

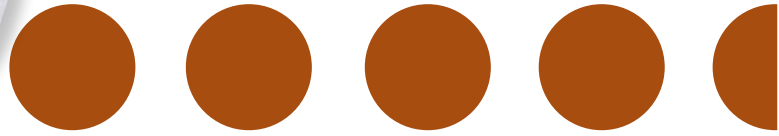


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**AUSTRALIAN GYNAECOLOGICAL  
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# **Sex, Surgery & Gynaecology**

**21–23 May 2009  
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AGES has made application to RANZCOG for accreditation of this meeting for PR&CRM and CPD points.

This brochure and online registration are also available on the AGES website: [www.ages.com.au](http://www.ages.com.au) and the AAGL website: [www.aagl.org](http://www.aagl.org).

## WELCOME

Dear Colleagues

It gives us great pleasure to invite you to Brisbane, Australia, for the AAGL 3<sup>RD</sup> International Congress on Minimally Invasive Gynaecology in conjunction with the AGES XIX Annual Scientific Meeting to be held May 21-23, 2009.

In 2009, we have decided on a unique approach to this congress, entitled: **Sex, Surgery and Gynaecology**. While great advances have been made in gynaecology, particularly in minimally invasive techniques and technology, too little emphasis is placed on the sexual function of our patients. We are privileged to highlight this topic in our scientific meeting.

The 2009 AAGL – AGES Congress offers participants an exciting program, including pre-congress workshops in minimally invasive surgery and basic sciences. Through our focus on gynaecological surgery, the Congress will explore issues pertaining to sexual and reproductive medicine, pelvic pain, endometriosis, prolapse and cancer surgery. We offer new insights into normal sexual function, hormone replacement, cosmetic and ‘rejuvenating’ gynaecology.

The AAGL represents the world’s largest professional association of gynaecologists, representing over 30 international societies associated with its name and almost 4000 worldwide members who specialise in the use of minimally invasive procedures for diagnosing and treating disorders of the female reproductive system.

AGES is a premier gynaecological surgical association representing the majority of practising gynaecologists in Australia and New Zealand. With over 550 active members, the society is amongst the largest and most active of all surgical bodies in the southern hemisphere.

AGES’ mission is to promote the safest and highest standards of clinical and minimally invasive surgical care for women through education, surgical training and clinical research. AGES is proud to host this conjoint meeting with the AAGL in 2009.

We invite you to enjoy Queensland - the Great Barrier Reef, the beaches, the rainforests, the outback, and most importantly, the metropolitan centre of our Congress: Brisbane.

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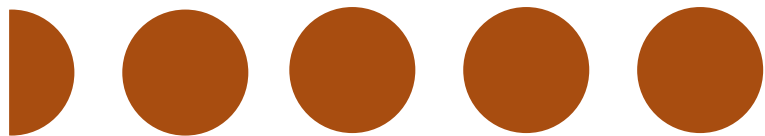
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## Thursday 21 May

0700-0800 Registration



Sofitel Brisbane  
Ballroom le Grand 1 & 2

0800-0815 Welcome A Lam, R Pasic, F Loffer

### 0815-1030 SESSION 1 sponsored by Stryker

#### Sex, Surgery and Gynaecology

Chairs: A Yazdani, F Loffer

0815-0835 Where, when and with whom?  
Defining normal sexual function L Millheiser

0835-0855 Talking about sex... Defining sexual dysfunction  
D Kammerer-Doak

0855-0915 Congenital and developmental abnormalities P Borzi

0915-0935 Sex and the teenager L Millheiser

0935-1000 Discussion

### 1000-1030 Morning Tea and Trade Exhibition

### 1030-1230 SESSION 2 sponsored by Stryker

#### Early Reproductive Years: Endometriosis and Sexuality

Chairs: J Tsaltas, E Zupi

1030-1050 Endometriosis in the 21<sup>st</sup> century D Healy

1050-1110 Adolescent endometriosis - a management dilemma  
K Karthigasu

1110-1130 Nerve-sparing surgery for endometriosis A Lam

1130-1150 Infertility and endometriosis - surgery or IVF? A Yazdani

1150-1210 Impact of endometriosis and treatments on  
sexual function and quality of life J Abbott

1210-1230 Expert panel discussion and video case reviews

### 1230-1330 Lunch and Trade Exhibition

### 1330-1500 SESSION 3 Free Communications

### 1500-1530 Afternoon Tea and Trade Exhibition

### 1530-1700 SESSION 4 sponsored by Karl Storz Endoscopy

#### New Horizons in Minimally Invasive Surgery

Chairs: H Merkur, D Baartz

1530-1545 Robotic surgery: The way forward? A Advincula

1545-1600 NOTES (Natural Orifice Transluminal Endoscopic Surgery)  
L Nathanson

1600-1615 Microsurgery, laparoscopic to robotic surgery -  
are we back where it all began? O Petrucco

1615-1630 Panel discussion

### 1630-1700 KEYNOTE LECTURE

Surgery for sex

I Jones

1700 Close

### 1730 to 1930 WELCOME COCKTAIL RECEPTION

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# Sex, Surgery & Gynaecology

## Wednesday 20 May (optional)

Sofitel Brisbane  
Ballroom le Grand  
(Live transmission from the Royal Brisbane &  
Women's Hospital and Greenslopes Private Hospital)

### PRE-CONGRESS WORKSHOP

0900-1000 **Introduction**  
Surgical anatomy  
Cadaveric dissection with video illustrations

1000-1200 **Live Surgery**  
Laparoscopic hysterectomy  
Robotic hysterectomy

#### 1200-1300 Lunch

1300-1500 **Live Surgery**  
Laparoscopic resection of endometriosis  
Laparoscopic myomectomy  
Robotic myomectomy

#### 1500-1700 Complications Workshop

1500-1510 Overview

1510-1530 Critical care update

1530-1550 Assessment and management of  
gastrointestinal injuries

1550-1610 Assessment and management of  
urological injuries

1610-1630 Assessment and management of  
vascular injuries

1630-1650 Medical complications in surgical patients

1650-1700 Discussion

1700 Close



#### FACULTY:

A Advincula, A Khalil, K Karthigasu, R Kho, A Lam, C Maher,  
A Obermair, R Pasic, M Wynn-Williams, A Yazdani





## Friday 22 May

0700-0745 Sponsored Breakfast Session



Sofitel Brisbane  
Ballroom le Grand 1 & 2

### 0800-1030 SESSION 5 sponsored by Johnson & Johnson Medical

#### Late Reproductive Years: Hysterectomy

Chairs: R Ford, T Anderson

- 0800-0815 Hysterectomy in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century P Maher
- 0815-0845 Debate: Please let me keep my cervix:  
Total or subtotal hysterectomy D Molloy vs N Johnson
- 0845-0905 Alternatives to hysterectomy E Zupi
- 0905-0920 Pitfalls and challenges in hysterectomy R O'Shea
- 0920-0940 Sexual function following hysterectomy S Davis
- 0940-1000 Menorrhagia is ruining my sex life – what are my options?  
Panel chair: F Loffer  
Panel discussion: M Buttini, S Davis, N Johnson, P Maher,  
D Molloy, R O'Shea, A Zupi

### 1000- 1030 Morning Tea and Trade Exhibition

### 1030-1230 SESSION 6 sponsored by Karl Storz Endoscopy

#### Fertility

Chairs: A Yazdani, L Lo

- 1030-1050 Fibroids – fertility implications and management options  
C Miller
- 1050-1110 Pitfalls and challenges in fibroid surgery C Nezhat
- 1110-1130 Tubal surgery in the age of IVF J Tsaltas
- 1130-1145 Panel discussion
- 1130-1230 Presidential debate:  
Sex is for the young J Abbott, P Maher, D Millheiser vs  
S Davis, N Johnson, D Kammerer-Doak  
Ajudicator: M McEvoy

### 1230- 1330 Lunch and Trade Exhibition

### 1330-1500 SESSION 7

#### Free Communications

### 1500-1530 Afternoon Tea and Trade Exhibition

### 1530-1630 SESSION 8

#### Training, Complications and Risk Management

Chairs: C Maher, R Pasic

- 1530-1630 Video vignettes with expert panel review  
A Advincular, R Kho, F Loffer, H Merkur, L Millheiser,  
C Nezhat, R O'Shea, M Wynn-Williams, A Yazdani

### 1630-1700 AGES ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

### 1900-2300 GALA CONGRESS DINNER

KOOKABURRA QUEEN BRISBANE RIVER CRUISE  
Complimentary coach transfers to Eagle Street Pier  
Cnr Charlotte and Eagle Streets, Brisbane

## Saturday 23 May

0700-0745 Sponsored Breakfast Session



Sofitel Brisbane  
Ballroom le Grand 1 & 2

### 0800-1030 SESSION 9 sponsored by Johnson & Johnson Medical

#### Middle Years and Beyond: Oncology

Chair: A Obermair

- 0800-0815 Expect the unexpected: Inadvertant finding of  
gynaecological cancer S Salfinger
- 0815-0835 Discussion: Gynaecological cancer management  
outside the big centre J Carter, L McPherson
- 0835-0850 Human centred designs -  
What the experts' performance looks like B Kraal
- 0850-0900 Surgical performance documentation A Obermair
- 0900-0920 Advances in laparoscopic management of  
gynaecological cancer S Puntambekar
- 0920-0940 Nerve-sparing radical hysterectomy for  
cervical cancer E Solima
- 0940-1000 Robotic surgery in gynaecological oncology -  
marketing or patient value? R Kho

### 1000- 1030 Morning Tea and Trade Exhibition

### 1030-1200 SESSION 10 sponsored by Stryker

#### Pelvic Floor and Sexual Function

Chairs: C Maher, K Bajzak

- 1030-1055 Sex and pelvic floor S Kammerer-Doak
- 1055-1110 Dyspareunia C Maher
- 1110-1125 Is mesh-associated pain re-igniting interest  
in laparoscopic surgery? A Popov
- 1125-1155 Designer vagina: The debate  
A Rosamilia, D Kammerer-Doak vs O Onuma, L Millheiser
- 1155-1210 Video cases to challenge the expert panel
- 1210-1220 Awards presentation A Lam, F Loffer
- 1220-1230 Close C Maher

### SEX SURGERY & GYNAECOLOGY 21 to 23 May 2009

Registration fees include:

- Attendance at all sessions from Thursday 21 May to Saturday 23 May inclusive
- Congress satchel
- All conference publications
- Conference lunches, morning and afternoon teas on Thursday 21, and Friday 22 May, and morning tea Saturday 23 May
- Welcome Cocktail Reception (one person)

### PRE-CONGRESS WORKSHOP 20 May 2009

Registration fees include:

- Attendance at all sessions on Wednesday 20 May
- Lunch, morning and afternoon tea



# CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

## Free Communications at the AAGL 3<sup>RD</sup> International Congress on Minimally Invasive Gynecology / AGES XIX Annual Scientific Meeting 2009

AAGL and AGES invite abstracts for oral, video and poster presentations at the Congress.

There will be abstract sessions on two days of the Congress. Posters will be on display throughout the Congress.

All abstracts selected will be published in the Congress proceedings.

### FULL DETAILS & SUBMISSION DEADLINE

Abstracts may be submitted from receipt of the Congress program until 10 March 2009.

Abstracts are to be submitted online via the AGES website: [www.ages.com.au](http://www.ages.com.au). Hard copy abstracts sent by mail or fax will NOT be considered.

Detailed guidelines for abstract content and format are available on the AGES website.

## AGES PRIZES & AWARDS

Several substantial prizes will be awarded for the best oral and poster presentations at the Congress. Prizes will be presented in the final session of the Congress on Saturday 23 May.

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The AGES Awards will be presented during the final session on Saturday 23 May

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The AGES/Covidien Travelling Fellowship for 2009 will also be presented during the final session on Friday 23 May.



### WELCOME COCKTAIL RECEPTION

Thursday 21 May 2009

5:30pm to 7:30pm

Sofitel Brisbane

Ballroom 3 & Ann Street Lobby Exhibition Areas

### GALA CONGRESS DINNER

Friday 22 May 2009

7:00pm TO 11:00pm

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Buffet breakfast is available in the Thyme2 Restaurant at AU\$30.00 per person for Congress hotel guests.

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Any change must be made in writing to the Congress Organisers and not directly to the hotel.



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Member AAGL or AGES	AU\$ 1050 <input type="checkbox"/>	AU\$ 1155 <input type="checkbox"/>	AU\$ .....
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Accompanying person	AU\$ 450 <input type="checkbox"/>	AU\$ 495 <input type="checkbox"/>	AU\$ .....
<b>PRE CONGRESS WORKSHOP</b> Wednesday 20 May		AU\$ 400 <input type="checkbox"/>	AU\$ .....

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Welcome Cocktail Reception – Partner		AU\$ 60 <input type="checkbox"/>	AU\$ .....
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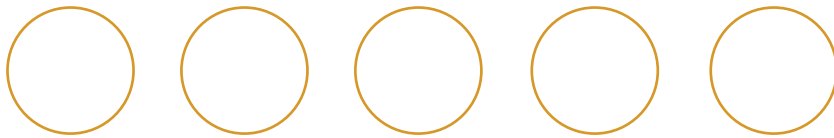
Registration to **AAGL/ AGES 2009** & 2 other AGES Meetings in 2009 (Pelvic Floor Meeting & Focus Meeting)

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Fellow – Non Member AGES	AU\$ 2910 <input type="checkbox"/>		AU\$ .....
Registrar / Trainee	AU\$ 1334 <input type="checkbox"/>		AU\$ .....

**TOTAL AU\$ .....**

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Date \_\_\_\_\_

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- All costs are in Australian dollars, including GST where applicable.
- Registration fees are payable by cheque, Visa and MasterCard.
- Tax invoices will be issued on receipt of registration and payment.
- Registrations are only valid when written confirmation is received from AGES.
- Please ensure that you have received written confirmation from AGES especially if you have faxed your registration form.

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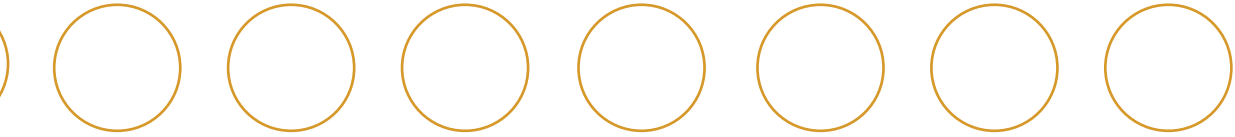
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# GENERAL CONGRESS INFORMATION



**Climate:** Sub-tropical Brisbane has a pleasant mild climate in May. Temperatures generally range between 15° and 25°C or 60° and 79°F. For more information see [www.bom.gov.au](http://www.bom.gov.au). Brisbane has more sunny days than Florida and warmer winter days than the Bahamas.



**Currency:** Australia's currency is the Australian dollar. All major credit cards are widely accepted in Australia. Current exchange rates are available at [www.xe.com](http://www.xe.com)



**Language:** English is spoken throughout Australia and is the official language for the Congress.



**Time:** Local Brisbane time is Greenwich Mean Time plus 10 hours. There is no Daylight Saving in Queensland. There are several time zones in Australia. The West Coast is two hours behind the East Coast.



**Banks:** Banks in Australia are generally open from 0930 to 1600 Monday to Thursday and 0930 to 1700 on Fridays. Some banks are also open on Saturdays. Exchange facilities are available airports and major hotels. Automatic teller machines (ATMs) are widely available.



**Shopping:** In Brisbane, the majority of shops are open Monday to Thursday and Saturday and Sunday from 0900 to 1730, Friday from 0900 to 2100.



**Travel and Health Insurance:** We strongly recommend that you take out insurance policies to cover medical and travel expenses. Your travel agent or airline will be able to assist.



**Wheelchair access or other mobility disability access during the Congress:** At the time of registration please notify the Secretariat of any mobility disabilities you have. For more information about getting around Brisbane, please see [www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/BCC:BASE::pc=PC\\_331](http://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/BCC:BASE::pc=PC_331)



**Electricity:** The electricity supply in Australia is 240 volts, 50Hz. The connection for appliances is a flat 3-pin plug of unique design. Most hotels provide 110 outlets for shavers.



**Taxes:** A Goods and Services Tax (GST) of 10% applies to all consumer goods and is included in retail prices. You can claim a refund of the goods and services tax (GST) and wine equalisation tax (WET) that you pay on goods you buy in Australia. The refund only applies to goods you take with you as hand luggage, or wear onto the aircraft or ship when you leave the country. You can obtain more information at: [www.customs.com.au](http://www.customs.com.au)



**Tipping:** Service charges are not added to accounts by hotels or restaurants. You may tip hotel porters and food and drink waiters in restaurants if you wish (up to around 10% of the bill). At all times tipping is your choice.



**Dress Code:** Smart casual attire is recommended for all Congress sessions.



**Mobile Phones:** Australia operates on a digital network.



**Transport from the Airport:** There are a number of taxi companies in Brisbane that service the Brisbane Airport so taxis are available at all times. Fare to Brisbane CBD from Airport: Approximately AU\$33 plus a AU\$3 fee for departing taxis only to Brisbane City / CBD Hotels

Coachtrans operates services every 30 minutes to the door of your hotel, AU\$12.00 per person. Phone: Coachtrans +617 3238 4700 or book directly on-line [www.coachtrans.com.au](http://www.coachtrans.com.au).

There is a train service from the Brisbane Domestic Terminal with connection to International Terminal. It is a 22 minute trip. One-way single adult ticket is just AU\$13 (6.00am to 7.59pm - 7 days a week). [www.bne.com.au/content/standard\\_v4.asp?name=PublicTransport#30](http://www.bne.com.au/content/standard_v4.asp?name=PublicTransport#30)



**The Appropriate Visa for Delegates:** All visitors to Australia who are not Australian citizens (other than citizens of New Zealand travelling on a New Zealand passport) require a valid visa or Electronic Travel Authority (ETA) to enter Australia. It is essential that you seek further information from your airline, travel agent or the Australian Consulate in your country, as immigration laws are very strict. Please visit for more information [www.immi.gov.au](http://www.immi.gov.au)

**Invitation letter and Visa:** If you require an invitation letter for visa purposes, please indicate this on your registration form or contact the Congress Secretariat.

Please note that an invitation letter is simply intended to assist participants who require a visa or permission to attend the AAGL 3<sup>RD</sup> International Congress on Minimally Invasive Gynecology/AGES XIX Annual Scientific Meeting 2009. It does not represent an official invitation covering fees or other expenses, nor does it imply any financial support for attendance at the Congress.



# FUTURE AGES MEETINGS



AGES PELVIC FLOOR  
SYMPOSIUM & WORKSHOP X  
2009

CROWN PROMENADE/CROWN TOWERS  
**MELBOURNE**<sup>7+8</sup>  
AUGUST  
**2009**

AGES FOCUS MEETING 2009

*SURGICAL TECHNIQUES:  
BASED ON FACT OR FICTION*

HYATT REGENCY  
**COOLUM**<sup>30+31</sup>  
OCTOBER  
**QUEENSLAND 2009**

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## AGES MULTIPLE MEETING PACKAGES IN 2009

Multiple meeting packages are available at substantial discounts for AGES Meetings in 2009. Packages combine AAGL IC-AGES XIX ASM 2009, the Pelvic Floor Conference 2009, and the Focus Meeting 2009. Two or three meeting packages are available. The deadline for all multiple meeting registrations is 8 May 2009. Applications received after this deadline will be charged at normal rates.

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## **DEPOSITS AND FINAL PAYMENTS:**

All costs are payable in advance. If, for any reason, your entire payment has not been received by the due date, we reserve the right to treat your booking fee as cancelled and will apply the appropriate cancellation fee.

## **CANCELLATION POLICY:**

Should you or a member of your party be forced to cancel, you should advise the Congress Organisers in writing. Single Meeting Registrations: The cancellation policy for AAGL International Congress / AGES Annual Scientific Meeting allows a cancellation fee of AU\$250.00 of registration fees for cancellations received up to 8 weeks' prior to the first day of the Meeting, and of 50% of registration fees for cancellations up to 4 weeks' prior to the Meeting. No refund will be made after this time. Multiple meeting registrants: No refunds apply.

Hotels and other suppliers of services, depending on date of cancellation, may also impose cancellation charges. Accommodation payments will be forfeited if the room is not occupied on the requested check-in date. Please note that a claim for reimbursement of cancellation charges may fall within the terms of travel insurance you effect. AGES reserves the right to cancel any workshop or course if there are insufficient registrations.

## **INSURANCE:**

Registration fees do not include insurance of any kind. Insurance is strongly recommended to cover: loss of payments as a result of cancellation of your participation in the Congress, or through cancellation of the Congress itself, loss of airfares for any reason, loss or damage to personal property, additional expenses and repatriation should travel arrangements need to be altered, medical expenses, or any other related losses.

## **PRICING POLICY:**

It is impossible to predict increases to cost elements such as government taxes and other service provider tariffs. In the event of such fluctuations or increases affecting the price of the Congress, we reserve the right to adjust our prices as may be necessary at any time up to and including the first day of the Congress, even though the balance payment may have been made. If we are forced to change your booking or any part of it for any reasons beyond our control, for instance, if an airline changes its schedule - we reserve the right to vary your itinerary and will give you, or cause to be given to you, prompt notice thereof.

## **COSTS DO NOT INCLUDE:**

Insurance, telephone calls, laundry, food and beverage except as itemised in the brochure, and items of a personal nature.

## **TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION:**

AGES, AAGL and Conference Connection are not themselves carriers or hoteliers nor do we own aircraft, hotels, or coaches. The flights, coach journeys, other travel and hotel accommodation herein are provided by reputable carriers and hoteliers on their own conditions. It is important to note, therefore, that all bookings with the Congress Organisers are subject to the terms and conditions and limitations of liability imposed by hoteliers and other service providers whose services we utilise, some of which limit or exclude liability in respect of death, personal injury, delay and loss or damage to baggage.

## **OUR RESPONSIBILITY:**

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## **PRIVACY ACT 1988, Corporations Act 2001:**

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