

Call for Abstracts

15th Annual Interim Meeting

7th - 9th August 2009

Melbourne, Australia



It is with great pleasure, on behalf of the Australasian Society of Cytogeneticists (ASoC), that the organising committee extend a warm invitation to our 2009 Annual Interim Meeting which will be held in Melbourne, Australia. The conference will be a chance to catch up on the latest developments in our field, and also meet up with friends and colleagues from around Australia and New Zealand.

We are now calling for abstracts that need to be sent as indicated on the Website no later than 17th May 2009.

Please take advantage of our special Earlybird and Members registration fees.



Invited Speakers

Professor Joris Vermeesch
Katholieke Univesiteit Leuven, Belgium

Prof Joris Vermeesch heads the constitutional cytogenetic laboratory in the department of molecular cytogenetics and genome research at Katholieke Univesiteit Leuven. In addition to clinical cytogenetics, the laboratory's research programs include the development of novel techniques for chromosomal analysis and genomics, and the molecular causes of developmental, mental and behavioural disturbances. As well a lecturing at the university, Prof Vermeesch is on the Editorial Board of *Molecular Cytogenetics*.

Professor Rob McLachlan
Prince Henry's Institute, Melbourne

Prof Rob McLachlan is a principal research fellow at Prince Henry's Institute and is deputy director of Endocrinology at Monash Medical Centre. He holds the position of secretary of the International Society of Andrology, and is a consultant to the World Health Organisation on male infertility regulation. His interests include endocrinology, infertility and andrology, in both research and clinical practice.

Associate Professor Lynda Campbell
Victorian Cancer Cytogenetics Service, St. Vincent's Hospital, Melbourne

A/Prof Lynda Campbell has been the director of the Victorian Cancer Cytogenetics Service at St Vincent's Hospital since 1992. She has been an elected member of the International Standing Committee on Human Cytogenetic Nomenclature since 2001, and has previously been an examiner in cytogenetics for the HGSA and has also served on the HGSA committee. Her research interests include the genetics of acute myeloid leukaemias and myelodysplastic syndromes.



Conference Venue

The conference will be held in the Amora Riverwalk Hotel in Richmond, a 10 minute tram ride from the city centre of Melbourne. It is close to the boutiques of Bridge Road, cafes, restaurants and pubs. Victoria Street is close by, a mecca of Asian flavours.

Hotel rooms should be booked independently. We have arranged special conference room rates; the code for these rates, and further room information will be available on the conference website.



Social programme

The traditional Welcome Reception will be held in the Courtyard Marquee in our host hotel, The Amora Riverwalk on Friday 7th August from 6pm until 8pm. The Registration Desk will be open at this time for those wishing to collect their registration packs and deliver copies of their talks. Please take this opportunity to meet your fellow delegates and friends from other laboratories. Your Melbourne colleagues will be on hand to advise on local dining venues.

Saturday night is the Gala dinner, which this year takes place aboard the *Yarra Countess*. It promises to be a fantastic night of fine dining and cruising along the famous Yarra river. See the city of Melbourne from a different angle. The cruise starts and finishes at SouthBank, so the night owls amongst us can continue to party in the nightclubs, casino and shops of this precinct.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Amanda, Helen, Kathleen, Olivia and Vanessa

ASoC 2009 Organising Committee

Please contact the Conference secretariat:

Meeting Makers

with any questions regarding registration, abstract submission & accommodation

info@meeting-makers.com

More detailed description of registration, abstract submission, and accommodation procedures as well as information are available on the meeting Website:

www.meeting-makers.com/cyto09/