Combined Meeting of the
6th Asia Pacific Conference Against Stroke
and 20th Stroke Society of Australasia ASM
6-9 September 2009, Cairns Convention Centre, Australia

& 14th Conference of the Neurosonology
Research Group of the WFN
4-6 September 2009, Sebel Cairns, Australia

call for abstracts
Abstracts are invited for the Asia Pacific Conference Against Stroke (APCAS), a major international conference on Stroke in ASIA being hosted by the Stroke Society of Australasia (SSA), in the beautiful city of Cairns, Queensland. The 6th APCAS conference will follow on from successful meetings held in Hong Kong, Chang Mai, Shanghai, Delhi and Manila, and several hundred delegates from Australia and Asian countries are expected to attend. The annual scientific meeting of the SSA will be held concurrently with APCAS as a joint conference.

Key topics to be covered at APCAS/SSA include Current Management of Atrial Fibrillation, Stroke Service Delivery in Rural and Remote Regions, Stroke Disorders Specific to Asian Populations, and Methods for Implementation Research in Stroke Prevention. Two keynote international speakers participating are Professor Richard Hobbs, an expert in atrial fibrillation and primary care research in stroke, and Professor Hugh Markus, an expert in the diagnosis and gene-environmental risk factors for stroke. In addition, a range of local and regional experts will participate through keynote lectures, original science presentations and interactive workshops, covering the range of epidemiological, clinical, rehabilitation, and therapeutic theme areas of stroke.

Abstracts are invited for the 14th conference of the Neurosonology Research Group (NSRG) of the WFN, held for the first time in Australia. NSRG is the peak body for neurosonology research and this meeting will provide a unique opportunity for delegates to attend an international neurosonology meeting in the southern hemisphere. The meeting will cover the full scientific spectrum of neurosonology including skill workshops with application training and certification.

deadline for submission
14th April 2009
Please submit your abstract online at
www.conferenceaction.com.au
by close of business Tuesday, 14 April 2009.
You can access the call for abstracts by visiting the current events page and clicking on either the NSRG or APCAS conference link. Please read the following instructions carefully before submitting your abstract.

- Abstracts may only be submitted online and will not be accepted by facsimile or post.
- The Conference Secretariat will notify all abstract submitters of acceptance by email by 6 May 2009.
- Please note authors accepted to give either an oral or poster presentation must register for the conference and pay the applicable registration fee.

Please note: Accepted abstracts for SSA/APCAS only will be published in the International Journal of Stroke. Please ensure you submit the final version of your abstract as publication times do not allow time for revision.
registering your abstract

To submit your abstract, please click on the following link:

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1. You will be asked to enter your contact details, abstract title, presentation type, author etc. You can submit multiple abstracts.

2. At the end of the Abstract Submission process you will be asked to upload your Microsoft Word Abstract document.

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4. An acknowledgement email will be sent within 7 days of receipt of your abstract.

   PLEASE ENSURE YOU INDICATE WHETHER YOUR ABSTRACT IS FOR THE NSRG OR APCAS CONFERENCE
new investigator award
(APCAS/SSA delegates only)

Two encouragement awards, the **Peter Bladin Award** sponsored by the Stroke Society of Australasia and the **National Stroke Foundation Award**, will be made to the most outstanding presentations by new investigators.

**To be eligible the investigator must:**

1. Be undergoing or have completed an accredited post-graduate/undergraduate training program, or commenced full-time academic research, whichever is most recent, no more than 5 years before the closing date for abstracts
2. Be a member of the Stroke Society of Australasia
3. Be first author on the paper
4. Have contributed substantially to the design and conduct of the research study
5. Complete and return the application form on the website.

The applicant must nominate which abstract is to be considered for the award, and only one abstract can be nominated by each applicant. Previous winners of the award are ineligible.

**The following criteria will be taken into consideration:**

- Originality of the work
- Scientific merit (sound methods, appropriate analysis, and valid interpretation)
- Clarity of presentation
- Adherence to allocated time (platform presentations)
- Handling of questions

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