

## IMPORTANT DATES

Submission of abstracts	9th May 2008
On-line registration available	1st June 2008
Notification of authors	14th July 2008
Speaker registration deadline	1st September 2008
Early bird registration closes	1st September 2008

## REGISTRATION FEES

ISPO Member Early Full Registration	\$500
Non-Member Early Full Registration	\$600
Student Registration	\$300
Day Registration	\$250

*Early bird registration closes on **Monday 1st September 2008**. After this date full registration fees will be applicable to all registrations.*

## TRADE & SPONSORSHIP

An extensive trade exhibition area will be held for the duration of the conference and a wide range of sponsorship opportunities are also available. All daily catering will be held within the trade exhibition area allowing delegates to fully investigate the displays.

*For further information on the packages available, please register your interest with the Conference Secretariat.*

## WEBSITE

The conference website will be updated regularly as the conference program develops. For further information about the conference, venue, scientific program, abstract submission, sponsors, exhibitors, social functions, accommodation and registration information, please visit:

**[www.dconferences.com.au/ispo2008](http://www.dconferences.com.au/ispo2008)** or alternatively register your interest with the Conference Secretariat.

## CONFERENCE SECRETARIAT

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## CALL FOR PAPERS

The Australian National Member Society of ISPO is seeking submissions of abstracts for paper and/or poster presentations at this meeting. Papers relating to any area of prosthetics, orthotics, rehabilitation, gait analysis, biomechanics and engineering are invited.

All modes of presentation will receive equal weighting in the conference proceedings. Reports of work-in-progress will be accepted for poster presentations.

Presenting authors may choose to present either

- A full podium paper (10 minutes presentation, 5 minutes discussion)
- A short paper/case study/technical note (10 minutes including discussion)
- A poster

### Instructions for authors

If you are interested in presenting at the conference, please download the abstract proforma from the website: [www.dconferences.com.au/ispo2008](http://www.dconferences.com.au/ispo2008)

The proforma contains instructions for completing the abstract. Please refer to the conference website for instructions on abstract submission and registration of speakers. If you require further assistance please contact the Conference Secretariat.

When submitting your abstract, you will also be able to nominate for the George Carter New Investigator Award. Please visit the conference website to download the award guidelines.

**DEADLINE FOR ABSTRACT SUBMISSION: 9th MAY 2008**



## CALL FOR PAPERS

*2008 Annual Scientific Meeting  
International Society for Prosthetics and Orthotics  
Australian National Members Society*

## Towards Evidence Based Care in Prosthetics and Orthotics

20-22 November 2008  
The Stamford Grand Hotel  
Glenelg, South Australia



## WELCOME

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On behalf of the convening committee we invite you to attend the 2008 Annual Scientific Meeting of ISPO Australia, Towards Evidence Based Care in Prosthetics and Orthotics.

The beachside suburb of Glenelg, located 20 minutes from central Adelaide, will be the home of the conference this year. Delegates will enjoy Adelaide's 'city by the sea' where relaxed beach culture and cafes represent the very essence of South Australia.

We are grateful to have Dr. Nerrolyn Ramstrand from Jönköping University, Sweden, as our keynote speaker. Dr Ramstrand will be well known to many in the Society for her work in prosthetic and orthotic research, and more recently her publications and presentations on the future of the prosthetics and orthotics profession and Evidence Based Practise.

Supporting the keynote we have an exciting range of invited addresses and speakers, encompassing clinical, research, administrative, and client focussed themes. Our major theme, "Towards evidence based care in P&O", encourages the exploration of current research and trends within P&O, whilst maintaining focus on client outcomes and clinical justification, through the inclusion of case studies and promotion of clinical justification. The conference will have a highly clinical and evidence based focus and we encourage people to consider contributing to this flexible format through a podium or poster presentation.

We look forward to welcoming you to Glenelg.

**Leigh Taylor and Sally Cavenett**

Co-Convenor's, ISPO 2008

## KEYNOTE SPEAKER

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**Dr Nerrolyn Ramstrand** is a senior lecturer and researcher within the Prosthetics and Orthotics program at Jönköping University, Sweden. She is a member of the education committee for ISPO International and a member on the Swedish ISPO steering committee.



Nerrolyn completed both her under-graduate education and her doctoral studies at LaTrobe University. Upon completion of her studies in 2000 she took up a position at the British Columbia Institute of Technology in Vancouver, Canada and served as program head for the department of prosthetics and orthotics until 2003 when she accepted a position with Jönköping University in Sweden. In her current research Nerrolyn is specifically interested in identifying ways of reducing the number of fall related accidents in disabled and elderly populations. Of particular interest is how footwear, orthoses and prosthetic component selection can influence balance and stability. Nerrolyn has also published papers on the future of the prosthetics and orthotics profession and evidence based practice.

In her keynote address titled "clinical problem solving, an evidence based approach", Nerrolyn will present a critical review of the need for evidence based practice in prosthetics and orthotics together with an overview of the challenges faced by clinicians who wish to integrate the principles of evidence based practice into their daily practice. Practical examples will be presented to demonstrate how clinicians can use evidence based practice to solve clinical problems.

## THEMES

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### **Outcome Measurement and Clinical Justification**

This session will aim to explore the role of outcome measurement at the individual patient level, and discuss the need for this evidence base within the field of prosthetics and orthotics.

### **Towards Evidence Based Orthotic Management**

This clinically focused session will address Orthotic management for a variety of complex and neurological disorders. It will highlight current practises and techniques and outline approaches for measuring and monitoring interventions for complex and individual cases.

### **Towards Evidence Based Prosthetic Management**

This clinically focused session will address current practice in prosthetic management and highlight some clinically relevant research outcomes. The session will also discuss methods for measuring and monitoring interventions in complex and individual cases.

### **Clinical Case Studies**

This session aims to explore the role of case studies including patient-reported/clinician-observed evidence in contribution to the prosthetic and orthotic evidence base.

### **Fitness and participation – consumer session**

A session designed for consumers with a focus on overcoming barriers and empowerment for people with disabilities. This will include a presentation and participation format.