



# Welcome

## AGES President and Organising Committee

Dear Colleagues,

AGES warmly welcomes you to an exciting meeting to be held in association with the Asia-Pacific Association of Gynaecologic Endoscopy and Minimally Invasive Surgery (APAGE) at The Westin Hotel Sydney on the 18th and 19th August, 2006.

The theme for this meeting is 'THE LIMITS OF ENDOSCOPIC SURGERY'.

After more than a decade and a half of "endoscopic revolution" dating from the historical first laparoscopic hysterectomy in 1989, almost every open gynaecological procedure that has ever been described has been successfully performed endoscopically. In addition, numerous new procedures have also been developed based on a greater understanding of pelvic anatomy, improved surgical skills and modern energy sources.

How far have we come, what can be done, how effective is it, and at what costs, risks, and benefits are fundamentally important questions which will be addressed and discussed by a faculty of internationally renowned speakers from many Asia-Pacific countries and AGES.

You may not agree with some of the techniques and procedures shown at this meeting. Nevertheless, looking at what "can be done" stimulates debate about what "should be done".

We are grateful to our organising committee for constructing a comprehensive and clinically stimulating program.

We look forward to welcoming all AGES members to another fantastic AGES meeting. We extend our warmest welcome to colleagues from APAGE and we are certain you will enjoy the best harbour in the world.

Yours sincerely

**Alan Lam, Conference Chairman**

**Geoff Reid, Scientific Chairman**

**Rob O'Shea, President AGES**





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[www.ages.com.au](http://www.ages.com.au)

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Membership application forms are available from the AGES website or from: the AGES Secretariat, 282 Edinburgh Road, CASTLECRAG NSW 2068 AUSTRALIA.







# FREE COMMUNICATIONS AND AWARDS

AGES strongly encourages free communications, both oral and poster. Several substantial prizes will be awarded for the best free communications presentations at 'The Limits of Endoscopic Surgery'.

There will be two or three free communication sessions each day with six free communications per session. 8 minutes will be allocated for each presentation plus 2 minutes for questions.

There will be an area for poster display and viewing at the Meeting.

Abstracts will only be accepted from delegates who have registered for the Conference prior to or at the time of submission.

## All oral and poster submissions must include:

Title, presenting **author** (underlined), **author(s)**, **affiliations**, **references** and / or **suggested readings**.

Consideration should be given to structure i.e. objectives, methods, results, conclusions.

Presenting author's telephone & address contact details are also required.

**Specifications:** Submissions are to comprise single file Microsoft Word documents. Text should be no longer than 300 words in upper and lower case.

Submissions are to be forwarded by email to  
Dr Greg Cario:  
gmc@drgregorymcario.com.au  
with copy to Mrs M. Bender:  
submissions@conferenceconnection.com.au

## FREE COMMUNICATIONS AWARDS

The awards sponsored by AGES for 'The Limits of Endoscopic Surgery' are:

**Best Free Communication** AU\$300

**Best Video Presentation** AU\$300

**Best Poster** AU\$300

The awards sponsored by APAGE for 'The Limits of Endoscopic Surgery' are:

**Best Free Communication** US\$300

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**Best Poster** US\$300

All presentations will be assessed during the Meeting by an impartial judging panel.

The Awards will be presented at the 'Limits of Endoscopic Surgery' Conference Dinner.

# SOCIAL PROGRAM

## Cocktail Reception and Gala Dinner

1900 till 2300

Friday 18 August 2006

Cruise Sydney Harbour on Sydney Glass Island  
Boarding at King Street Wharf Darling Harbour  
at 1900 sharp

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# Anatomy & Function of the Female Pelvic Floor

17 & 18 November 2006  
Brisbane AUSTRALIA

Guest Speaker:  
Professor John DeLancey  
Michigan USA

Chairman: Dr Chris Maher  
Co-Chairman: Dr Anusch Yazdani



The organising committee is delighted to announce Professor John DeLancey from Ann Arbor, Michigan USA as the international guest speaker. Professor DeLancey is the world leader on anatomy and imaging of the female pelvic floor. As a direct result of his work, pelvic floor surgeons worldwide have a greater appreciation and understanding of the pathology involved in female pelvic floor dysfunction.

To utilise fully Professor DeLancey's expertise, the theme will be Anatomy

and Function. The meeting will be interactive and case-oriented, focusing on Anatomy and Function of the female pelvic floor. Highlights will include case presentations with a moderator led panel of experts; relevant anatomy demonstrations by Professor DeLancey via live cadaveric dissection; surgical solutions via live surgery or condensed video; audience challenge of the expert panel with intraoperative and postoperative complications.

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## Our vision:

The energy of AGES in Surgery, Science and Patient Care in the 21st Century.

## Our theme:

ART AND SCIENCE OF ENDOMETRIOSIS

Clinical acumen, surgical flare and biomedical advances unite to engage endometriosis: do not miss this event!



MELBOURNE AUSTRALIA  
11-14 MARCH 2008

10<sup>TH</sup> WORLD CONGRESS  
ON ENDOMETRIOSIS

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