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Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to Sydney, where the cranes are still reaching into the skies, trucks are still carting trailers of rubbish away from buildings and every street is awash with giant holes and persons holding stop/go signs to annoy the never ending stream of traffic. Yes this is a city enveloped in progress. Everywhere you look, Sydney is Building it up and Breaking it down.

This inspiration for our AGES ASM seems the perfect backdrop to what we are facing in gynaecological and obstetric surgical skills where it is no longer acceptable to acquire a set of skills and stagnate at the completion of training utilising only those skills learned in that 15% of our professional life. With the constant change of procedures and the emergence of science to renew, replace and even remove entire surgical approaches into or out of our skill armamentarium.

We are delighted to host our international keynote speakers include Dr Kristen Matteson from Rhode Island USA, Dr Justin Clark from Birmingham UK and Dr Malcolm Munro from UCLA USA to do a lot of building and perhaps a little breaking down too. We are also pleased to welcome Prof Jon Einarsson from Boston and current President of the AAGL, who will be both presenting and introducing the AGES/AAGL exchange lecture. Our international speakers will join an eminent Australasian contingent to take you on this provocative romp through the contemporary controversies facing our specialty. The depth of talent that we have in Australasia is incredible and the AGES training program is producing top-class surgeons and presenters and we are grateful for their participation and continuation of the strong scientific and surgical talent that AGES is renowned for.

The incredibly popular Interactive Hubs are back in an expanded form with greater choice, and skill acquisition will be a central feature of the new-look trade area. You have said you want more hands on training and AGES is pleased to bring it to you within the framework of our scientific meeting. Sydney 2017 also launches ‘Live-Dead Surgery’; surgical exploration with no boundaries. Beamed live from Brisbane, Dr Michael Wynn-Williams and Dr Danny Chou will show you places and spaces in the pelvis and abdomen that will increase your knowledge of anatomy and opportunities for surgical problem-solving.

Internationally awarded journalist Geraldine Doogue will host our final session of the meeting – a Q&A style panel discussion with a difference. Hear from women, their partners, media experts and doctors on what women think of us as surgeons, how we communicate and what they want in their surgeon. Enlightening, perhaps a little uncomfortable but certainly unforgettable. Don’t miss it!

The social program is no less exciting with our annual black-tie gala awards dinner at the Grand Hyatt Ballroom overlooking Darling Harbour filled with fine food and some surprises in the fine sound department. Our dinner will not only graduate new AGES fellows, but host the ASM awards and finally be the opportunity to own one of the three artworks created by Fiona Omeeny that have graced the covers of our three meeting brochures for the previous year: Word is out that these are hot property and they will be auctioned off, with all proceeds going to Anti-slavery Australia, an outstanding charity whose mission is to provide support and legal aid for those forced into slavery within our own country. We also will be auctioning the Board Dozen – 12 bottles of outstanding wine to ensure you really enjoy your meal.

Finally it is here. Welcome to the AGES 2017 ASM. Welcome to Sydney. Welcome to the new age of AGES.

A/Prof Jason Abbott  Dr Stephen Lyons  
Vice President, AGES  Director, AGES  
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In 2003, she was recognised with an Officer in the Order of Australia for services to the community and media. Geraldine is an outstanding Facilitator/MC. Her forte is facilitating panel discussions and is ideally suited to a progressive-minded audience.

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With questions from the floor, you get to participate in what promises to be enlightening as we expose ourselves and our profession to those that really matter. Come interact with us in the ‘New Age of AGES.’

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Friday, 3rd March
Interactive Hubs 2: 0800 – 0900
Interactive Hubs 3: 0910 - 1010

Saturday, 4th March
Interactive Hubs 4: 1400 – 1500

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Hyatt Regency Sydney
Thursday 2nd March
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