CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Communication in Anaesthesia

ASA/NZSA Combined Scientific Congress
Wellington Convention Centre
11-14 Oct 2008

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The Organising Committee of the Combined Scientific Congress (CSC) invites you to submit an abstract for the free paper and poster sessions.

Our theme Communication in Anaesthesia covers aspects of communication and the importance of good communication in the practice of medicine.

The Congress will cover interpersonal and non-verbal communication, technological, ethical, medicolegal and professional communication. The Scientific Programme includes most subspecialty areas, along with basic science updates in pharmacology, neurophysiology, and internal medicine. We welcome the contribution from nine Special Interest Groups to the Scientific Programme.

We welcome the submission of research papers in all areas of anaesthetic practice for consideration by the committee. Accepted abstracts will be sorted into either oral presentations or poster display. The Scientific Programme Committee will make the full and final decision about the presentation format.

The closing date for submission of abstracts is 11th June 2008. All submitters will be notified of the Committee’s decision after this date. Abstracts will be published and available to delegates and the Health Care Industry (and to media on an individually approved basis).

keynote speakers (see www.asanzsa2008.org.nz for further information)

Professor Ron Miller, UCSF, San Francisco. Ron Miller is an eminent and distinguished anaesthetist and editor of Miller’s Anaesthesia. He has published extensively particularly on neuromuscular physiology/pharmacology, and has chaired the ASA Taskforce on Future Anaesthetic Paradigms for 2025. He will talk on “The Future of Anaesthesia” and “Neuromuscular Pharmacology”. This is Professor Miller’s first visit to New Zealand.

Professor Keith Ruskin, Yale University School of Medicine, New Haven, Connecticut. Keith Ruskin has published extensively on Information Systems and Multimedia for anaesthetists, and also has a major research interest in neuroanaesthesia. He chairs the ASA Committee on “EMIT” (Electronic Media and Information Technology), and was the creator of GASNet, the original anaesthesia web information site. He is speaking on “Communication Technology for Anaesthetists”, and Neurosurgery Anaesthesia.

Dr Steve Yentis, Chelsea and Westminster Hospital, London. Steve Yentis has major interests in obstetric anaesthesia, airway management, research methods and medical ethics. He has published extensively, edited a number of textbooks, and even produced a book on medical cartoons. He is speaking at the Obstetric SIG Meeting in Blenheim 16-17 October (following the CSC). He is kindly presenting for us at the Wellington CSC on “Decision Analysis”.

Dr Daniel Sokol, Medical Ethicist, St George’s Hospital Medical School, London. Daniel Sokol will talk on medical ethics including issues around truth telling and deception in the patient-doctor relationship. He is presenting the Kester Brown Lecture “Will I be alright doc? Is honesty the best approach in real-world medicine?” He is also speaking on Ethical Decision-making. Daniel is also a part-time magician.
Werner Naef, Communication Consultant, Wellington.
Werner is a Communication Consultant and expert in “Human Factors”. After a 30-year career as a pilot and manager with Swissair and the Swiss Air force, Werner became heavily involved in air crash investigation, cockpit simulation training, and communication in high-risk industries. He will talk about his collective experiences and present a model for improving teamwork communication.

Dr Scott Simmons, Clinical Associate Professor, Mercy Hospital for Women, Heidelberg, Victoria.
Scott Simmons has major clinical and research interests in obstetric anaesthesia and analgesia, as well as quality improvement and multi-disciplinary change processes. He will present in the Decision-making session on “System thinking in a craft-based world.” He is mainly involved with, and convenor of the Obstetric SIG Meeting in Blenheim that follows the CSC.

ASA Gilbert Troup Prize.
This comprises the Gilbert Troup Medal and a cash prize of AUD$2000 and is awarded to the best oral paper presentation nominated for consideration. Applicants submitting free papers must elect to be included for consideration for the Gilbert Troup Prize. Criteria to be met are that the paper must be based on original research done in Australia, principal paper content must not have been presented previously at a major Australian meeting, and the presenter must be one of the authors of the paper.

NZSA Ritchie Prize.
A Ritchie Prize certificate and NZ$1000 will be awarded to the best oral paper presentation nominated for consideration. Presentations should be 10 minutes long, followed by 5 minutes question time. To comply with conditions, the work presented in this session must be carried out predominantly in New Zealand, the presenter should be the lead researcher and member of the NZSA, and the work should not have been presented previously at a major meeting, and should comply with appropriate Ethics Committee approval. The prize winner is able to apply to NZSA for a further grant of up to $4000.

NZSA Trainee Prize and NZSA Young Investigator Award.
These prizes may be offered if there are submitted papers of sufficient merit. Applicants must be members of NZSA. Please contact the NZSA Education Officer PO Box 10-091 Wellington.

Best Poster submitted for the Poster Presentation Sessions.
All posters submitted should be presented at a formal poster session. A prize will be awarded for the best poster presentation. Presenters will be expected to speak about their display for 2-3 minutes with a discussion to follow.
In brief:

- Abstracts must be in English and in Microsoft Word format. Call for Abstract template is provided on the Congress Website.
- Abstracts must be original work not previously presented at an international meeting.
- Abstracts should be no longer than 250 words and have a brief descriptive title with no abbreviations. Abstracts may contain tables, pictures, diagrams and symbols. Abbreviations must be spelled out on first use, and the wording grammatically correct.
- Abstracts should contain the following headings: background, method, results, and conclusion. They may be submitted as “Poster Only” or “Either Oral or Poster”.
- Submissions must be received by the close of business 11th June 2008 for consideration by the scientific programme committee. Authors will be notified of the committee’s final decision on 11th July 2008.

Please forward abstracts to:

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Terms and Conditions of an abstract submission include an understanding of the rules of participation in the ASA NZSA CSC. These include that all authors approve the abstract submission for presentation, copyright ownership of the abstract is transferred to the ASA NZSA CSC, the Author(s) agree(s) to materially confine their presentations to information in the abstract if accepted for presentation, at least one author will be available to present the abstract if selected for the programme, and authors will immediately notify the CSC administrators if unable to present an abstract or the presenting author is changed.

Accepted abstracts will be published in the Abstract Book. It is essential that the authors obtain written permission to reproduce material from other sources and acknowledge the sources. To ensure publication in the Abstract Book, the presenting author must register for the Congress no later that 31st July 2008.

Anaesthesia and Intensive Care

If you would like to be considered for the publication in Anaesthesia and Intensive Care (AIC), please refer to the Call for Abstracts section on the Congress Website to find AIC criteria.

Invited Speakers

All invited speakers are also asked to submit an abstract comprising an informative summary of the presentation (maximum 2 x A4 pages, single spaced with up to 10 references).

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Important deadlines

Abstract submissions due 11th June 2008  
Notifications from Committee 11th July 2008  
Registration early bird deadline 31st July 2008  
Receipt of abstracts from invited speakers 31st July 2008  
Registration by presenters (includes sessions, PBLDs, and workshops) 31st July 2008

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