AGES
Pelvic Floor Symposium & Workshop XIII
2012

16 & 17 March 2012
Crown Conference Centre
Melbourne

International Guest Speakers

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Professor Dirk De Ridder, Belgium
A/Professor Adam Holzberg, USA
Professor N Rajamaheswari, India
Professor Shirish Sheth, India
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AGES has made application to RANZCOG for accreditation of this meeting for PR&CRM and CPD points.

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Welcome

We wish to invite you to the Pelvic Floor Symposium & Workshop XIII to be held in Melbourne on March 16 and 17, 2012. The theme of the meeting this year is Vaginal and Pelvic Surgery – the Art and the Controversies.

The meeting continues the tradition of providing state of the art cutting edge meetings exploring the issues arising from the management of pelvic floor dysfunction. Whilst maintaining its theme, in 2012 AGES has decided to revisit vaginal surgery and its application worldwide.

We are very fortunate to have two of the great masters of the art of vaginal surgery. Professor Shirish Sheth from Mumbai, ex FIGO president, stalwart of more than 5000 vaginal hysterectomies in his repertoire has extensively reported about his experiences with no uterine descent, previous caesareans, fibroid uteri etc. He has a multitude of pearls to offer the vaginal surgeon when the going gets tough!!

Professor Rajamaheswari from Chennai has created a world-renowned unit, which attracts visitors internationally wishing to contribute to her work with pelvic floor disorders in challenging circumstances. These include Bob Shull, Lenaine Westney, Paul Riss, and Malcolm Frazer to name a few. She has dedicated her life to serving the poor and destitute women at the Kasturba Gandhi (Gosha) Hospital. She runs the only recognised Urogynaecology training unit in India and offers her experiences with an astounding array of pelvic pathologies including fistulas.

Also joining us will be Professor Dirk De Ridder, urologist from Leuven, Belgium with a large experience of female reconstructive surgery and neuromodulation. He has held positions such as President of the European Society for Neurourology, Chairman of the Standardisation Committee for the International Continence Society, and has established an obstetric fistula service in the Congo.

From the United States we are joined by Assistant Professor Adam Holzberg, the Co-Division Head for the division of Female Pelvic Medicine & Reconstructive Surgery at Cooper University Hospital, New Jersey, and Assistant Professor at Robert Wood Johnson Medical School. Dr Holzberg's special interests are urinary incontinence, pelvic organ prolapse, voiding disorders, female sexual dysfunction and genitourinary fistulas.

To cap off this impressive group, Dr Boris Batke, Associate Director Research and Development, Ethicon is leading the Mesh and Textile Technology Platform which supports all the mesh applications including Hernia Solutions, Women's Health and Aesthetic Medicine and will share his considerable expertise in the field of mesh bioengineering.

With such an illustrious line-up, this meeting promises to be jam-packed with educational opportunities. During the meeting we will also spend time debating the current controversies. This is particularly pertinent with the second warning from the FDA regarding mesh kits and the obligations of clinicians.

Finally, AGES is offering a series of pre-conference workshops on Thursday 15 March and Sunday 18 March, three of which are cadaver workshops hosted by AMS, Boston Scientific and Johnson & Johnson Medical respectively, at University of Melbourne Anatomy School. The fourth is a didactic workshop hosted by Johnson & Johnson Medical.

March is the perfect month to visit Melbourne; early autumn colours, good food and fast cars.

In short: a meeting you can’t afford to miss!

Prof. Ajay Rane
Conference Co-Chair
AGES Director

Dr Anna Rosamilia
Conference Co-Chair
AGES Director
0730-0800  Conference Registration
0800-0810  Conference Opening and Welcome  J Tsaltas
0810-1030  SESSION 1
The Current Controversy – the Role of Mesh in POP Surgery
Chairs: J Tsaltas, A Rosamilia
0810-0830  The role of mesh in vaginal POP surgery – history and overview  M Carey
0830-0910  The FDA, the facts  A Holzberg
0910-0930  The clinician’s perspective  A Lam
0930-0950  RANZCOG’s perspective  M Frazer
0950-1005  The insurer’s perspective  R Ayton
1005-1030  Panel and cases – discussion
Panel: M Carey, A Holzberg, A Lam, M Frazer, J Tsaltas, R Ayton
1030-1100  Morning Tea and Trade Exhibition
1100-1155  SESSION 2
Pelvic Anatomy
Chairs: K Harrison, J Abbott
1100-1120  Anatomical teaching – the professor’s experience  S Sheth
1120-1140  New anatomical concepts for pelvic reconstruction  D De Ridder
1140-1155  Anatomical teaching – the trainee perspective  J Abbott
1155-1230  Keynote lecture
Chair: A Yazdani
Vaginal hysterectomy – not a lost art  S Sheth
1230-1330  Lunch and Trade Exhibition
1330-1400  Keynote lecture
Chair: A Rosamilia
Pelvic floor surgery – the challenges  N Rajamaheswari
1400-1515  SESSION 3
Innovations to Aid the Vaginal Surgeon
Chairs: H Merkur, P Dwyer
1400-1420  Innovations in energy sources  Y N Lim
1420-1440  Innovations for haemostasis  J Lee
1440-1500  Innovations in mesh development  B Batke
1500-1515  Panel discussion
Panel: B Batke, J Lee, Y N Lim
1515-1545  Afternoon Tea and Trade Exhibition
1545-1730  SESSION 4
Urinary Incontinence
Chairs: S Salfinger, P Maher
1545-1605  The case for the retropubic sling  P Dwyer
1605-1625  Transobturator versus minisling  D De Ridder
1625-1645  Occult stress incontinence – a pragmatic approach  L Schierlitz
1645-1705  An update on the role of Botulinum toxin for bladder overactivity  C Dowling
1705-1730  The role of neuromodulation  D De Ridder
1900 for 1930 Gala Dinner Matteo’s Restaurant
533 Brunswick Street, North Fitzroy, 3068

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**Vaginal and Pelvic Surgery: the Art & the Controversies**

**Day 2 Saturday 17 March 2012 Crown Conference Centre Promenade Room 1&2**

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**SESSION 8 Interactive Session – Trials and Challenges of Sacral Colpopexy**

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**Free Communications**

AGES invites abstracts for oral and video free communications at the AGES Pelvic Floor Symposium & Workshop XIII 2012.

The Free Communications sessions will be held on Saturday 17 March 2012.

All abstracts selected will be published in the Conference Abstract and Program Book.

**FULL DETAILS & SUBMISSION DEADLINE**

Abstracts may be submitted from receipt of the conference program until Friday 3 February 2012.

Abstracts are to be submitted online on the AGES website: www.ages.com.au. Hard copy abstracts sent by mail or fax will NOT be considered.

Detailed guidelines for abstract content and format are available on the AGES website.

A prize will be awarded for the best presentation at the Conference and will be announced and presented in the final session of the Conference.

Judging will be by an impartial panel comprising senior members of AGES. The judges’ decisions are final. No correspondence will be answered.
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Pelvic Floor Workshops
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These Workshops are optional and can be booked using the registration form or online. Registration for the Workshops is open only to conference registrants. Please book early to secure your place as space is limited.

Thursday 15 March 0800-1200
JOHNSON AND JOHNSON MEDICAL CADAVERIC WORKSHOP
University of Melbourne Department of Anatomy & Cell Biology
Cnr Gratton Street & Royal Parade Parkville Victoria
Complimentary coach transfer departs at 0730 from Atrium Foyer of Crown Towers and Foyer of Metropol, and returns at 12 noon.
Be guided through the anatomical structures of the female anatomy using virtual simulators before moving onto cadaveric female pelvic anatomy and reconstructive surgery master class.

Thursday 15 March 1300-1600
JOHNSON AND JOHNSON MEDICAL PELVIC FLOOR WORKSHOP: MESH … A SAFETY NET OR NOT?
Crown Towers – River Room 1 & 2
Fact or Fiction – How does the Evidence Stack Up?
In an environment where robust clinical data is becoming increasingly important, we review the current environment, the data available and our medico-legal responsibilities. Mesh … a safety net or not? (An application has been made to the RANZCOG for accreditation of Risk Management meeting points)
Mesh Properties – Why should I Care?
Leading the Mesh & Textile Technology Platform within Ethicon, Boris Batke (Associate Director Research & Development Ethicon Products) provides insight into why construction of modern meshes is important, and their advantages in POP repair.
Complex Case Discussion
An opportunity to submit your complex cases for peer to peer review and in-depth discussion with a panel of local and international experts.

Thursday 15 March 1300-1700
BOSTON SCIENTIFIC PELVIC FLOOR INSTITUTE 3.0: CLINICAL SYMPOSIUM & HANDS-ON CADAVERIC WORKSHOP ON PELVIC FLOOR SURGERY
University of Melbourne Department of Anatomy & Cell Biology
Cnr Gratton Street & Royal Parade Parkville Victoria
Complimentary Coach transfer departs at 1230 from Atrium Foyer of Crown Towers and Foyer of Metropol, and returns at 1700.
Course Description
Throughout this course, participants will be exposed to surgical techniques and concepts that will further their ability to successfully manage the challenges posed by female pelvic organ prolapse and advance the quality of patient care. Devices featured are Pinnacle™ LITE Repair Kits, Uphold™ LITE Vaginal Support System, Obtryx™, Advantage™ and Solyx™ Sling Systems.
Learning Objectives
• Provide in-depth understanding of surgical anatomical structures of the pelvis
• Gain surgical confidence through practical application of cadaveric dissections
• Review of clinical considerations and identification of the ideal patient post FDA health notification
In order to create the best possible learning environment and afford each participant maximum hands-on time, class-size is limited. Interactive Panel Discussion with: Dr Adam Holzberg, Dr Anna Rosamilia, Dr Chris Barry, Dr Yik Lim

Sunday 18 March 0800-1200
AMERICAN MEDICAL SYSTEMS CADAVERIC WORKSHOP: CONQUERING THE GREAT WALL - ANTERIOR WALL RECONSTRUCTION MASTER CLASS
University of Melbourne Department of Anatomy & Cell Biology
Cnr Gratton Street & Royal Parade Parkville Victoria
Complimentary Coach transfer departs at 0730 from Atrium Foyer of Crown Towers and Foyer of Metropol and returns at 12 noon.
A didactic/cadaver workshop focusing on the anterior compartment as well as touching on occult stress and voiding dysfunction implications.
Objective: To provide Gynaecologists with a didactic and hands on educational workshop for the treatment of anterior pelvic floor defects with a focus on:
• Anatomy of the SSL and Anterior compartment
• The place of vaginal mesh in the anterior compartment
• Occult stress – to treat or not to treat
• Voiding dysfunction pre and post-surgery
• The place for Minislings in concomitant procedures
Faculty: Prof. Dirk De Ridder, Prof. Ajay Rane, Dr Anna Rosamilia
Conference Venue

Crown Convention Centre
8 Whiteman Street, Southbank Vic 3006 Phone +61 3 9292 6968
All conference sessions will be held in the state of the art Crown Convention Centre in the Crown Promenade Hotel.

Conference Hotels

A range of conference accommodation is available at the 5 star Crown Metropol Hotel and the ultra 5 star Crown Towers, both linked by covered walkways to the Crown Conference Centre.

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Check-in time is 1400 and check-out 1100. Whilst the hotel will do everything possible to assist with earlier check-in, this cannot be guaranteed without payment of an additional night’s tariff.
Changes to Hotel Reservations
Any change must be made in writing to the Conference Organisers and not directly to the hotel.
Breakfast
Breakfast included in the room rate at Crown Metropol is served in the Maze restaurant only. Breakfast included in the room rate at Crown Towers is full buffet breakfast served in the Conservatory only.
Parking
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**Conference Costs**

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Registration to AGES Pelvic Floor Symposium & 2 other AGES Meetings in 2012 - ASM XXII & Focus Meeting

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**AGES Pelvic Floor Workshops**

**Thursday 15 March – 0800 - 1200**

University of Melbourne Dept. of Anatomy & Cell Biology Laboratory

Johnson & Johnson Medical – Cadaveric Workshop  AU$125

Johnson & Johnson Medical – Pelvic Floor Workshop  AU$125

Crown Towers River Room 1 & 2

Boston Scientific – Cadaveric Workshop  AU$125

Sunday 18 March – 0800 - 1200

University of Melbourne Dept. of Anatomy & Cell Biology Laboratory

American Medical Systems – Cadaveric Workshop  AU$125

**Social Event**

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* Breakfast included in the room rate is served in the Maze Crown Metropole ONLY
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