



Asia-Pacific Combined

# Dermatology Research Conference



Thursday 25 August to  
Sunday 28 August 2016

**Noosa Sheraton**, Queensland, Australia

**First Announcement, Call for Papers  
& Abstract Submission Procedure**



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## Invitation

The Presidents of the Australasian College of Dermatologists (ACD), the New Zealand Dermatological Society Inc. (NZDSi) and the Australasian Society for Dermatology Research (ASDR) together with the Japanese Dermatological Association (JDA) and the Japanese Society for Investigative Dermatology (JSID) extend a warm invitation to you to share in the educational and social activities of the Asia-Pacific Combined Dermatology Research Conference. The meeting will be held from Thursday 25 August to Sunday 28 August 2016 in Noosa, Queensland, Australia.

*We look forward to welcoming you in Noosa.*

## Venue & Accommodation

The venue for the meeting will be the Sheraton Hotel, Noosa.

### Sheraton Hotel

14-16 Hastings Street  
NOOSA HEADS QLD 4567  
Australia

**T:** 61 7 5449 4888

**W:** [www.sheratonnoosaresort.com](http://www.sheratonnoosaresort.com)

Accommodation options will include both hotel and un-serviced apartment style accommodation at a variety of price points. Further details and booking arrangements will be announced shortly.

*Please note: full pre-payment will be required for all accommodation bookings.*

## Secretariat

The Association Specialists have been appointed as the Professional Conference Organiser (PCO) for this meeting. The Secretariat can assist with all meeting enquiries and can be contacted via the below details.

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## Key Dates

- 1 March 2016** Abstract submission open
- April 2016** Pre-meeting registration and accommodation open
- 30 April 2016** Abstract submission deadline
- June 2016** Registration opens
- 31 July 2016** Early bird registration deadline
- 25 August 2016** Meeting opens

## Noosa

Noosa is easily accessible by road, air and rail, located 120km north of Brisbane on Queensland's Sunshine Coast. The Sunshine Coast Airport, with daily flights from Sydney and Melbourne, is only 20 minutes away, and Brisbane's International and Domestic Airports are about 90 minutes away. There are daily shuttle services from both airports to Noosa, or limousine, car and private shuttle hire are available at the airport.

The Sunshine Coast Airport is serviced by three domestic airlines: Jetstar, Virgin Australia and Qantas. Qantas and Jetstar fly direct to the Sunshine Coast several times daily from both Sydney and Melbourne and twice-weekly from Adelaide. Virgin Australia flies daily from both Sydney and Melbourne. Air New Zealand flies directly from Auckland to the Sunshine Coast twice weekly.

Brisbane Airport offers a wider variety of flight paths and is serviced by all major airlines, including Virgin Australia, Qantas, Air New Zealand, Cathay Pacific, Singapore Airlines, Emirates and Etihad Airlines. For full details on the most suitable option to travel by air to Noosa, please contact your travel agent or visit your preferred airlines website.

With its beautiful natural surrounds and vibrant atmosphere, Noosa offers an experience to suit everyone who visits. A north-facing surfing beach, pristine river, fine restaurants, national parks and the natural attractions of Fraser Island. Noosa Heads is the resort area that contains Hastings Street and the main tourist area behind Hastings Street. The main beach adjoins Hastings Street. At the end of Hastings Street lie Noosa Woods and Noosa Spit. At the eastern end of Hastings Street is Noosa National Park. Noosaville borders the Noosa River with its riverfront precinct and street restaurants. Noosa Junction is the central shopping area, with a cinema and banks, located behind Hastings Street and over Noosa Hill.

South of Noosa Heads is the expansive Sunshine Beach area popular with surfers. To the north is Noosa North Shore, a forty mile long beach that is navigable by four wheel drive vehicles or via car ferry from Tewantin. Inland the villages of Cooroy, Eumundi, Boreen Point, Pomona and Kin Kin provide a delightful rural change.

The Noosa River system is very much part of Noosa life and one of the most pristine in Australia. Stretching south to Lake Weyba and to the north, it passes through Lake Cooroibah and Lake Cootharaba to the Everglade region and its tranquil waters. Lake Cootharaba is a large shallow lake, where sailing, windsurfing, swimming are all popular pastimes.

One of the best ways to see Noosa is by boat, from cruising round the canals, and river system, to heading out onto the ocean to see dolphins and whales. There are many companies in Noosa, offering everything from thrill rides, to leisurely cruises up the Noosa River, and to the Everglades.

Cruises along Noosa River to the Everglades are very popular. They travel the full length of the river, taking in Lakes Cooroibah and Cootharaba and the Everglades which are part of the Great Sandy National Park. The dark still waters of the upper Noosa River provide stunning mirrored reflections. Most tours involve a BBQ or tea break at Harry's Hut. All tours are led by enthusiastic guides who will bring to life all the varied wildlife and birds that will be seen.

The stunning untouched scenery surrounding Noosa provides opportunities for a number of wildlife and eco tours, via 4WD vehicles. The Noosa Hinterland has some wonderful villages and scenic spots. Most involve a trip to Montville and may continue south to the Glasshouse Mountains. Some combine the hinterland trip with visits to some of the main attractions which include the Ginger Factory or the Big Pineapple. A popular one-day tour is to the late Steve Irwin's Australia Zoo which can also be done in combination with a hinterland tour.

The climate on the Sunshine Coast is sub-tropical. In winter the temperature ranges of 12-21 degrees Celsius

For more information, visit [www.visitnoosa.com.au](http://www.visitnoosa.com.au)



## The Meeting

This meeting brings the ACD, the NZDSi and the ASDR together with the JDA and the JSID and promises to be an exciting event for both clinical and investigative dermatologists.

The meeting program will cover the most innovative aspects of dermatology:

- Immunology
- Cancer
- Stem cells
- Report on current and future changes in clinical practice
- Formal registrar teaching sessions



## Visiting Speakers

The following speakers have been confirmed for this meeting:

### **Prof. Anthony Oro**

*Professor of Dermatology, Stanford School of Medicine, Stanford University, California, USA*

Prof. Oro's work is at the forefront of basic biology translation into clinical practice. For the last 18 years, Anthony Oro has focussed on the determinants of epithelial development, morphogenesis, and tumorigenesis using the skin as a model system. He has studied the role of the hedgehog signalling pathway in skin and hair stem cell biology, hair stem cell regulation and patterning, and epithelial-mesenchymal regulation. This work sheds insights into both human cancer and regenerative medicine. He helped to establish the mechanistic link between the hedgehog pathway and basal cell carcinoma (1997). Using these models his laboratory has investigated the basic signalling mechanisms controlling the pathway including the identification inhibitors of atypical Protein Kinase C, PSI, to be used for Smo inhibitor resistant tumours.

### **Prof. Michel Gilliet**

*Professor and Chair of the Department of Dermatology, University of Lausanne, Switzerland and Head of the Immunodermatology Group*

Michel Gilliet has developed significant expertise in anti-microbial peptide. In particular he has

demonstrated the role of these peptides in association with DNA in the pathogenesis of lupus erythematosus and psoriasis. These seminal papers have been published in some of the key journals such as *Nature Immunology*. Prof. Gilliet's work is at the forefront of our understanding of host-pathogen interactions in triggering auto-immunity and auto-inflammatory disorders and he will speak on the clinical implications of these new findings.

### **Prof. Ted Rosen**

*Professor of Dermatology, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX, USA*

*Chief of Dermatology Service at Michael E. DeBakey Veterans Affairs Medical Center*

Professional interests: cutaneous diseases in African Americans, general disease, mycology (fungal diseases), collagen injection, sclerotherapy, non-invasive fat removal, psoriasis.

### **Prof. Leonardo Marini**

*Professor of Laser Dermatology, Trieste, Italy; Chair, EADV Task Force for Laser Dermatology*

Professional interest: multilayer tattoo removal; the many faces of QS lasers; advanced PDT for NMSC; combined photo-rejuvenation procedures; advanced acne scars corrective procedures; possible complications associated with Mohs micrographic surgery.

## Faculty Invited Speakers

We are also honoured by the presence and contribution to the scientific program of the following:

### JDA/JSID

- **Prof. Yoshiki Tokura**, Hamamatsu University, JDA/JSID co-chair
- **Prof. Kenji Kabashima**, Kyoto University
- **Prof. Manabu Ohyama**, Kyorin University
- **Prof. Akimichi Morita**, Nagoya City University
- **A/Prof. Akiharu Kubo**, Keio University
- **A/Prof. Yasuyuki Fujita**, Hokkaido University
- **A/Prof. Yoshihide Asano**, University of Tokyo
- **A/Prof. Tatsuyoshi Kawamura**, Yamanashi University
- **Prof. Kazumitsu Sugiura**, Fujita Health University
- **Dr Kazuki Tatsuno**, Hamamatsu University
- **Dr Mika Terao**, Osaka University

### ACD /ASDR

- **Prof. Wolfgang Weninger**, Royal Prince Alfred Hospital and The University of Sydney
- **Prof. Diona Damian**, Royal Prince Alfred Hospital and The University of Sydney
- **A/Prof. Michael Freeman**, Gold Coast Hospital and Bond University
- **A/Prof. Rick Sturm**, Institute for Molecular Bioscience, University of Queensland
- **Dr Graeme Walker**, QIMR Berghofer Medical Research Institute
- **A/Prof. Nicholas Saunders**, University of Queensland

*Additional speakers from the NZDSi will be involved in the meeting. Full details will be released at a later date.*

## Scientific Program

The convenors of the scientific program are: A/Prof. Kiarash, Khosrotehrani (Conference Chair), ACD, A/Prof. Amanda Oakley, NZDSi, A/Prof. Nikolas Haass, ASDR and Prof. Yoshiki Tokura, JDA/JSID.

The scientific program will comprise a half-day trainee session and keynote address on Thursday 25 August, full-day session on Friday 26 August; a half-day session on Saturday 27 August; and a half-day session on Sunday 28 August 2016. There will also be sponsored breakfast sessions on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

## App

A free downloadable app will be available for all delegates. This will include information about the scientific program, social program, accommodation, things to do in Noosa, etc.

## Social Program

There will be a welcome cocktail party (optional) on Thursday 25 August 2016.

The conference dinner (optional) will be held on Saturday 27 August 2016.

## Registration

The final program and registration brochure will be available in **June 2016**. Online registration and accommodation for the meeting will open in **April 2016** through the College website, <http://www.dermcoll.edu.au>, Meeting and Events.

## Draft Program at a Glance

THURSDAY 25 AUGUST 2016	
13:00 – 17:00	<b>Trainee Session (<i>all welcome</i>)</b>
17:00 – 18:00	<b>Keynote Plenary Address by Prof. Anthony Oro</b>
18:00 – 19:00	<b>Welcome Drinks (<i>optional</i>)</b>
FRIDAY 26 AUGUST 2016	
07:30 – 08:45	<b>Sponsored Breakfast</b>
09:00 – 10:30	<b>Concurrent Session 1</b> Concurrent Session 1A: Immunology 1 Concurrent Session 1B: Clinical practice 1
10:30 – 11:00	<b>Morning Tea</b>
11:00 – 12:30	<b>Plenary 1: Clinical Research</b>
12:30 – 12:45	<b>Poster Teaser Presentations</b>
12:45 – 13.00	<b>Poster Viewing</b>
13:00 – 14:00	<b>Lunch</b>
14:00 – 15:30	<b>Concurrent Session 2</b> Concurrent Session 2A: Stem cells and carcinogenesis Concurrent Session 2B: Procedural dermatology
15:30 – 16:00	<b>Afternoon Tea</b>
16:00 – 17:00	<b>Plenary 2: Clinical Research: Genodermatoses</b>
17:00 – 18:00	<b>Poster Viewing</b>
SATURDAY 27 AUGUST 2016	
07:30 – 08:45	<b>Sponsored Breakfast</b>
09:00 – 10:30	<b>Concurrent Session 3</b> Concurrent Session 3A: Immunology 2 Concurrent Session 3B: Registrars Forum
10:30 – 11:00	<b>Morning Tea</b>
11:00 – 11:30	<b>Cultural Competency Presentation</b>
11:30 – 12:30	<b>Plenary 3: Clinical/Translational Research</b>
12:30	<b>Afternoon free</b>
14:00 – 15:00	<b>ASDR Annual General Meeting</b> <i>For members of ASDR only</i>
14:00 – 16:15	<b>NZDSi Annual General Meeting and Audit</b> <i>For members of NZDSi only</i>
19:00	<b>Conference Dinner (<i>optional</i>)</b>
SUNDAY 28 AUGUST 2016	
07:30 – 08:45	<b>Sponsored Breakfast</b>
09:00 – 10:30	<b>Concurrent Session 4</b> Concurrent Session 4A: Cutaneous Biology Concurrent Session 4B: Clinical research
10:30 – 11:00	<b>Morning Tea</b>
11:00 – 12:30	<b>Plenary 4: Clinical/Translational Research</b>
12:30 – 13:00	<b>Concluding remarks, awards and prizes</b>

## Abstract Submission

Abstracts are invited for the meeting. Abstract submission will open on **1 March 2016**. **They can only be submitted electronically**. If you wish to submit an abstract, please proceed to the College website at [www.dermcoll.edu.au](http://www.dermcoll.edu.au) and go to the Asia-Pacific Combined Meeting page in the College Events area and click on the link for abstracts. Follow the instructions for submitting abstracts. All abstracts submitted will receive an acknowledgement. If your abstract is not acknowledged, please contact the Secretariat.

Abstracts can be submitted as oral or poster presentations for the following sessions:

- Skin Cancer
- Immunology
- Free Papers
- Registrars' Forum

Please note that abstracts must be submitted via the website by no later than **30 April 2016**.

### Information for Contributors to the Scientific Program

- All papers (free and invited speakers) and posters require an abstract.
- Presentations will only have electronic PowerPoint support.
- The title should be brief and explicit.
- Excluding title, authors and institution, the abstract must not exceed 250 words. Any references (maximum of two) must be included in this allowance.
- Abbreviations should be used only for common terms. For uncommon terms, the abbreviation should be given in brackets after the first full use of the word.
- A 50 to 100 word CV is required from each presenter to facilitate the Chairperson's introduction.
- The timing (presentation and discussion) of all papers is to be set at the discretion of the Convenor. Notification of the timing of presentations will appear in correspondence sent to all successful authors.
- An abstract of each paper must be submitted to the College no later than **30 April 2016** to facilitate compilation of the final program.
- Contributors are invited to submit their full pages for publication in *The Australasian Journal of Dermatology*. The full manuscript should be prepared for publication according to the editorial policy of the Journal and should be submitted before the Meeting, handed to the Chairman at the conclusion of the session or in any case forwarded no later than Tuesday 27 September, thirty days after the last day of the Meeting.
- Fellows of College are reminded of the College's Regulation concerning the assignment of papers read at College's scientific meetings to *The Australasian Journal of Dermatology*.

### Information for Contributors to Poster Session

Posters will be displayed using a digital poster system throughout the Meeting.

#### Design of Posters

##### General

Keep it simple! Keep it clear!  
Inform and interest the viewer.  
Use short titles and captions.

##### Photographs

Photographs need

1. Good contrast
2. Sharp focus
3. A scale to indicate size
4. Clear caption set horizontally



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