100 Murray Street
Sydney NSW 2009 Australia
Tel: +61 2 9934 0000
- Single/Double/Twin – $279 per room Pyrmont view per night
- Single/Double/Twin – $299 per room Harbour view per night

Ibis Sydney Darling Harbour
70 Murray Street
Sydney NSW 2009 Australia
Tel: +61 2 9563 0888
- Single/Double/Twin – $179 per room Pyrmont view per night
- Single/Double/Twin – $199 per room Harbour view per night

Oaks Goldsborough Apartments
243 Pyrmont Street
Darling Harbour NSW 2009 Australia
Tel: +61 2 9518 5166
- 2 Bedroom Apartment: $342 per night

Amendments / Cancellation Policy
Any room nights cancelled within 30 days of arrival will incur a 100% cancellation fee.

Social Functions

Welcome Reception
Venue: Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre, Bayside Gallery
Date: Wednesday, 29 August 2012
Time: 1700 – 1900 hours
Cost: Included in Full Delegate Registration Fee
Extra tickets: $60.00 per person
Dress: Smart Casual

3km Fun Run
Date: Thursday, 30 August 2012
Time: 0730 – 0800 hours
Information on this activity will be posted on the website and sent out to delegates when available.

Gala Dinner
Venue: Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre, Parkside Ballroom
Date: Thursday, 30 August 2012
Time: 1930 – 2300 hours
Cost: Included in Full Delegate Registration Fee
Extra tickets: $145.00 per person
Dress: Smart Casual
A great evening of food, wine and entertainment is planned for the Gala Dinner. We hope all delegates and their guests will join us on this occasion to make it a memorable evening.
REGISTRATION DESK
The registration desk will be located in the Parkside Foyer area on Level 1 at the Sydney Convention and Exhibition 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, the Welcome Reception and the Gala Dinner. It is necessary for delegates to wear their name badges at all times when on-site for security reasons.

MESSAGES
A message board will be located next to the registration desk throughout the event.

SMOKING POLICY
There is a “no smoking” policy inside the Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre – smoking is only permitted in the outdoor areas.

CREDIT CARDS
Credit cards accepted at the registration desk are MasterCard, AMEX and Visa. The majority of hotels, restaurants and shops will accept all major credit cards.

GOODS & SERVICES TAX (GST)
Please note that all prices quoted throughout this document (registration fees, accommodation, social functions, etc) are inclusive of GST.

INSURANCE
As you will be incurring considerable expense when attending this event, it is strongly recommended that you take out an insurance policy of your choice when booking your travel arrangements.

DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY
The Organising Committee, including the Stroke 2012 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 conference or related events.

AIR TRAVEL
For the best airfares to Sydney, please book online at the following web sites:
• www.jetstar.com
• www.qantas.com.au
• www.virginaustralia.com

For transport information to and from the Sydney airport visit www.sydneyairport.com.au/SACL/To-and-From-the-Airport.html

Due to the different arrival and departure times of delegates, airport transfers have not been organised by the Stroke 2012 Secretariat.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT
The Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre is conveniently located in the heart of Sydney, just a ten-minute walk from the CBD, and is serviced by most modes of transport.

Public transport that is available in Sydney consists of buses, trains, ferries and the monorail. For timetable information and to plan your trip see: http://www.131500.com.au/plan-your-trip

PARKING AT THE SYDNEY CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION CENTRE
The Centre car park is located off Darling Drive, underneath the Centre’s five exhibition halls. It has direct access to the venue and the Darling Harbour precinct. The car park features 18 disabled parking spaces and access to the Centre can also be gained via ramps and lifts. The car park is open 24 hours Monday to Sunday.

The parking rates are:

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*entry after 5 pm and exit before 6 am the following day
About Sydney

Sydney's city centre offers visitors a huge variety of attractions, including designer boutiques, fine restaurants, and lavish department stores. Sydney is home to the World Heritage-listed Sydney Opera House, Sydney Harbour Bridge and Sydney Harbour.

Darling Harbour is home to the Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre, just a ten-minute walk from the CBD. As well as panoramic views of the city skyline, Darling Harbour offers a winning combination of waterfront dining, accommodation, entertainment, shopping and leisure activities.

The city centre has some of Australia's best shopping arcades and malls. To find your way there, just look for Sydney Tower, with its 360-degree views stretching as far as the Blue Mountains on a clear day.

Thanks to the city's vibrant mix of cultures, every possible taste is catered for. Fresh produce is in abundant supply and with Sydney's jaw dropping geographical harbour assets, it is not difficult to feast the eyes and stomach simultaneously.

Sydney's climate is one of its biggest assets and with an abundance of other outstanding natural assets – national parks, botanic gardens, pristine waterways and plenty of green space, there are endless ways to enjoy the outdoors in Sydney after business activities. There is a wide range of leisure pursuits to choose from such as championship golf courses, whale watching cruises in season, scenic coastal walks, surfing and cycling tours.

For more information about events in Sydney see: www.nswevents.com/sydney.

Things to do

- Climb the Sydney Harbour Bridge on a Bridge Climb experience, for a stunning 360-degree view of the harbour city
- Be inspired by Sydney's shopping scene - a decadent mix of luxury labels and cutting-edge creations by local designers producing distinctive wares from surf wear to haute couture
- Enjoy dining out by the harbour on the freshest produce cooked to perfection by the stars of Australia's internationally acclaimed cuisine
- Swim at Cook and Phillip pool under the lofty spires of St Mary's Cathedral
- Challenge a local to a chess match on the giant chess board in Hyde Park
- Take a backstage tour of the Sydney Opera House for a behind-the-scenes look at this World Heritage listed marvel or enjoy a star-studded drama, opera or ballet performance
- Explore the vast waterways of Sydney Harbour on a yacht, high-speed jet boat or leisurely ferry ride, taking in one of the world’s most enviable harbour sights
- See Australia's native animals as well as rare and endangered species from around the world at Taronga Zoo, positioned right on the harbour
- Take the plunge at Bondi Beach the most celebrated beach in Australia with its golden sands, great surf and stylish restaurants
- Enjoy an easy coastal walk along the famous Bondi to Bronte footpath, taking in the spectacular views of beaches, parks and carvings by the Aboriginal people of the area
- Experience a guided walking tour of the Royal Botanic Gardens
Your registration fee includes:

**ALL FULL DELEGATES**
- Entry to all conference sessions
- Entry to trade exhibition & poster area
- Morning/afternoon teas and lunches during the conference
- Welcome Reception ticket
- Gala Dinner ticket
- Satchel
- Final Program & Abstract Book

**One Day delegates are not entitled to the inclusive Welcome Reception and Gala Dinner tickets however they can purchase a ticket at the guest rate.**

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**
Registrations will be acknowledged via email with confirmation of your requirements according to your registration form, together with a tax invoice receipt. Bookings will only be confirmed when payment is received.

**METHOD OF PAYMENT**
- Register online at www.stroke2012.com.au. Credit cards accepted are MasterCard, AMEX & Visa (please note Diners is NOT accepted)
- Complete the following Registration Form

**CANCELLATION POLICY**
All cancellations or alterations should be put in writing to the Stroke 2012 Secretariat.

Please note that there is no refund on accommodation bookings cancelled within 30 days.

If cancellation is received in writing:
- By 29 June 2012 - $100.00 cancellation fee will apply
- By 28 July 2012 - 50% of registration monies paid will be refunded
- After 28 July 2012 - no refund on monies paid

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**FEES**

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**Why not register online @ [www.stroke2012.com.au](http://www.stroke2012.com.au) if paying by credit card**

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~ Student registrants must provide a copy of their student identification with their completed registration form.

TOTAL REGISTRATION FEES $____

### Section C: Symposia

Please indicate which symposium/s you would like to attend: please tick (✓)

**WEDNESDAY, 29 AUGUST 2012**

- Acute Stroke Nursing: Networks and Training
- Optimising mobility outcomes after stroke
- Hypothermia and neuroprotection for stroke
- Less assessment: More therapy
- FAST or slow: Where do the stroke patients go?
- Frontiers in stroke neuroscience
- Urinary incontinence after stroke: A wee problem we need to manage
- Neuroscience – Bench to bedside stroke recovery

**THURSDAY, 30 AUGUST 2012**

- Neurointervention in stroke
- Aphasia: Living well with it
- Neuroimaging
- The Quality in Acute Stroke Trial (QAST): evidence into practice
- Unravelling the magic: Frequently unasked questions in statistics and publishing
- Advanced imaging
- Aphasia The Movie 1100 – 1250 hours

**FRIDAY, 31 AUGUST 2012**

- Motor learning strategies for priming, augmenting and practice of functional tasks after stroke
- Access to primary health care services for indigenous people
- Australian Stroke Trials Network (ASTN)
Section D: Accommodation

Date of arrival: _____ / _____ / 2012  Date of departure: _____ / _____ / 2012  No of Nights: ________

Room type: Please tick (✓) □ Single □ Double  Sharing with: ____________________________________________________________

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Section E: Social Functions  Please ensure you tick the boxes below. Failure to tick the boxes will result in non-attendance.

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Section F: Total Payment

All cheques and bank drafts must be in Australian dollars & drawn on an Australian bank.

Please make payable to Conference Action – Stroke 2012

Payment Section B  Registration Fees ................................................................. $ 

Payment Section E  Social Functions ............................................................... $ 

TOTAL PAYMENT DUE $ __________________________

Section G: Credit Card Payment

Please tick (✓) box: □ MasterCard □ Visa □ AMEX  (Please note Diners is NOT accepted)

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Signature: __________________________ Date: __________________________

PRIVACY CLAUSE: In registering for this conference relevant details will be incorporated into a delegate list (name & organisation only) and may be made available to parties directly related to the conference including SSA, Smart Strokes, Organising Committees, accommodation providers (for the purpose of room bookings only) and key sponsors. A delegate list will be made available to all delegates at the conference. This information will also be added to a database for future conferences.

□ I do not wish my details to be added to this database.