



# ASAM 2011 CONFERENCE

*Keeping your eye on the ball*

Crowne Plaza Newcastle | 6-9 October 2011



**CALL FOR ABSTRACTS  
& EXPRESSION OF INTEREST TO ATTEND**



[www.asam2011.org.au](http://www.asam2011.org.au)



## INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE

The Australasian Society of Aerospace Medicine (ASAM) is the authoritative professional body whose role is to cultivate and promote aerospace medicine and related disciplines in Australasia. Comprising nearly 800 members from many fields of medical practice, the Society has been in existence for more than 60 years and has provided professional development for its members by regularly hosting successful scientific meetings.

As Chairman of the Organising Committee of the 2011 conference I invite all those interested in aerospace medicine to submit scientific papers for our next Annual Scientific Meeting.

This year's meeting will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Newcastle, NSW from 6 to 9 October, 2011. Newcastle is Australia's sixth largest and second oldest city. It is built around a large working harbour and is lauded for its surf beaches, a sun-drenched subtropical climate, and diverse dining, nightlife and art-culture. Newcastle has a rich aviation history with RAAF Base Williamtown nearby and the largest RAAF flying boat base in the southern hemisphere during World War II based at Rathmines on the shores of Lake Macquarie. Not only is Newcastle ideally located just 2 hours by road or rail, or 30 minutes by plane or seaplane from Sydney, it is also the gateway to Lake Macquarie, Hunter Valley Wine Country and Port Stephens. Newcastle was rated by 'Lonely Planet' as one of the world's top 10 cities to visit for 2011 and the Newcastle Golf Club is ranked as one Australia's top 15 golf courses.

This year's conference focus is on endocrinology and ophthalmology with the theme 'Keeping your eye on the ball'. With the increasing prevalence of obesity and diabetes, and the recent implementation of CASA's protocol for Class 2 pilots with Type 1 Diabetes, the theme-related topics are most timely and very relevant to DAMEs and DAOs.

We have been most fortunate to secure Dr Raymond Johnston as the 2011 John Lane Orator. Dr Johnston is an endocrinologist with a private pilot's licence from the United Kingdom and only recently retired

as Head of the CAA-UK's Aviation Health Unit. As well, our colleagues from New Zealand will be sponsoring the Patterson Trust speaker.

As usual, we aim to provide a diversity of topics that will appeal to the membership and there are planned updates on aircraft cabin air quality, passenger fitness to fly, forensic aviation medicine and more.

There will be a CASA session for Designated Aviation Medical Examiners and Designated Aviation Ophthalmologists. I would encourage DAMEs and DAOs to submit papers on any difficult and interesting aircrew cases they have encountered in their clinical practice.

The Conference Organising Committee and the Federal Committee of ASAM look forward to welcoming you to Newcastle for what promises to be a professionally rewarding and socially enjoyable meeting in the spectacular surroundings of the Hunter region.

**Dr Ian Cheng**

*Convenor of the 2011 Organising Committee*





## INVITATION TO SUBMIT ABSTRACTS

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ASAM invites you to submit abstracts for oral and poster presentations, relating to the 2011 Annual Scientific Meeting of the Australian Society of Aerospace Medicine conference themes; 'Keeping your eye on the ball: Endocrinology & Ophthalmology' as well as papers on other issues in aviation and aerospace medicine.

### WHO SHOULD CONSIDER SUBMITTING AN ABSTRACT

Anyone who is interested in the human element of aviation and space medicine. In particular aerospace medical examiners, military medical officers and flight surgeons.

### ORAL PRESENTATIONS

Selected authors will be invited to present their papers in an appropriate session. It is anticipated that a presentation time of 15 to 25 minutes will be available with 5 minutes for questions.

### POSTER PRESENTATIONS

Posters should relate to either the conference theme or other aspects of aviation and aerospace medicine.

Submissions may relate to accepted papers for which the authors are not invited to make a presentation or to studies or reports for which a formal paper is not submitted.

## DR ERIC STEPHENSON AWARD

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The inaugural 'Dr Eric Stephenson Award for Best Presentation' will be presented at the ASAM Annual Conference in 2011.

All accepted presenters will be considered for this award with the exception of the John Lane Oration and Patterson Trust Lecture.

## ABSTRACT SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

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Abstracts may be submitted by visiting the conference website [www.asam2011.org.au](http://www.asam2011.org.au) and clicking on the Call for Abstracts tab. Authors MUST submit a separate abstract for each presentation put forward for consideration.

- » Abstracts must be received no later than 1 July 2011.
- » Abstracts may be submitted online at [www.asam2011.org.au](http://www.asam2011.org.au) or a CD can be mailed accompanied by this form.
- » Faxed abstracts will not be accepted.
- » Abstracts should be no longer than 250 words.
- » Contact details, with the name of the presenter clearly indicated should be forwarded with each submission.
- » Receipt of your abstract will be acknowledged as soon as it has been received / downloaded and checked.
- » Notification of Acceptance will be provided by 18 July 2011.
- » Presenters are requested to provide permission to reproduce the abstract in conference proceedings and their presentation on the conference CD.
- » It is hoped that authors will also submit full papers for publication in the ASAM Journal. Papers are required prior to the commencement of the conference.



## ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

### CONFERENCE VENUE

The 2011 Conference will be held at Crowne Plaza Newcastle. Situated in an absolute Harbourfront location amongst the historical maritime buildings of the Honeysuckle Precinct, Crowne Plaza Newcastle, the award winning, leading upscale Newcastle hotel lies directly on the Newcastle foreshore and reflects the excitement of the working harbour. Crowne Plaza Newcastle's Breeze Restaurant & Bar is one of the quality restaurants in Newcastle that showcases Hunter Valley wines and produce in a fresh, modern style over beautiful harbour views. Crowne Plaza Newcastle has been announced the 2009 Tourism NSW Best Meetings and Business Tourism Provider, and Bronze placing for Deluxe Accommodation.

Located only two hours drive north of Sydney Newcastle is a modern city boasting a rich heritage and stunning coastline. Founded in 1804 as a penal colony, Newcastle is a city rich in history, the arts and culture. From the intriguing 200 year story has arisen a dynamic city of contrasts, with a mix of agriculture, natural attractions and industry. Newcastle boasts a diversified commercial, cultural, trade and industrial economy. As Australia's seventh largest city, Newcastle offers all the benefits and amenities of a large city but with all the friendliness of a regional town.

Newcastle's spectacular coastline and pristine beaches have been celebrated with the creation of the Bathers Way, a five kilometre coastal walk that starts at Nobbys and finishes at Merewether Beach. Experiencing the remarkable Bathers Way should be a "must" during any visit to Newcastle.

### JOHN LANE ORATION

**DR RAYMOND JOHNSTON** MBA MB ChB FRCP FRCP(G)  
FFOM DA<sub>v</sub>ME<sub>D</sub>

Dr Johnston trained in Glasgow and graduated in 1973. He underwent specialist training in internal medicine and diabetes in which he is accredited. He was a physician in the University Department of Medicine in Glasgow where his research included an interest in abnormalities of blood clotting and spent a year's fellowship in MacMaster University in Canada in the specialist Thrombosis Investigation Unit.



He is a fellow of both the Royal College of Physicians, Glasgow and London. In 1990 he joined the medical division of the Civil Aviation Authority and completed the Diploma in Aviation Medicine and formal training in Occupational and Aviation Medicine and obtained the MFOM in 1995. In 1999 he was awarded the Fellowship of the Faculty of Occupational Medicine and an MBA degree from the University of Surrey. He took up the post of Head of the Aviation Health Unit in April 2006. He is currently Registrar of the Faculty of Occupational Medicine.





# SUBMISSION FORM

## CONTACT DETAILS

Please write clearly

Title (Mr/Mrs/Ms)	First Name	Surname
Company		
Postal Address		
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- I would like to present an oral paper at the 2011 ASAM Conference
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Abstract Title

Author's Name

Presenter's Name

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS

5pm,  
1 July 2011

NOTIFICATION OF ACCEPTANCE

18 July 2011

## Permissions (to be completed)

- I give permission for my abstract to be published in the conference handbook and on the ASAM website
- I give permission for my presentation to be included in the conference CD

## EXPRESSION OF INTEREST IN ATTENDING/SPONSORSHIP

- I am interested in attending. Please add my name to the Conference mailing list to receive a registration brochure when it becomes available. (Note: members of ASAM will automatically receive updates)
- I would like to receive information on sponsorship opportunities at the Conference

### PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM AND RETURN TO:

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