

The **FRONTIERS** of Pain

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Australian Pain Society's 31st Annual Scientific Meeting Darwin Convention Centre, Northern Territory 12 – 16 June 2011

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1. CONFERENCE

1.1 VENUE

The Australian Pain Society's 31st Annual Scientific Meeting will be held at the Darwin Convention Centre, situated right in the heart of the urban waterfront.

Address: Darwin Convention Centre, Stokes Hill Road, Darwin, Northern Territory

1.2 REGISTRATION

The registration desk will be located on the Ground Floor to the left of the main entrance; the opening times are as follows:

Pre-Conference Workshop delegates only

Sunday 12 June: 0800

APS Conference delegates

Sunday 12 June: 1530 - 1730

Monday 13 June: 0730 - 1700

Tuesday 14 June: 0700 - 1700

Wednesday 15 June: 0700 - 1230

Thursday 16 June: 0700 - 1230

1.3 SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

The full Scientific Program is now available to download from the conference website, please visit the following link:

<http://www.dconferences.net.au/aps2011/program>

1.4 PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS

Sunday 12 June, 0900 – 1700

Places are still available for the pre-conference workshops, please contact the Conference Secretariat if you would like to attend either of the workshops:-

Fundamentals of Pain Management Workshop – Waterfront Room 1, Darwin Convention Centre

Acute Pain Day Workshop – Waterfront Room 2, Darwin Convention Centre

Please visit the conference website to find out more information on these workshops:

<http://www.dconferences.net.au/aps2011/Workshops>

1.5 BREAKFAST SESSIONS

The industry breakfasts will take place in Waterfront Rooms 1 & 2 from 0730 – 0830 on Tuesday and Wednesday.

If you have booked a place at either of the breakfast sessions but not longer wish to attend, please notify the Conference Secretariat so your place can be re-allocated. Should you wish to attend these sessions but missed out, please inform the Conference Secretariat when you register onsite to be added to a waiting list.

Tuesday 14 June

Mundipharma Breakfast Session - "Introducing Targin Tablets"

Wednesday 15 June

CSL/Grunenthal Breakfast Session - "Activating and empowering patients into pain management"

1.6 INDUSTRY EXHIBITION

The exhibition will be held in Hall 1 where all morning teas, lunches and afternoon teas will be served.

1.7 ACCREDITATION POINTS

All delegates attending the Pre-Conference Workshops or the APS Conference will receive a certificate of attendance awarding the hours completed during each meeting.

You will need this certificate to apply for CPD accreditation points through your chosen college. We do recommend all delegates self-record as colleges differ on their professional development point systems.

1.8 PRESENTERS

All presenters must check-in at the Speakers' Preparation room (Meeting Room 4) at least 2 hours prior to the start of their session time. Presentations must be brought on either USB memory stick or CD.

1.9 SOCIAL PROGRAM

Welcome Reception

Sunday 12 June - 18.00

Crococaurus Cove, 58 Mitchell Street, Darwin City

The Welcome Reception is included in the registration fee for full registrants. Ticket includes all entry fees, canapés and drinks.

Dress: Casual

Transport: Delegates/guests to make own arrangements

Ticket prices: Adult: \$75.00

Child: \$50.00 (for those under the age of 10)

This is a ticketed event, should you wish to purchase a ticket or if you have selected to attend but no longer wish to then please contact the Conference Secretariat immediately.

Art Gallery Viewing Night

Monday 13 June - 17.30 – 18.30

Dress: Casual

Transport: Delegates/guests to make own arrangements

Two local art galleries are opening up their doors for APS Conference Delegates to view the fine art within their galleries. They will be providing wine and cheese and an outstanding range of indigenous art to explore. This will be a free event and we encourage all delegates to attend. Please feel free to check out the gallery websites:

Outstation Gallery – Aboriginal Art from Art Centres, 8 Parap Place (Upstairs, enter via Gregory St) Parap, Darwin.

<http://www.outstation.com.au/>

Nomad Art Gallery, Cnr Vickers Street & Parap Place, Parap, Darwin.

<http://www.nomadart.com.au/>

Casual BBQ @ Darwin Sailing Club

Tuesday 14 June – 18.00

The Darwin Sailing Club, Atkins Drive, Fannie Bay

Tickets include transport and the bbq, there will be a cash bar onsite for beverage purchases.

Dress: Casual

Transport: Buses will depart from the Darwin Convention Centre at the conclusion of the conference at 17.45; they will do drop-offs to the conference hotels after the function.

Ticket prices: Adult: \$70.00

Child: \$40.00 (for those under the age of 10)

This is a ticketed event, should you wish to purchase a ticket or if you have selected to attend but no longer wish to then please contact the Conference Secretariat immediately.

Conference Gala Dinner

Wednesday 15 June – 19.00

'Under the Stars' SkyCity Darwin, Gilruth Avenue, Mindil Beach, Darwin

Dress: Cocktail

Transport: Buses will depart from the conference hotels at 18.30 and they will return to conference hotels after the function.

Ticket prices: Full delegates: \$125.00

Additional ticket: \$150.00

Child: \$90.00 (for those under the age of 10)

This is a ticketed event, should you wish to purchase a ticket or if you have selected to attend but no longer wish to then please contact the Conference Secretariat immediately.

1.10 POSTER DISPLAY

The poster display will be located within the exhibition area in Hall 1.

Posters must be in place by 10.30am on Monday 13 June and should be displayed for the duration of the Conference. Poster presenters are asked to stand by their poster to answer any questions during the poster viewing session on Tuesday 14 June from 12.30-13.30.

Posters should measure 1.0m wide and 1.5m high and presenters are asked to bring their own velcro to affix their posters to their display wall.

1.11 CONFERENCE EVALUATION

This year the conference will be evaluated by independent researcher, Ultra Feedback. You should expect an email from them prior to the conference asking for your feedback. You will be able to download and print the evaluation to take with you or you can complete it online during and/or after the conference. This is an important aspect of the conference for everyone to ensure sustainability of the event as well as making sure the content is always relevant and up to date.

2. GENERAL

2.1 ACCOMMODATION

If you have booked your accommodation through the Conference Secretariat your reservation has been confirmed with the hotel. Any amendments to bookings must be sent via the Conference Secretariat. Should you wish to contact the hotels directly, please use the following contact details:

Crowne Plaza Hotel

32 Mitchell Street, Darwin

P: 61 88982 0000

W: www.ichotelsgroup.com

Check-in: 2pm / Check-out: 11am

Holiday Inn Esplanade

116 The Esplanade, Darwin

P: 61 8 8980 0800

W: www.holidayinn.com

Check-in: 2pm / Check-out: 11am

Holiday Inn Darwin

122 The Esplanade, Darwin

P: 61 8 8943 3600

W: www.holidayinn.com

Check-in: 2pm / Check-out: 11am

Mantra on the Esplanade

88 The Esplanade, Darwin

P: 61 8 8943 4333

W: www.mantraontheesplanade.com.au

Check-in: 2pm / Check-out: 10am

Mantra Pandanas

43 Knuckey Street, Darwin

P: 61 8 8901 2900

W: www.mantrapandanas.com.au

Check-in: 2pm / Check-out: 10am

The Medina Grand Hotel

1 Kitchener Drive, Darwin City Waterfront

P: 61 8 8982 9999

W: www.medina.com.au/medina-grand-darwin-waterfront

Check-in: 2pm / Check-out: 10am

The Vibe Hotel

7 Kitchener Drive, Darwin City Waterfront

P: 61 8 8982 9998

W: www.vibehotels.com.au

Check-in: 2pm / Check-out: 10am

2.2 OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES – WEDNESDAY 15 JUNE (free afternoon)

Jumping Croc Cruise – tickets still available

Ticket includes return transport, all entry fees and a stop over at the “Window to the Wetlands” display on Beatrice Hill.

Ticket prices: Adult: \$80.00

Child: \$70.00 (for those under the age of 15)

Transport: Buses will depart from the Convention Centre at 12.40pm sharp, returning at the conclusion of the activities to drop participants at the various conference hotels.

This is a ticketed event, should you wish to purchase a ticket or if you have selected to attend but no longer wish to then please contact the Conference Secretariat immediately.

Territory Wildlife Park – tickets still available

Ticket includes return transport, all entry fees and guides.

Ticket prices: Adult: \$80.00
 Child: \$70.00 (*for those under the age of 15*)

Transport: Buses will depart from the Convention Centre at 12.40pm sharp, returning at the conclusion of the activities to drop participants at the various conference hotels.

This is a ticketed event, should you wish to purchase a ticket or if you have selected to attend but no longer wish to then please contact the Conference Secretariat immediately.

Darwin Fishing Charter – Darwin Reef ‘n’ Wrecks Fishing Charters – this activity has reached FULL capacity

Ticket includes transport to the departure point from Darwin Convention Centre, snacks, refreshments, equipment and bait.

Ticket prices: \$140.00

Transport: Buses will depart from the Convention Centre at 12.40pm sharp, returning at the conclusion of the activities to drop participants at the various conference hotels.

This is a ticketed event, if you have selected to attend but no longer wish to then please contact the Conference Secretariat immediately.

2.3 PARKING

The Darwin Convention Centre incorporates 240 undercover car park spaces with designated disabled spaces. The cost for parking is \$5.00 per entry.

Easily accessible private parking is also available at a number of locations in the Darwin Waterfront Precinct.

2.4 TRANSPORT

Airport to Darwin Convention Centre: 12.2km, 23 minutes drive

Airport to City: 13km, 25 minutes drive

City to Darwin Convention Centre: 1.1km, 13 minutes walk

Darwin Airport Shuttle

Scheduled for all flights to Darwin Airport and departs from the front of the Terminal. Bookings are essential for hotel pick-up. Book online (www.darwinairportshuttle.com.au) for group rates, return fares or see the staff at the airport desk located opposite the luggage carousels.

Darwin Taxi's

Taxi's are available from the taxi rank, which is located directly in front of the Terminal.

Taxi pricing is charged by meter, expect to pay around \$25.00 to \$30.00 for a trip between Darwin Airport and the Darwin CBD. A \$3.00 exit toll applies on exit from the ranking lane at the airport.

City Radio Taxis: +61 8 8981 3777

Tropical Taxis: +61 8 8947 3333

Darwin Radio Taxis: 131 008

Car rental

Available from the airport. You can pre-book or book on arrival from one of the many car rental companies available located near the baggage collection:

- Avis
- Budget
- Europcar
- Hertz
- Thrifty

2.5 DIETARY REQUIREMENTS

If you have not already done so, please advise the Conference Secretariat of any specific dietary requirements and/or food allergies. If you have advised of a special diet request, please make yourself known to banqueting staff in order to collect your special meal. Please note that vegetarians will be catered for as standard.

2.6 CLIMATE

The Territory's tropical north, experiences warm sunny weather for most of the year. In June the maximum temperature averages around 31°C with a minimum temperature averaging around 22°C.

2.7 TOURISM

Territory Discoveries can help you tailor a pre/post tour to suit your needs. Please visit the following website to book your tour:
<http://www.territorydiscoveries.com/partners/aps>

Alternatively, the following website may be of use to you:

<http://www.tourismtopend.com.au/>
<http://www.enjoy-darwin.com/darwin-tourist.html>
<http://www.tourismnt.com.au>

3. CONTACT DETAILS

Should you have any questions or require further information, please contact the Conference Secretariat on 61 2 9954 4400 before Friday 10 June or email aps2011@dcconferences.com.au

If you need to contact the secretariat urgently after Friday 10 June, please call one of the following contacts:

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We look forward to seeing you in Darwin!