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ASID Meeting 2006

Reminders

- * **REGISTER and PAY** for the meeting! The deadline for reduced registration is **13 February 2006**.
- * **MEETING INFORMATION/ASSISTANCE**
Dart Associates – Christine Treasure/Shirley Corley
Tel: 02 9418-9396/97; Fax: 02 9418-9398; Email = dartconv@mpx.com.au.
- * **MOPS ACCREDITATION:** Registrants may claim **0.5 credit points per hour** for full participation in the meeting. Registrants are advised to claim credit points based on their participation. The onus is on Fellows themselves to determine the total number of credit points they may claim. In addition, presenters at any of the sessions may claim 3 credit points for each of the presentations.
- * **NOMINATION FOR COUNCIL OFFICE BEARERS**
Please see page 4 for details.
Please fill in separate form **enclosed** and return to the ASID Secretariat, 145 Macquarie St, Sydney 2000 **by Wednesday, 1 March 2006**.
- * **ADVANCED TRAINEES SESSION**
Members are encourage to attend this session to be held on Sunday, 2 April 2006, at 2700 hours.

ABSTRACT SUBMISSIONS FOR THE 2006 ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING, WELLINGTON, NEW ZEALAND 1 – 4 APRIL 2006

The last day for receipt of abstracts will be
Tuesday, 31 January 2006

- All submissions must be electronic and include an electronic return address.
- All submitters will receive information about their abstracts and presentations by Tuesday, 7 February 2006 by email.

It is important to confirm acceptance of presentation by **Friday, 10 February 2006**. If you anticipate being away from your office that week **please ensure that someone else can receive your message and confirm your acceptance**.

When preparing your abstract please use the Abstracts Guidelines form sent with last Newsletter (or download from ASID website) – copy on back page of this newsletter.

Seeking infectious disease practitioners for overseas deployment in the event of an Avian Influenza pandemic.

RedR Australia* has been requested by AusAID to develop a database of health professionals with the relevant expertise needed to address human health issues in pre-pandemic, containment, pandemic and post pandemic phases of Avian Influenza.

Infection control practitioners are one of the key types of personnel required by the World Health Organization under the category of surveillance/disease control. Their role would be in providing IC training for hospital staff in relation to health care workers and hospital equipment; community training in hygiene practices; and general IC training for health teams in the field.

Health personnel would be needed on either a rapid response (one – three months) and/or longterm (three – 12 months) basis for deployment outside Australia. At this stage it is uncertain whether the deployment would be in the immediate region, or further afield. The World Health Organization would indicate the type and timing of the expertise required, and the approximate length of deployment.

The basic requirements are that applicants have the relevant skills and experience in infection control; be available either on a ready response or long term basis (ready response would be 72 hours notice for deployment for up to 3 months; longterm is one week's notice to deploy for 3 - 12 month's deployment); have the approval of their employer to undertake such deployment; and be an permanent resident or Australian national.

Applicants would be paid, either by their current employer or by RedR Australia for their deployment, and be appropriately covered for insurance, travel etc plus receive a daily subsistence allowance. Pre-deployment training and briefing would take place in Melbourne for two days prior to deployment.

For further information please contact:

Jenny Bolger

Avian Influenza Database Project (Human Health)

Tel: 03 9329 1357

Email: jbolger@redr.org.au

Website: <http://www.redr.org/australia/index.htm>

* *RedR Australia (Registered Engineers for Disaster Relief) is a humanitarian organisation which selects, trains and provides competent and effective relief personnel to humanitarian relief agencies worldwide in times of disaster. The organisation maintains a Standby Register for UN and NGOs to call on for short-term expert assistance and in the past has focused on providing engineering and technical personnel, but this has gradually broadened to include a number of other disciplines.*

<http://www.redr.org/australia/index.htm>

REGISTRATION OF INTEREST FORM IS ENCLOSED.

CSL's Announcement to Withdraw Q-Vax

The announcement by CSL to cease production of Q-Vax generated considerable concern and discussion amongst ASID members. In the face of calls for ASID to do something, I was reluctant to enter into a public forum on the matter when I was uncertain of CSL's motives. Similar and valid concerns have also been raised by members in the setting of announcements of drug withdrawals or interruptions to supply.

I have been in contact with Dr Leonie Hunt, Acting Principal Medical Adviser for the Therapeutic Goods & Administration, offering the assistance of ASID to TGA when decisions regarding the need for continued supply of a product are to be considered. ASID is well positioned to act as an independent resource to T.G.A. and other government agencies.

*Associate Professor Philip Jones,
ASID President.*

A Short Course in STI Medicine

will be held on

17 – 19 March 2006

at the RACP,
145 Macquarie Street, Sydney

Closing date for applications:
1 March 2006

For further details contact
John Brown,
Education Officer, AChSHM,
Telephone: (02) 9256 9644
Email john.brown@racp.edu.au

VIROLOGY MASTERCLASS

will be held on

10 – 21 July 2006

at the University of Adelaide,
South Australia

Course numbers are strictly limited.
Applications must be lodged by
10 March 2006

For further details contact
virology2006@sapmea.asn.au
or visit website: www.sapmea.asn/virology2006

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS TO COUNCIL

A/Professor Philip Jones has completed his final year of a 3 year term as President of ASID; he will take up the position of Past President in place of A/Professor Joseph McCormack who has completed his final year as Past President and will stand down from Council. Professor Lindsay Grayson has completed his final year of a 3 year term as Vice President and takes up the position as President of ASID. Dr Thomas Gottlieb is standing down as Honorary Treasurer, but will remain on Council. Dr Anthony Allworth has completed 5 years as Honorary Secretary and has been re-nominated for another year. Dr Nigel Curtis has completed 2 years on Council and has been re-nominated for another year. The New Zealand representative on Council, Dr Sally Roberts, has completed 2 years on Council and has been re-nominated for another year. Dr Christopher Heath has completed 3 years on Council and will stand down from Council. Dr Kasha Singh has completed her 1 year as advanced trainee representative and at the AGM a new advanced trainee representative will be elected.

Any member wishing to nominate for a position as Honorary Treasurer, Vice President or any other position as Council office bearer is invited to complete the **enclosed “Nomination for Councillors” form** and return to the Honorary Secretary, c/- ASID Secretariat. Please note the nominated proposer and seconder must be Full members of the Society.

The deadline for nominations is Wednesday, 1 March 2006.

ASID COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting of the ASID Council will be held on *Saturday, 1 April 2006*.

ASID AGM

The Annual General Meeting will be held on *Tuesday 4 April 2006*. A copy of the meeting agenda and AGM Minutes 2005 will be circulated with the March newsletter. Members wishing to put forward a Notice of Motion for consideration at the AGM must give notice of such a motion to the Honorary Secretary, ASID Secretariat by *Friday, 3 February 2006*.

ADVANCED TRAINEES

Advanced trainees are invited to submit an application for associate membership of the Society. Applications will be tabled at the Council meeting on *Saturday, 1 April 2006* and ratified at the AGM to be held on *Tuesday, 4 April 2006*. Applicants are required to be nominated and seconded by two Full members of ASID. Application forms are available upon request from the ASID Secretariat or they can be downloaded from the website *www.racp.edu.au/asid*. Please forward your application, together with a copy of your cv, to the ASID Secretariat *no later than Monday, 27 March 2006*. Applications received after that date will not be ratified at the 2006 AGM.

AWARDS***APPLICATIONS ARE CALLED FOR.....ASID Council Scholarships 2006 (2)***

The ASID Council will fund two scholarships for the Annual Scientific Meeting, Wellington, New Zealand. Application criteria is as follows:

- Applicants must be ASID members whose Full or Associate membership has been ratified at an ASID AGM, who are currently undertaking PhDs or other postgraduate study and who are supported by a full-time or unsupplemented part-time postgraduate scholarship (or equivalent).
- Applicants must have had their abstracts accepted for presentation at the Annual Scientific Meeting 2006. Note: Those who have submitted abstracts for 2006 will receive advice re their allocation by 7 February 2006.

The value of the award is up to \$1,500 for travel, registration and accommodation costs to attend the meeting. (Receipts required to claim reimbursement of actual expenses.)

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS : FRIDAY, 17 FEBRUARY 2006

- **Frank Fenner Award for Advanced Research in Infectious Diseases: 2006**

Applications for this Award closed in November 2005 and applications have been forwarded to reviewers for ranking. The successful applicant will be announced and presented with the award at the Annual Scientific Meeting in Wellington, New Zealand, in April 2006.

- **ASID International Travel Award: 2006**

Applications for this Award closed in November 2005 and applications have been forwarded to reviewers for ranking. The successful applicant will be announced and presented with the award at the Annual Scientific Meeting in Wellington, New Zealand, in April 2006.

- **John Forbes Developing Nations Travelling Scholarship 2006**

Applications for this Award closed in November 2005 and applications have been forwarded to reviewers for ranking. The successful applicant will be announced and presented with the award at the Annual Scientific Meeting in Wellington, New Zealand, in April 2006.

- **AstraZeneca Travel Scholarship 2006 – Two awards**

Applications for the first 2006 Award closed in November 2005 and applications have been forwarded to reviewers for ranking. The successful applicant will be announced and presented with the award at the Annual Scientific Meeting in Wellington, New Zealand, in April 2006. The second Award will be advertised mid-2006.

- **ASID Advanced Trainees Research Award 2006**

This Award is seen as a means of recognising and rewarding the valuable contribution made by Advanced Trainees in the field of Infectious Diseases who are Associate members of ASID and whose membership has been ratified by an ASID AGM.

On the basis of abstracts submitted for this Award, applicants will be selected from oral presentations given at the Annual Scientific Meeting by advanced trainees who are training with the Royal Australasian College of Physicians and whose Associate membership has been ratified at an ASID AGM. The prize will be awarded based on the best oral presentation. The judging panel will be chosen from three senior delegates attending the Meeting. Previous winners may not apply. Award will not be granted on the basis of research for which a previous award has been received. **Applicants must specify their personal contribution to the research and list other authors.**

The value of the 2006 ASID Annual Scientific Meeting Advanced Trainees Research Award is \$2,000 and will be awarded at the Annual Scientific Meeting in Wellington, New Zealand.

- ***ASID Best Poster Award 2006***

The ASID Annual Scientific Meeting Best Poster Award 2006 will be chosen from posters presented by ASID members at the Annual Scientific Meeting (whose Full or Associate membership has been ratified at an ASID AGM). This award will be determined by selecting 4-6 posters for a brief oral presentation during the Meeting. Previous winners may not apply.

The judging panel will consist of a small group of senior delegates who have no association with the posters. The final choice is based primarily on the merits of the poster supported by the oral presentation.

The value of the 2006 ASID Annual Scientific Meeting Best Poster Award is \$1,000 and will be awarded at the Annual Scientific Meeting in Wellington, New Zealand.

CONGRATULATIONS to recipients of ASID 2005 awards:

FRANK FENNER AWARD FOR ADVANCED RESEARCH IN INFECTIOUS DISEASES: **Margaret Hellard.**

ASID INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL AWARD: **Anton Peleg.**

JOHN FORBES SCHOLARSHIP: **Brian Hughes.**

ASTRAZENECA TRAVEL SCHOLARSHIPS: **David Burgner** and **Alison Ratcliff.**

ASID COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIPS: **Leon Worth** and **Patrick Charles.**

ASID BEST POSTER AWARD: **Oui Ju.**

ASID RESEARCH AWARD FOR ADVANCED TRAINEES: **Joshua Davis.**

Note that these Awards for 2006 will be advertised on the website and in a newsletter later in the year.

We invite previous recipients of Awards to write a report about their experiences gained by being recipients and encourage all members to apply for the various Awards offered where they are eligible and fulfil the appropriate criteria for the Awards. Please email reports to the secretariat: asid@racp.edu.au for inclusion in next newsletter.

RACP Fellowships awarded to ASID members - *CONGRATULATIONS* to:

Dr Dominic Dwyer of Westmead Hospital, New South Wales – awarded the **Rowden White Overseas Travelling Fellowship.**

Dr David Burgner of Princess Margaret Hospital for Children in Perth W.A. – awarded the **Servier Staff Research Fellowship** and the **I L Thompson Research Fellowship.**

Dr Katherine Hale of The Children's Hospital at Westmead, New South Wales – awarded the **Paediatric Research Society of Australia and New Zealand (PRSANZ) 2005 Travel Award** and the **Richard Kemp Memorial Fellowship.**

Dr Grant Mackenzie (NT) from Menzies School of Health, Darwin – awarded the **Richard Kemp Memorial Fellowship.**

Dr Anton Peleg from Royal Melbourne Hospital, Victoria – awarded the **C R B Blackburn RACP Overseas Travelling Fellowship** and the **Richard Kemp Memorial Fellowship.**

BOOK REVIEW



PRINCIPLES OF MOLECULAR VIROLOGY 4th Edition, Author: Alan J. Cann

ISBN: (Standard Edition): 0-12-088787-8,
ISBN: (Standard CD_ROM): 0-12-088788-6,

ISBN: (Instructors' Edition): 0-12-088789-4,
ISBN: (Instructors' CD-ROM): 0-12-088790-8

This is an excellent book which sets out to cover the major principles of modern virology in a concise and readily assimilable fashion. The book was originally aimed at the author's undergraduate students in virology and, in recognition of the information overload to which students are subjected, deliberately avoids the mass of detail generally presented in textbooks of virology. The result is a realistically shorter text which nevertheless addresses the important issues in a rapidly evolving discipline. For those new to virology, orientation is facilitated by a short paragraph of "learning objectives" at the beginning of each chapter. An accompanying CD-ROM provides an alternative approach to the data, with additional animated coverage of certain topics such as capsid symmetry, virus replication and immune processes. The CD also offers an interactive quiz on each chapter, enabling ongoing assessment of one's understanding of the topic. A list of suggested additional reading is appended to each chapter.

The book achieves a very satisfying overview approach to basic concepts. There is not an exhaustive description of individual viruses, this detail very properly being left to reference texts, but instead the principles of structure and function are illustrated by examples from individual viruses. The final chapter addresses subviral agents, discussing satellites and viroids and prion disease. Preceding chapters discuss what a virus is and how it is characterised, viral particles, the genome, replicative strategy, virus expression, infection and pathogenesis. All chapters are illustrated with clear and informative diagrams and tables where relevant.

I believe this book provides a very useful resource for individuals working with viruses and virus diseases. It provides both a perspective on virology for newcomers to the field and up to date discussion of current topics of virological concern. It is concise yet informative and overall, eminently readable.

Reviewed by Margaret C Croxson, Clinical HOD, Virology/Immunology, LabPlus, Auckland City Hospital, Auckland, NZ

Book available from: *Elsevier Australia, Locked Bag 16, St Peters NSW 2044. (ask for 10% member discount)*
Ph: 02 9517 8953 Fax: 02 9517 2249 www.elsevier.com.au

ASID SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

** MIG (MYCOLOGY INTEREST GROUP)

We look forward to seeing you all at ASID and in particular the Mycology Interest Group Symposium
Please note: abstracts to be submitted on standard ASID abstract form
(same format as abstracts submitted for ASID meeting)

Sharon Chen
Email: Sharonc@icpmr.wsahs.nsw.gov.au

**ASPID (AUSTRALIAN SUBGROUP IN PAEDIATRIC INFECTIOUS DISEASES)

See preliminary programme for Saturday, 1 April 2006, in conference brochure.

Mike Starr
Email: starrm@cryptic.rch.unimelb.edu.au

** Proposed new Health Infection Control Special Interest Group

If interested in this new group please contact Dr John Ferguson,
email: John.Ferguson@hnehealth.nsw.gov.au

MEETINGS OF INTEREST

Viral Hepatitis 5th Australasian Conference 2006

The Sydney Masonic Centre, Sydney, Australia

20 – 22 February 2006

Contact: Viral Hepatitis Conference 2006
Locked Bag 5057, Darlinghurst NSW 1300, Australia
Telephone : +61 2 8204 0770 Fax: +61 2 9212 4670
Email: conferenceinfo@hepatitis.org.au.

Website: www.hepatitis.org.au

Antimicrobials 2006: Australian Society for Antimicrobials 7th Annual Scientific Meeting

Crowne Plaza Coogee Beach, Sydney, Australia

23 – 25 February 2006

Contact: ICMS Pty Ltd
84 Queensbridge Street, Southbank, Victoria 3006.
Telephone: +61 3 9682 0244; Fax: +61 3 9682 0288
Email: asa2006@icms.com.au

Website: www.icms.com.au/asa2006.

18th Biennial International Paediatric Conference

(Conjoint meeting of Pakistan Paediatric Assn & Royal College of Child Health, London)

Rawalpindi, Pakistan

2 – 5 March 2006

Contact: Conference Secretariat, The Children Hospital,
Sector, G-8/3, Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences, Islamabad, Pakistan.
Tel: 926 1212 / 926450 ext 2236 / 2223, Email: bipc2006@mail.com.

3rd Asian Congress of Pediatric Infectious Diseases and 13th Pediatric Infectious Diseases Society of the Philippines Annual Convention

“Pediatric Infections in the 21st Century: Meet the Challenges”

Waterfront Hotel, Lahug, Cebu City

7 – 10 March 2006

Contact: Pediatric Infectious Disease Society of the Philippines (PIDSP)
Unit 4 Metro Square Townhomes, #35 Scout Tuazon corner Scout de Guia Sts, Quezon City
Telephone: 632 526 9167 / 632 374 1855. Fax: 632 404 2397 / 632 412 6998.
Email: aspid@uplink.com.ph.

Website: <http://www.asiapids.org>

Australasian Society for Infectious Diseases Annual Scientific Meeting 2006 Wellington Convention Centre, Wellington, New Zealand 1 – 4 April 2006

Contact: Dart Associates
PO Box 781, Lane Cove, Australia 2066
Phone +61 2 9418 9396; Fax +61 2 9418 9398
Email: dartconv@mpx.com.au

Website: www.racp.edu.au/asid

ISPPD5 2006 Conference

Alice Springs Convention Centre, Alice Springs, Central Australia

2 – 6 April 2006

Contact: ISPPD5 Conference Managers
GPO Box 128, Sydney NSW 2001, Australia
Tel: +61 2 9265 0700; Fax +61 2 9267 5443
Email: isppd5@tourhosts.com.au

Website: www.isppd5.com.

24th Annual Meeting of the European Society for Paediatric Infectious Diseases (ESPID)

Basel, Switzerland

3 – 5 May 2006

Contact: Kenes International
17 Rue du Cendrier, PO Box 1726
CH-1211 Geneva 1, Switzerland.
Telephone: +41 22 908 0488, Fax: +41 22 732 2850
Email: espid@kenes.com

Website: www.kenes.com/espid

MEETINGS OF INTEREST (*continued*)**R.A.C.P Congress 2006**

Cairns Convention Centre, Cairns, Queensland, Australia

7 – 11 May 2006

Contact: The Meeting Planners

Telephone: +61 3 9417 0888; Fax: +61 3 9417 0899

Email: racp@meetingplanners.com.auWebsite: <http://congress.racp.edu.au>**Ninth Annual Conference on Vaccine Research**

Baltimore, Maryland, U.S.A.

8 – 10 May 2006

Contact: National Foundation for Infectious Diseases

4733 Bethesda Avenue, Suite 750, Bethesda, MD 20814, U.S.A.

Phone: + 301 656-0003 Fax: + 301 907-0878

Email: lnovick@nfid.orgWebsite: www.nfid.org/conferences/vaccine06**Viruses in May 2006**

The Carrington Hotel, Katoomba, Australia

11 - 13 May 2006

Contact: Conference Sec: Jacqueline Faltas

Virology Division, SEALS Microbiology

Prince of Wales Hospital, Randwick NSW 2031 Australia

Tel: +61-2-93829113; Fax: +61-2-93984275

Email: z3021301@student.unsw.edu.auWebsite: www.virusesinmay.com**National Medicines Symposium 2006**

National Convention Centre, Canberra A.C.T., Australia

7 – 9 June 2006

Contact: Symposium Secretariat

Phone: +61 7 3844 1138. Fax: +61 7 731 1541

Email: nms2006@icms.com.auWebsite: www.nps.org.au/events**12th International Congress on Infectious Diseases**

Lisbon, Portugal

15 – 18 June 2006

Contact: International Society for Infectious Diseases,

181 Longwood Avenue, Boston MA 02115, USA.

Phone: +61 7 277 0551. Fax: +61 7 731 1541

Website: <http://www.isid.org>**International Symposium on HIV & Emerging Infectious Diseases**

International Convention Center, Toulon, France

21 – 23 June 2006Contact: toulon2006@club-internet.frWebsite: www.focusing-first-on-people.com**Annual Conference on Antimicrobial Resistance**

Bethesda, Maryland, U.S.A.

26 – 28 June 2006

Contact: National Foundation for Infectious Diseases

4733 Bethesda Avenue, Suite 750, Bethesda, MD 20814, U.S.A.

Phone: +61 301 656-0003 Fax: +61 301 907-0878

Email: lnovick@nfid.orgWebsite: www.nfid.org**Australian Society for Microbiology Annual Conference 2006**

Gold Coast Convention Centre, Gold Coast, Queensland, Australia

2 - 6 July 2006

Contact: Janette Sofronidis, Conference Manager,

Australian Society for Microbiology Inc, Suite 23,

20 Commercial Road, Melbourne, Vic. 3004.

Phone + 61 3 9867 8699 Fax +61 3 9867 8722

Website: www.asmconferences.org

MEETINGS OF INTEREST (*continued*)**AIDS 2006: XVI International AIDS Conference**

Toronto Canada

13 – 18 August 2006Email: info@aids2006Website: www.aids2006.org**IMC8 Eighth International Mycological Congress**

Cairns Convention Centre, Cairns, Queensland, Australia

20 – 25 August 2006Email: imc8@sapmea.asn.auWebsite: www.sapmea.asn.au/conventions/imc8/index.html**12th Asian Pacific Congress of Paediatrics**

Bandaranaike Memorial International Conference Hall, Colombo, Sri Lanka

5 – 8 September 2006

Contact: Sr Lanka College of Paediatricians

No. 6, Wijerama Mawatha, Colombo 7, Sri Lanka.

Telephone: +0094 11 2863 178, Fax: +0094 11 2863 178

Email: slcp@sltnet.lkWebsite: www.slcp.sl.lk**ICAAC 2006:****46th Interscience Conference on Antimicrobial Agents and Chemotherapy**

San Francisco, California, U.S.A.

27 – 30 September 2006Email: icaac@amusa.orgWebsite: www.icaac.org**18th ASHM Annual Conference 2006 (Australasian Society for HIV Medicine Inc.)**

Carlton Crest, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia

11 – 14 October 2006Contact: conferenceinfo@ashm.org.au

Telephone: +61 2 8204 0770; Fax: +61 2 9212 4670

Website: www.ashm.org.au/2006_conf**Australasian Sexual Health Conference 2006**

Hotel Sofitel, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia

26 – 28 October 2006

Contact: the Meeting Planners

Telephone: +61 3 9417 0888; Fax: +61 3 9417 0899

Email: sexualhealth2006@meetingplanners.com.auWebsite: www.sexualhealth2006.com.au/dev/index.php**The Australian Health & Medical Research Congress 2006**

Melbourne Exhibition & Convention Centre, Melbourne, Australia

26 November – 1 December 2006

Contact: ASN Events

Telephone: +61 3 9863 7867

Email: congress@asnevents.net.auWebsite: www.asmr.org.au**5th World Congress of the World Society for Pediatric Infectious Diseases (WSPID)**

Bangkok, Thailand

15 – 18 November 2007

Contact: Kenes International / WSPID 2007

17 Rue du Cendrier, PO Box 1726

CH-1211 Geneva 1, Switzerland

Email: wspid@kenes.comWebsite: www.kenes.com/wspid

MEMBERSHIP ISSUES**Abstracts**

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Membership Fees

Reminder that you have been invoiced for membership fees for 2006 and are due. Please send to ASID Secretariat (address below). To be eligible for members' discount for conference registration fees your ASID membership needs to be up to date.

Retired members - please note that when you retire you are eligible for Retired Membership fees, i.e., \$10.00 (plus GST if applicable) per annum. Please advise secretariat.

Management of Perinatal Infections book

Please note that the Management of Perinatal Infections book can be obtained by downloading the order form from ASID website www.racp.edu.au/asid/algos_bookadvert.pdf and sending your order to ASID secretariat (address below). The cost (including GST and mailing) is \$35.00.

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ASID Secretariat
145 Macquarie Street
SYDNEY NSW 2000
Telephone 02 9256 5475
Fax 02 9256 9692
Email: asid@racp.edu.au

Please note that the secretariat fax number is once again
02 9256 9692

ASID ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING
Wellington, New Zealand
SATURDAY 1 April – TUESDAY 4 April 2006

ALL DETAILS BELOW MUST ACCOMPANY EACH ABSTRACT EMAILED TO ASID

Abstract is submitted for presentation as (please tick one of the following):

ORAL..... POSTER..... ADVANCED TRAINEE* (oral presentation).....

* **If you are an Advanced Trainee do you wish to enter for the A/T award?** YES** / NO

**Please provide a letter from your supervisor stating the percentage you contributed to the abstract.

Presenter contact details (PLEASE INCLUDE IN YOUR EMAIL MESSAGE)

Title: Prof. Ass/Prof. Dr. Mr. Mrs Ms. Other **Family name** **First name**

Organisation

Do you agree to your abstract being published by ASID? YES / NO **IMJ (Internal Medicine Journal)?** YES / NO

Tel **Fax**

Your email address

ABSTRACT GUIDELINES

Please read instructions carefully before preparing your Abstract.

Abstract must fit wholly within the measurements of 12.5cm wide x 16cm high (as illustrated below).

THIS BOX IS A GUIDELINE

You do not need to send your abstract on this form. The College only requests that the text should fit within the measurements to meet the specific RACP requirements.

Deadline: **31 January 2006**

CONTENT

- the study's objectives
- methodology (if relevant)
- summary of results
- the conclusion

- TYPING
- only IBM PC with Microsoft Word
- Times New Roman 11pt font
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- single spacing only
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- **presenter indicated by asterisk (*)**
- **full postal address next**
- do not use the carriage return (Enter) at the end of lines within a paragraph
- abbreviations must be spelt out in full at the first mention followed by the abbreviation in brackets
- maximum of one figure or one table may be used if absolutely necessary

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