



Australasian Wound & Tissue Repair Society

INVITATION TO ATTEND

The Organising Committee is pleased to invite everyone with an interest in wound and tissue repair research to the 1st National Conference of the Australasian Wound & Tissue Repair Society, to be held in Darwin, on the 7th May 2008. Speakers from Australia and overseas will share their enthusiasm and expertise to make this Conference an exciting event. Our keynote speakers include:

- Professor Gregory Schultz, Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology and a Director of the Institute for Wound Research at the University of Florida.
- Professor Mark Ferguson, CEO Renovo Ltd, UK and an expert in regenerative medical research developing anti-scarring therapies.
- Professor Fiona Wood, a well-known burns specialist, researcher and 'Australian of the Year' in 2005.
- Professor Zee Upton, Tissue repair and regeneration, QUT
- Associate Professor Christopher Jackson, Director, Sutton Arthritis Research Laboratories, NSW.

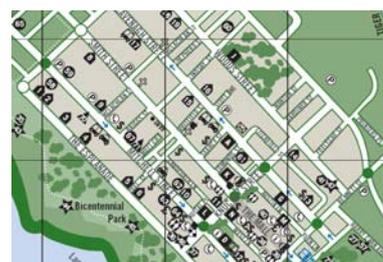
The conference will be preceded on the 6th May 2008 by the conference dinner which will be a fantastic opportunity to meet other AWTRS members in an informal relaxed atmosphere.

This is the first conference to be held by the AWTRS and we hope that you will come and make it a success.

Associate Professor Allison Cowin
President, Australasian Wound & Tissue Repair Society

LOCATION

The 1st AW&TRS conference will be held at The Darwin Entertainment Centre (<http://www.darwinentertainment.com.au/aboutus/index.asp>). The centre is located in the Heart of Darwin's central business district (The Darwin Entertainment Centre is 71 on the map and the Holiday Inn Esplanade is 3)



KEY DATES

Important dates for your diary:

Abstract deadline	21st March 2008
Early bird registration	31st March 2008
Notification of acceptance of abstracts	4th April 2008
Notification of travel awards	4th April 2008
1st AW&TRS conference	7th May 2008
Conference dinner (6:30 pm)	6th May 2008

Note: the AWMA Conference 2008, Dreams, Diversity, Disasters, 7th-10th May 2008 starts immediately after the AW&TRS conference finishes.

REGISTRATION

Registration entitles the delegate to:

- Attend all scientific sessions and exhibitions,
- The conference handbook,
- Morning and afternoon tea, and lunch
- The option of 50% off the registration fees to attend day 1 of the AWMA conference May 8th 2008 (see below)

Full payment of applicable registration fees must accompany your registration. Registration cannot be processed or acknowledged without payment.

Registration type	Early Bird (closes on 31 st March)	After 31 st March
Full registration AWTRS member*	<input type="checkbox"/> \$60	<input type="checkbox"/> \$75
Full registration non-member	<input type="checkbox"/> \$110	<input type="checkbox"/> \$125
Student registration AWTRS member*	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50	<input type="checkbox"/> \$60
Student registration non-member	<input type="checkbox"/> \$75	<input type="checkbox"/> \$85
Full registration plus day 1 of AWMA Conference AWTRS member*	<input type="checkbox"/> \$210	<input type="checkbox"/> \$225
Full registration plus day 1 of AWMA Conference non-member	<input type="checkbox"/> \$260	<input type="checkbox"/> \$275
Student registration plus day 1 of AWMA Conference AWTRS member*	<input type="checkbox"/> \$200	<input type="checkbox"/> \$210
Student registration plus day 1 of AWMA Conference non-member	<input type="checkbox"/> \$225	<input type="checkbox"/> \$235

* AW&TRS membership is \$50 (\$25 for students). See membership application form

HOW TO REGISTER

To attend the 1st AW&TRS Conference, fill in the registration form. Each delegate and accompanying person must complete a separate form. You may register for 1st AW&TRS Conference 2008 by mail or e-mail. **Full payment of applicable registration fees must accompany your registration. Registrations cannot be processed or acknowledged without payment.**

➤ Register by e-mail

Complete the Delegate Registration Form. Payment must be made by credit card, the form signed and scanned in. E-mail the completed form with your abstract to rachaelm@chw.edu.au.

➤ Register by mail

Complete the Delegate Registration Form. Payment must be made by credit card or cheque (payable in Australian Dollars made payable to **AWMA (AWTRS)**), the form signed and posted with abstract to Dr R Z Murray, The Children's Hospital at Westmead, Research Building, Locked Bag 4001, Westmead, NSW 2145, Australia.

Cancellations

All cancellations must be notified in writing to rachaelm@chw.edu.au. Cancellations received prior to 10th April 2008 will receive a full refund minus a \$25 administration fee. No refunds will be made after the 10th April 2008. Tickets purchased for the conference dinner are non-refundable. Substitute delegates will be accepted. Delegates are to make their own accommodation arrangements directly with accommodation providers.

Important

Participants are advised to take out personal travel insurance and to extend their policy to cover personal possessions. The Conference does not cover individuals against cancellations of bookings or theft or damage to belongings.

Disclaimer

All best endeavours will be made to present the programme as printed in this document. The Conference and its agents reserve the right to alter without prior notice, any of the arrangements, timetables, plans or other items relating to the Conference, for any cause beyond its reasonable control.

For further enquiries, please contact:

rachaelm@chw.edu.au or allison.cowin@adelaide.edu.au

To register for the full AWMA conference (Dreams, Diversity, Disasters, 7th-10th May 2008), starting immediately after the AW&TRS conference see the AWMA web site for full registration details (<http://www.awma.com.au/conferences/conference.php>)

CONFERENCE DINNER

The conference dinner (\$70 per head) will take place at 6:30 pm on the evening of Wednesday 6th May at PeeWee's at the Point (<http://www.peeweess.com.au>), located four kilometres from Darwin's city centre, nestled amongst the tropical palms and natural environment of East Point Nature Reserve. PeeWee's at the Point commands sweeping views across Fannie Bay to the skyline of Darwin.



ABSTRACTS

The Scientific Programme Committee invites you to submit your abstracts now. Abstracts will be selected for presentation either as talks or posters, and should be submitted to rachaelm@chw.edu.au **no later than 21st March 2008**.

The guidelines for these are as follows;

- No more than 250 words in **Times New Roman, 12 point, margins:2.5cm to top, bottom and both sides, single line spacing** as an MS Word file in the following format:
- First line: Title of your presentation in bold (**no more than 20 words**).
- Second line: Authors Name. If there is more than one author, please provide names of all authors and underline the name of the presenting author. Show given names as initials then surname (example: A.B. Smith).
- Third line: Full postal address and e-mail address of the Presenting Author. Institutional affiliation and city only of additional authors.
- Fourth line: Leave blank
- Abstract text: Please provide **no more than 250 words**. No figure or tables will be accepted.

Abstracts should be named after the presenting author e.g. JoeBloggs.doc and e-mailed to rachaelm@chw.edu.au or posted to Dr R Z Murray, The Children's Hospital at Westmead, Research Building, Locked Bag 4001, Westmead, NSW 2145, Australia by 21st March 2008.

Authors will be notified by 4th April 2008 of acceptance or otherwise of their abstract for either oral or poster presentation.

AW&TRS TRAVEL SCHOLARSHIPS

The AW&TRS aims to encourage and support the efforts of early career investigators in wound and tissue repair. The AW&TRS will offer 4 competitive travel awards for students and junior postdocs (with up to 5 year's postdoctoral experience) of \$500 each to go towards travel expenses. The awards will help new investigators to attend the scientific conference to present research in oral or poster format and engage in discussion with senior investigators.

To apply applicants should 1) be a member (or have applied for membership) of AW&TRS (download membership form [here](#)), 2) submit an abstract, 3) tick the appropriate box on the registration form and 4) submit your CV to rachaelm@chw.edu.au. Selection will be made by the AW&TRS Committee by 4th April 2008 and the winners notified.

BIORAD YOUNG INVESTIGATOR AWARDS

The BioRad Young Investigator Awards hopes to recognize people in the formative years of their careers who have the potential to become future leaders in wound and tissue repair. Prizes will be:

BioRad Young Investigator Best Talk Award (\$300)

Will be given for the best oral presentation by a young researcher. The award consists of a prize of \$300 which will be awarded at the end of the conference.

BioRad Young Investigator Poster Award (\$200)

Will be given for the best poster presentation by a young researcher. The purpose of the award is to promote creative poster designs, to reward effective poster presentations, and to acknowledge the importance of poster presentations during the conference. The award consists of a prize of \$200 which will be awarded at the end of the conference.

Posters and oral presentations will be judged by the committee, during the time the student is presenting his/her research. Presentations and posters will be judged on clarity, originality, organization and presentation of the research. The presenter must demonstrate a command of the science, and must have completed the majority of the work being presented. Please indicate your wish to be considered for either of these awards by ticking the appropriate box when you register.