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20-23 MARCH 2019

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WELCOME

The local organising committee of the UroGynaecological Society of Australasia is thrilled to invite you to the beautiful Gold Coast for its 2019 Annual Scientific Meeting. Come and join us in the luxurious surroundings of the Sheraton Grand Mirage, the only absolute beachfront resort on the Gold Coast, surrounded by lush gardens and sparkling lagoons, with average daytime temperatures in March of 28C. All this and just minutes away from Sea World!

A whole decade has passed since UGSA was founded and held its successful inaugural meeting in Adelaide. These first ten years have been very successful for the organisation, which is now regarded as a pre-eminent source of scientific opinion on matters urogynaecological in Australia and New Zealand, called upon by governments and media outlets for unbiased and accurate information. Of course, the first decade has also seen some major challenges, perhaps most obviously in regard to the use of polypropylene mesh for prolapse and incontinence.

"Quo Vadis?", the tagline of our meeting, is a Latin phrase meaning "Where are you going?" In the modern era the phrase has had a varied and eclectic use. It has appeared as the name of a novel by a Nobel laureate, a movie adaptation, a Canadian death metal band, a video game, a private restaurant in London and even a song by the Australian band the Hoodoo Gurus! It has also been the title of episodes of both M.A.S.H. and E.R. We are using it as a general enquiry as to what the future might hold for us.

We are absolutely delighted to have a range of highly regarded overseas speakers, as well as ones closer to home, all of whom are leaders in their fields, to cover a large range of important and thought-provoking topics.

Two days of workshops prior to the commencement of the ASM will cover an array of important skill-based instruction topics, including the use of support pessaries, native tissue surgery for prolapse and incontinence, as well as sacrocolpopexy. The popular specialist training day is essential for those wishing to better understand the principles of pelvic floor dysfunction.

We hope that there will be something to interest everyone within the program and you will leave stimulated, informed, and, of course, relaxed!

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KEY NOTE SPEAKERS

LINDA CARDOZO OBE (UK)

Linda Cardozo is Professor of Urogynaecology and Consultant Gynaecologist at King's College Hospital, London. She trained at Liverpool University Medical School and qualified MBChB in 1974. Following her appointment as a Consultant Obstetrician and Gynaecologist at King's College Hospital in 1985 she continued to develop her interest in all aspects of urogynaecology including the influence of hormones on the lower urinary tract, conservative and surgical treatment of stress incontinence, the patho-physiology and pharmacological treatment of detrusor overactivity and recurrent urinary tract infections as well as the management of urogenital prolapse. Professor Cardozo now heads a busy and productive multi-disciplinary tertiary referral urogynaecology department at King's College Hospitament.

MARK SLACK (UK)

Mark Slack qualified in Medicine in South Africa (University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg) and completed his postgraduate training in Obstetrics & Gynaecology at the University of Cape Town. He has been a Consultant in the UK since 1994 and in 2002 was appointed to Addenbrooke's Hospital, University of Cambridge Teaching Hospitals Trust, where he is currently the Lead Clinician of the Department of Urogynaecology and Reconstructive surgery. He is Clinical Lead for the Department of Gynaecology. He is a Fellow of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists. He has been awarded a National Bronze Merit Award for his services to the NHS.

MATHEW BARBER (USA)

Dr. Barber joined Duke from the Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of Medicine at Case Western Reserve University where he was professor of Surgery and vice chair for Research in the Obstetrics, Gynecology and Women's Health Institute (WHI) at the Cleveland Clinic. He was also the fellowship program director for Female Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery at the Cleveland Clinic.

His clinical practice focuses on the full spectrum of diagnosis, prevention and medi-cal, behavioral, and surgical treatments for women with pelvic floor disorders (PFDs) including urinary incontinence, fecal incontinence, pelvic organ prolapse and emptying disorders of the bowel and bladder. He has been listed on the Best Doctors database continually from 2009 through 2017.

ROGER GOLDBERG (USA)

Dr. Roger Goldberg is Director of the Division of Urogynecology at Northshore University Healthsystem, and Clinical Associate Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology at University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine. He is widely published in the field of urogynecology, publishing over 60 peer-review scientific articles, numerous book chapters, and has authored two books including a textbook of urogynecology written for the Primary Care Provider (Springer, 2006), and also "Ever Since I Had My Baby" (Random House, 2003), the first book on post-childbirth pelvic floor disorders written for the layperson. His leadership positions in Urogynecology include a recent 3-year term on the Board of Directors for the American Urogynecology Society (AUGS)

MEETING VENUE

SHERATON MIRAGE

GOLD COAST, QUEENSLAND, AUSTRALIA

Our five star beachfront resort is conveniently located in the Gold Coast, within minutes of Surfers Paradise. A sky bridge connects guests to the many boutiques, restaurants, and cafés of the Marina Mirage Shopping precinct. Exquisite venues and breathtaking outdoor lawns make us one of the most sought-after meeting destinations on the Gold Coast.

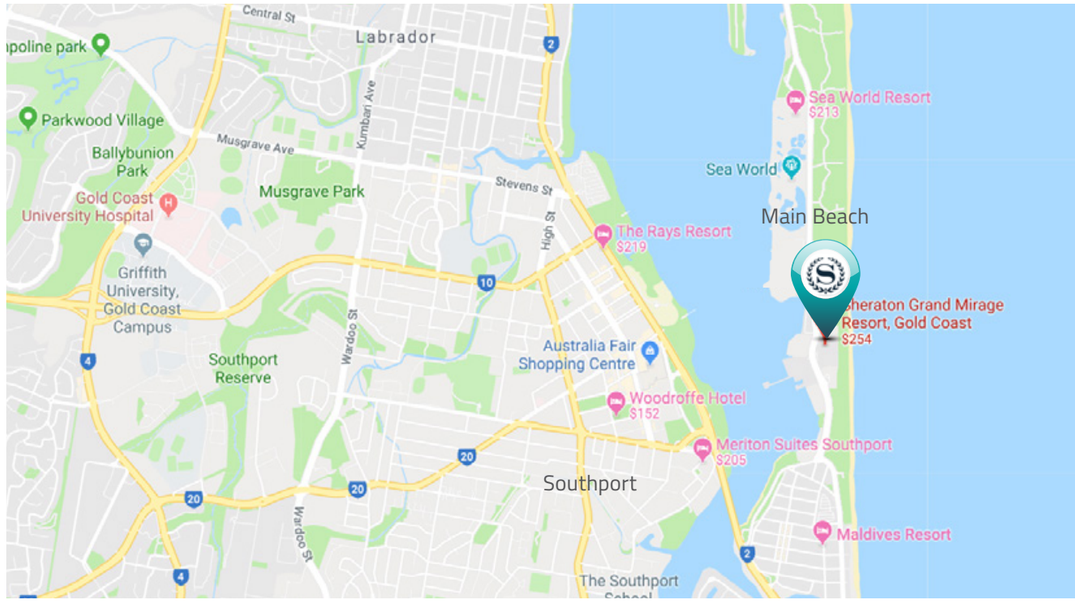
After a long day, relax and take a dip in our Oasis Pool with its swim-up bar, or enjoy various dining options. Our 295 spacious guest rooms-including 11 suites-feature a contemporary design, many with ocean views and private terraces. Take advantage of complimentary High Speed Internet Access and sleep soundly with the Sheraton Signature Sleep Experience.

GETTING THERE FROM AIRPORT:

Distance from Hotel: 35 km
Drive Time: 42 min
Taxi fare up to $50

on-site PARKING

Valet parking- AU$30.00



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WORKSHOPS

Pelvic Floor Ultrasound – The Window To Functional Anatomy

(Limited to UGSA ASM Delegates)

FACULTY: Prof Peter Dietz, A/Prof Clara Shek, Dr Vivien Wong
DATE & TIME: Wednesday 20th March 8.30am – 12.30pm
VENUE: Sheraton Mirage Resort, Gold Coast
MAX NO: 50 delegates
COST: $150 AUD

An insightful use of pelvic floor ultrasound in evaluating patients with pelvic floor dysfunction. This course will provide an overview of pelvic floor ultrasound in evaluating patients with pelvic organ prolapse, urinary and faecal incontinence, including the evaluation of synthetic implants and maternal birth trauma. Participants will leave the workshop with an appreciation for comprehensive pelvic floor assessment.

Vaginal Pessary Workshop

(Limited to UGSA ASM Delegates)

FACULTY: Dr Kurinji Kannan, Dr Patricia Neumann, Ms Christine Murray, Dr Lucy Bates, Ms Melissa Smith, Ms Jen Rayner
DATE & TIME: Wednesday 20th March, 8.30am – 12.30pm
VENUE:
MAX NO: 40 delegates
COST: $80 AUD

The workshop will provide information on vaginal pessary fitting and their management as well research backgrounds, the current guidelines and protocols for their use. With case studies and contemporary surgical updates this course will provide the grounding required to understand their appropriate use in current day female prolapse.

WORKSHOPS

Hands On Clay Pelvis Workshop

(Limited to UGSA ASM Delegates)

FACULTY: Dr Oliver Daly, Prof Malcolm Frazer, Dr Bernadette Brown, Dr Yu Hwee Tan
DATE & TIME: Wednesday 20th March, 2.00pm – 5.30pm
VENUE: Sheraton Mirage Resort, Gold Coast
MAX NO: 20 delegates
COST: $120 AUD

Would you like to gain a better understanding of pelvic anatomy by building your own pelvis? This practical workshop will provide a theoretical and practical approach to learning pelvic anatomy.

The workshop will comprise an afternoon session commencing with an overview of pelvic structures and supports. Pairs of participants will then work together to build a pelvis using clay and other materials starting with the bony pelvis. Participants will identify bony landmarks of the pelvis and upper femur, the obstetric dimensions and clinical correlates. They will identify the attachments and build the ligamentous structures, muscle groups, pelvic organs, ureters and nerves that comprise the pelvis resulting in a complete pelvis enabling visualisation from an abdominal and perineal perspective.

Sacroneuromodulation Workshop

(Limited to UGSA ASM Delegates)

FACULTY: Dr Ian Tucker
DATE & TIME: Wednesday 20th March, 2.00pm – 5.30pm
VENUE: Sheraton Mirage Resort, Gold Coast
MAX NO: 40 delegates
COST: $120 AUD

The Urogynae Trainee Day

FACULTY: Dr Yu Hwee Tan (Convener); Prof Judith Goh, Dr Vivien Wong, Dr Lucy Bates, Dr Natharnia Young, Dr Todd Ladanchuk, Dr Bernadette Brown
DATE & TIME: Thursday 21st March, 8.30am – 3.30pm
VENUE: Sheraton Mirage Resort, Gold Coast
MAX NO: 40
COST: $120 AUD (Trainees & Diplomats) & $250 AUD (Consultants)

An interactive masterclass covering all things pelvic floor – this whole day workshop will include presentations of a wide range of pelvic floor topics as well as case presentations and small group discussions led by the speakers.

Target audience: registrars years 1-6, recently completed FRANZCOG and Urology registrars (but all comers welcome)

Tricks of the Trade

(Limited to UGSA ASM Delegates)

FACULTY: Dr Roger Goldberg and panel
DATE & TIME: Thursday 21st March, 8.30pm – 12.30pm
VENUE: Sheraton Mirage Resort, Gold Coast
MAX NO: 40 delegates
COST: $80 AUD

Join Roger Goldberg and panel for a lively 2-part workshop debating the best approaches to both prolapse and SUI surgery. Which approaches are best and what role do they play in your practice for 2019 and beyond? Includes surgical videos and dry lab models.

WORKSHOPS

Sacral Colpopexy Simulation Workshop

(Limited to UGSA ASM Delegates)

FACULTY: Dr Alexander Mowat, Dr Christopher Maher
DATE & TIME: Thursday 21st March, 2.00pm – 5.30pm
VENUE: Sheraton Mirage Resort, Gold Coast
MAX NO: 20 delegates
COST: $450 AUD

This is a practical hands-on workshop that aims to improve participants understanding of and the skills that are required to perform the laparoscopic sacral colpopexy. Five stations that focus on basic suturing skills, crafting of the mesh, dissection of the bladder and rectum, suturing the mesh, and securing the mesh to the sacrum will mimic the basic steps of the surgery. The small group will allow delegates ample opportunity to freely interact and learn from experienced preceptors. A simulator will also allow delegates an opportunity to practice newly learnt skills.

Laparoscopic and Robotic Pelvic Floor Surgery

(Limited to UGSA ASM Delegates)

FACULTY: Dr Marcus Carey, Dr Mark Slack, Dr Felicity Gould, Dr Chin Yong
DATE & TIME: Thursday 21st March, 8.30am – 12.30pm
VENUE: Sheraton Mirage Resort, Gold Coast
MAX NO: 40 delegates
COST: $250 AUD

Live surgery enables contextual understanding for pelvic organ prolapse surgery but limits learning opportunities due to time constraints. Edited high definition video recordings with annotated commentary will permit a broad range of cases to be discussed, risk and anatomical landmarks. From mesh-free laparoscopic Burch and uterine conservation to robotic sacrocolpopexy this session will ideally dovetail to the simulation workshop in the afternoon.

Vaginal Surgery Tricks of the Trade: Optimising outcomes in each compartment - The Boston Brekkie

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(Limited to UGSA ASM Delegates)

FACULTY: Dr Roger Goldberg
DATE & TIME: Friday 22nd March, 7.00a-7.50a
VENUE: Sheraton Mirage Resort, Gold Coast
MAX NO: 60 delegates
COST: $20.00 AUD

Join Dr. Goldberg at the Boston Brekkie sharing his 15+ years' experience of minimally invasive sacrospinous ligament/Capio repairs. Discuss the patients, the challenges and the outcomes

Notification of the 2019 UGSA Annual General Meeting

Date: Friday 22nd March 2019
Time: 4.45pm

Location: Sheraton Mirage Resort, Gold Coast

PROGRAM FRIDAY 22 MARCH

0630	**Registrations Open**	**Sheraton Mirage**
700-0750	**Platinum Sponsor Breakfast – Boston Brekkie TBA**	**Sheraton Mirage**
0800-0805	**Opening and Welcome**	**Prof Malcolm Frazer & Dr Alexandra Mowat**
0805-1000	How did we get here? An examination of the past.	Moderators: Prof Malcolm Frazer / Dr Jenny King
0805-0820	The development of the subspecialty of urogynaecology	Prof Linda Cardozo
0820-0835	Transvaginal mesh: Where are we now?	Dr Matthew Barber
0835-0850	The tyranny of evidence-based medicine and the pitfalls of surgical innovation.	Dr Mark Slack
0850-0905	Transvaginal mesh for prolapse still has a role.	Dr Roger Goldberg
0905-0920	Native tissue cystocele repair – were the results really that bad?	Prof Peter Dwyer
0920-0935	Credentialing for mesh procedures and the ACSQHC - what does it mean for us?	Dr Peta Higgs
0935-0950	Regulation of transvaginal mesh internationally – the role of legislators and medical bodies.	Dr Lynsey Hayward
0950-1020	**Morning Tea**	
1020-1230	Assessment and management of mesh complications	Moderators: Prof Linda Cardozo / Dr Chris Benness
1020-1035	When to operate: current evidence for the removal of mesh to treat complications	Dr Mark Slack
1035-1050	Mesh removal in the US: who's doing it, what are they doing and what are the outcomes?	Dr Matthew Barber
1050-1105	Assessment of the mesh-affected woman presenting for the first time and what they expect	Prof Malcolm Frazer/ Dr Nick Tsokos
1105-1120	Managing chronic pelvic pain in the mesh affected woman. The role of the pelvic floor physio	Ms Jenny Nucifora
1120-1135	Managing chronic pelvic pain in the mesh affected woman: the role of the psychologist	Mrs Margaret Vandermost
1135-1150	Managing chronic pelvic pain in the mesh affected woman: the role of the pain physician	Dr Ian Thong
1150-1200	Housekeeping: UGSA awards and grant opportunities	Dr Jenny King
1200-1300	**Lunch**	
1300-1500	Mesh explantation: when, who and how?	Moderators: Dr Alison De Souza / Dr Peta Higgs
1300-1320	Transvaginal mesh removal	Dr Marcus Carey
1320-1340	Managing mesh in the bladder and urethra vaginally and TOT removal: the clinical outcomes.	Prof Judith Goh / Dr Eva Fong
1340-1400	Laparoscopic approaches to mesh and tape complications	Prof Christopher Maher
1400-1420	Managing mesh in the bowel	Dr Cu Tai Lu
1420-1500	Multidisciplinary discipline team hypothetical case discussions Panel: All the above speakers	Cases will be presented, and management strategies sought from the panel
1500-1530	**Afternoon Tea**	
1530-1700	Aspects of sexual functioning	Moderators: Dr Kris Cvach / Dr John Short
1530-1545	Low libido: Are hormones the answer?	Dr Jane Howard
1545-1600	Role of the physiotherapist in sexual dysfunction	Dr Sue Croft
1600-1615	Modern management of urogenital atrophy	Prof Linda Cardozo
1615-1630	Pain with intercourse	Dr Susan Evans
1630-1650	Female cosmetic genital surgery – what, when and for whom?	Prof Linda Cardozo
1650-1750	Annual General Meeting	Chair: Dr Jenny King
	Close	
1900- 2300	**Conference Dinner - Sheraton Mirage**	

SATURDAY 23 MARCH

0630	**Registration Open**	**Sheraton Mirage**
0755-0800	**Welcome to day two!**	
0800-1030	Imagining the Future	Moderators: Dr Alexandra Mowat / Prof Christopher Maher
0800-0815	Making better predictions for patients with pelvic floor disorders	Dr Matthew Barber
0815-0830	What if there were no tapes?	Prof Bernard Haylen
0830-0845	Posterior compartment defects and obstructive defecation: brand new insights and treatment strategies	Dr Roger Goldberg
0845-0900	Lasers in urogynaecology	Dr Mark Slack
0900-0915	Post hysterectomy prolapse surgery in 2019	Prof Peter Dwyer
0915-0930	Biota and biofilms: the future of tiny things	Dr Samuel Forster
0930-0945	Stem cells and scaffolds: designing the future	Prof Caroline Gargett
0945-1000	Is a healthy relationship with industry possible?	A/Prof Anna Rosamilia
1000-1030	**Morning Tea**	
10.30-12.00	Free communications	Moderators:
1030-1200	Fee Communications and the Moderators	Moderators: Dr Gil Burton, Dr Fay Chao, Dr Emmanuel Karantanis, Dr Peta Higgs
1200-1215	How much and how often do we need to operate to remain safe?	Dr Matthew Barber
1215-1230	Doctor wellbeing and the new age of social media	Dr Eric Levi
1230-1330	**Lunch**	
1330-1515	Making a difference in the world	Moderators: Dr Michelle Atherton / Dr Tim Dawson
1330-1340	Volunteering in the Pacific	Dr Jackie Smalldridge
1340-1350	Volunteer project in Africa for O&G's	Dr Andrew Browning
1350-1400	Nursing perspective on volunteering	Ms Kate Sloane
1400-1410	Complex urogynaecology in Africa	Dr Hannah Krause
1410-1420	Pre-planning, what is involved, how to get involved	Prof Judith Goh
1420-1430	FIUGA	A/Prof Anna Rosamilia
1430-1515	**Debate** - "The pubovaginal sling is now, and has always been, the best option for the surgical treatment of stress urinary Incontinence in women."	**For:** Prof Helen O'Connell and Dr Christopher Tracey **Against:** Dr Mark Slack and Dr Marcus Carey
1515-1530	**Afternoon Tea**	
1530–1650	Bladder binds	Moderators: Dr Vivien Wong / Dr Oliver Daly
1530-1550	Alternatives to anticholinergics for OAB	Prof Linda Cardozo
1550-1605	Catheters: the why, the when and the alternatives	Prof Kate Moore
1605-1620	The establishment of an outpatient Botox service for OAB - outcomes and lessons learned.	Dr Jennifer Rayner and Dr Melissa Smith
1620-1635	Management strategies for soothing the painful bladder	Dr Jane Manning
1635-1650	Detrusor hyperactivity impaired contractility - A troublesome contradiction.	Dr Lucy Bates
1650-1700	Closing remarks and Awards, for the Best presentation and Travelling Scholarship.	Dr Jenny King

UGSA DELEGATE

Social Dinner Event

FRIDAY 22ND MARCH

SHERATON MIRAGE RESORT

Horizons Room

Cost $120 per person

The UGSA Executive welcomes all delegates to Friday night dinner at the Sheraton Mirage.
We have exclusive use to a private part of the resort, including a 3 course dinner, beverages, and dance floor with DJ.

UGSA's ASM 10 year anniversary calls for a 'flash-back' to social dinners of the past... enjoy!

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ACCOMMODATION

During your stay on the Gold Coast, there are many hotels and apartments you can choose from while attending the UGSA Meeting. You will need to arrange you own accommodation needs, please refer to the list on this page to help make your stay an easy one with best access to the meeting venue, Sheraton Mirage.

SHERATON MIRAGE RESORT, GOLD COAST
(UGSA's offical meeting & accommodation venue)

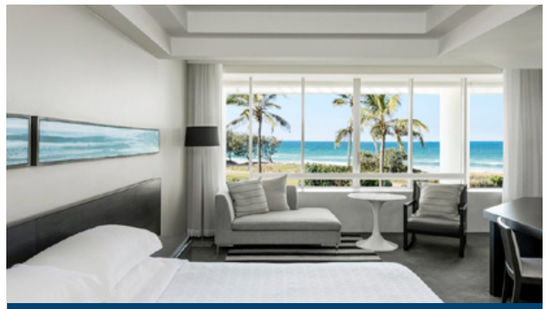
UGSA Meeting Delegate Special Rate:

$275 p/n
For a King or Twin Room

To book a room at the Sheraton Mirage online via the below address: **www.starwoodmeeting.com/events/start.action?id=1806066007&key=4C6439A**

Alternatively you can call them directly on:
(07) 5577 0000

The Boadwalk - Sheraton Mirage Resort



Ocean Premium King Room - Sheraton Mirage Resort

OTHER HOTEL OPTIONS :

Oscar On Main Resort
Prices from $195
Distance from the Sheraton 17 min walk

De Ville Apartments
Prices from $235
Distance from the Sheraton 12 min walk

Golden Sands on Main Beach
Prices from $250
Distance from the Sheraton 17 min walk

Sea World Resort
Prices from $335
Distance from the Sheraton 16 min walk

Palazzo Versace
Prices from $399 for bed and breakfast
Distance from the Sheraton 6 min walk

REGISTRATION FEES

Register Online: **www.ivvy.com/event/UGSA19**

Meeting dates are Friday 22 March and Saturday 23 March 2019. All prices listed are in AUD.

	Earlybird on or before 1st February 2019		Standard after 1st February 2019	
UGSA ASM Full Registration (Includes the two day UGSA meeting dates for Fri 22 March & Sat 23 March).	**UGSA Members**	**Non-Members**	**UGSA Members**	**Non-Members**
CONSULTANTS	$720	$950	$820	$1,150
TRAINEES / NURSES / PHYSIOTHERAPISITS	$375	$450	$450	$550
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES CONSULTANTS		$375		$375

Day Registration (A day registration is either for Fri 22 March or Sat 23 March).	**UGSA Members**	**Non-Members**	**UGSA Members**	**Non-Members**
CONSULTANTS	$450	$550	$500	$750
TRAINEES / NURSES / PHYSIOTHERAPISITS	$220	$300	$270	$350

Pre-Meeting Workshops & Social Dinner Registration

Please note these workshops have limited places and are only available to UGSA ASM registered delegates with the exception of to the One Day Urogynea Trainees' day, all welcome.

Vaginal Pessary Workshop Wednesday 20 March @ Sheraton Mirage, 8.30a-12.00noon	$80
Pelvic Floor Ultrasound Workshop Wednesday 20 March @ Sheraton Mirage, 8.30p-12.00noon	$150
Hands On Clay Pelvis Workshop Wednesday 20 March @ Sheraton Mirage, 2.00p-5.30p	$120
Sacroneuromodulation Workshop Wednesday 20 March @ Sheraton Mirage, 2.00p-5.30p	$120
All Day Trainee Urogynae Workshop Thursday 21 March @ Sheraton Mirage, 8.25a-3.30p	$120.00 (Trainees & Diplomats) $250.00 (Consultants)
Trick of the Trade: Prolapse and SUI Thursday 21 March @ Sheraton Mirage, 2.00p-5.30p	$80
Laparoscopic and Robotic Pelvic Floor Surgery Thursday 21 March @ Sheraton Mirage 8.30a-12.30p	$250
Sacral Colpopexy Simulation Workshop Thursday 21 March @ Sheraton Mirage, 2.00p-5.30p	$450
Combined discounted rate for the Laparoscopic and Robotic Pelvic Floor Surgery & Sacral Colpopexy Simuation Workshops	$550
Vaginal Surgery Tricks of the Trade: Optimising outcomes in each compartment - The Boston Brekkie Friday 22 March @ Sheraton Mirage, 7.00a-7.50a	$20
Social Dinner @ Horizons, Sheraton Mirage Friday 22 March @ 7.00p – 11.00p	$120

For any registration questions, contact Debra O'Brien, Meeting Secretariat on **+61 3 9417 1699** or email: **dobrien@ranzcog.edu.au**.

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Abstracts are invited for Free Communication and Poster Presentation for the UGSA 2019 Annual Scientific Meeting. Abstracts are welcome on any topic relevant to female pelvic floor dysfunction. Abstracts will be selected according to scientific merit. Abstracts should be submitted by the presenting author. Only one author per abstract can be nominated as the 'presenting author'.

KEY DATES

Open for Submission	From October 2018 until Friday 21st December, 2018 Submitt Abstracts online: www.ivvy.com/event/UGSA19
Authors notified whether abstracts have been accepted	Monday 21st January, 2019
Authors to confirm participation	Friday 1st February, 2019

Failure to meet the specified deadlines or guidelines may result in exclusion from being listed on the UGSA website.

ABSTRACT PREPARATION GUIDELINES

1 Length and Structure

- A maximum of 750 words excluding title will be accepted. Word count does not include tables and two references (tables limited to two).
- Abstracts should be structured to contain objectives, methods, results, conclusions or recommendations.

2 Layout and Format

- Each abstract must be prepared in Microsoft Word. No other formats will be accepted.
- The title of the abstract should be written in sentence case i.e. initial capital letter, followed by lower case.
- List details of the author/s name/s (surname followed by initial of first name with a comma separating each author). Name of the presenting author must be asterisked (*).
- List author/s affiliation/s (organisation, city, state, country), separated by commas. Author/s and affiliation/s to be linked by a superscript number.
- Please note that double spacing should separate the title, author/s name/s, affiliation/s and body of the text.
- Please refrain from using printed enhancements such as italics, underlining, bold text etc. Italics may be used for non-English words or scientific names where necessary.

3. Video Abstract

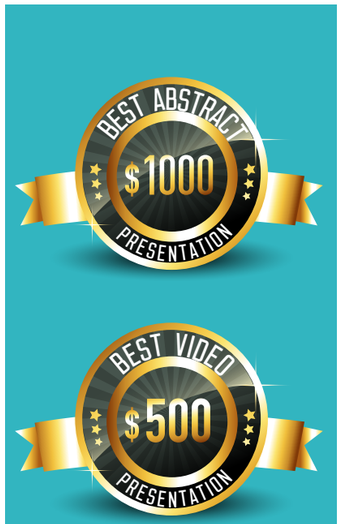
- There is the opportunity to submit a video abstract supporting your presentation. Submit this video directly to Debra O'Brien via her email: dobrien@ranzcog.edu.au

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- CLOSING DATE FOR ABSTRACT SUBMISSION IS FRIDAY 21ST DECEMBER, 2018.
- All paper based abstracts are to be submitted via an on- line portal on the 2019 UGSA ASM website. Visit: **www.ivvy.com/event/UGSA19** and click on the Abstract and Travel Scholarship tab to submit your abstract on-line.
- Abstracts should be submitted by the presenting author. Only one author per abstract can be nominated as the 'presenting author'.
- All submissions must be accompanied by a maximum 80 word biographical paragraph of the presenting author. Biographical details will be used by the session chair for introductions purposes and may also be published in meeting literature.
- You will be given the option to have your abstract available online through the Members page on the UGSA website.

Please ensure you have the following required information available before beginning the online abstract submission process:

- Your contact details.
- The title of your abstract
- Preferred presentation type (Free Communication and/or Poster Presentation).
- Name and organisation of your co-author/s, if applicable.
- Your (the presenting author's) brief biography (maximum 80 words). Biographies are to be written in full sentences (not dot points) and in third person.
- Your abstract prepared in the format specifed under Abstract Preparation Guidelines
- 10 Abstract submissions will be chosen for Poster Presentations at UGSA 2019
- The best 9 abstracts will be selected for oral presentation.
- Any conflict of interest should be declared.



Submit your abstract and for further information regarding abstract submission please contact the Meeting Secretariat:

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2019 UGSA-COLOPAST SCIENTIFIC TRAVELLING SCHOLARSHIP.

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The Urogynaecological Society of Australasia (UGSA) would like to invite trainees with a special interest in urogynaecology to apply for a travelling scholarship sponsored by Colopast.

The scholarship, up to the value of $5000, provides for registration, travel and accommodation to a major international meeting in 2019.

After the UGSA ASM in 2019, Coloplast will arrange for access to two major Urogyn facilities to allow access to surgical preceptorship and consultation sessions. Coloplast will work with the Society to finalise a programme that delivers suitable content.

THE AWARD INCLUDES:

> Travel, Registration & Accommodation up to a value of **$5000** towards an overseas program

> Tour set up in conjunction with Colopast.

APPLICATION CRITERIA FOR BOTH SCHOLARSHIPS:

- To apply, applicants must be a member of UGSA
- Priority will be given to candidates who are presenting at the meeting
- Research remains a focal requirement for this scholarship. Applicants are requested to provide information within their CV on their research projects.

APPLICATION DETAILS:

- List which scholarship you are applying for
- A detailed CV and evidence of satisfaction of the above criteria with appropriate documentation.
- Letters of support from your current and past teaching institutions and supervisors would be valuable.

APPLICATION PROCESS:

Applications will be accepted by way of a letter via email to the UGSA Committee c/- of Debra O'Brien – dobrien@ranzcog.edu.au

Closing date:
Friday 21st December 2018

CONTACT

MEETING SECRETARIAT

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Register for this meeting online at: **www.ivvy.com.au/event/UGSA19**

MEETING INFORMATION AND CONDITIONS

Registration Confirmation

All registrations submitted either online or using the registration form will be acknowledged via an official confirmation email upon receipt of full payment.

Refund and Cancellation Policy

Registration cancellations will not be accepted unless made in writing to the Meeting Secretariat.

- A refund of 50% of the registration fee will be made for cancellations received on or prior to 24 January 2019. No refund will be paid after the 24 January 2019 or for failure to attend without notice.

When there are extenuating circumstances, a full refund of the registration fee may be considered by and at the discretion of the Organising Committee.

The Organising Committee reserve the right to cancel any workshop or meeting lecture if there are insufficient registrations, at any time, without notice and without giving reasons, the Organising Committee may cancel or postpone the any published timetables, activities, presenters or particulars without being liable for any loss, damage or expense incurred or suffered by any person.

Travel and Accommodation

For travel and accommodation cancellation policies please refer to the individual provider you have booked through. Your personal booking is not the responsibility of the Organising Committee.

Insurance

Delegates are strongly advised to secure appropriate travel and health insurance. Delegate registration fees do not provide any such insurance coverage.
The Organising Committee accepts no responsibility for any loss in this regard.

Privacy

Collection, maintenance and disclosure of certain personal information is governed by Australian legislation. Please note that your details may be disclosed to the parties mentioned in this brochure and your details may be included in the list of delegates.

Liability Disclaimer

In case of industrial disruption the Organising Committee, accept no responsibility for loss of monies incurred by delegates.

Meeting Name Badges

Official name badges must be worn or produced on demand at all times during the meeting to obtain entry to all meeting, workshop sessions and to social functions. Proof of identity will be required for the issue of replacement badges.

Tax

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