



## Important Information for delegates

With the IFSO-APC OSSANZ Conference fast approaching, we would like to provide you with some information to help you on your way.

### *Getting to the Conference*

The conference venue, Hilton Cairns, is located approximately 15 minutes from Cairns Airport, in tropical North Queensland.

To get from the airport to the conference venue, you can:

- Catch a taxi (Black & White Taxi's), average fare is about \$18.00 & free taxi phones are located in the arrivals halls & taxi ranks of both domestic & international terminals
- Catch a shuttle bus for pick up at the airport & drop off at the conference venue. Bookings are essential, please call 07 4048 8355
- Hire a car - numerous car rental companies operate from Cairns airport. You can book upon your arrival by visiting the reservations desk of the car rental company.

### *Conference Program*

*Please note that Conference sessions begin at 2pm Wednesday so please visit the registration desk from 12pm Wednesday afternoon (see registration desk opening times below).*

#### Wednesday 25 March 2009

*Please note that Conference sessions begin at 8am on Thursday, so to ensure that you have enough time to register, please visit the registration desk on Wednesday afternoon (see registration desk opening times below).*

#### Wednesday 25 March 2009

**2pm** Inaugural IFSO-APC meeting – incorporating representatives from each APC Chapter discussing bariatric issues

**3.50pm** IFSO-APC AGM and election of Office Bearers

**6.30pm** Welcome Reception Sponsored by Allergan

#### Thursday 26 March 2009

**8am – 4.20pm** Scientific Program

**4.20pm – 5.30pm** OSSANZ AGM (please see OSSANZ Website for agenda at [www.ossanz.com.au](http://www.ossanz.com.au))

**6.30pm – late** Poolside Dinner Sponsored by Johnson & Johnson Medical

#### Friday 27 March 2009

**7.30am – 9am** Breakfast Session Sponsored by **Optifast® VLCD™** (light breakfast will be provided)

**9am – 5.30pm** Scientific Program

**7pm – late** IFSO-APC OSSANZ Conference Dinner

### *Additional Meetings*

#### **Bariatric Dietitians Meeting**

Hosted by: Merrill Bohn (Senior Dietitian) - North Eastern Weight Loss Surgery

When: Thursday 26th March at 10 am – 11.30am.

Venue: Six Degrees Lounge, Cairns Hilton

### **Bariatric Nurses and Practice Managers Meeting**

When: Thursday 26th March at 10:30am

Hosted by: Shelley Lisle (Practice Manager & Clinical Consultant) - Darebin Weight Loss Surgery

Venue: Executive Boardroom, Cairns Hilton

### **Registration**

The registration desk will be located directly outside the exhibition area on the lobby level. Delegates are requested to visit the desk on Wednesday from noon or Thursday & Friday from 7:00am to register and collect Conference name badges & conference materials. The desk will operate as an enquiry / information desk for the duration of the conference. It will be operational between the hours listed below:

Wednesday 25 March 1200 - 1800

Thursday 26 March 0700 - 1700

Friday 27 March 0700 – 1700

Please note that if you have not yet paid for your registration you must make this payment prior to arriving at the Conference. If payment has not been received by the commencement of the Conference, you will be required to pay in cash/credit card OR provide a credit card as guarantee if your organisation is sending payment on your behalf.

### **Social Functions – all functions are included in your full registration**

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March

Welcome Reception (**proudly sponsored by Allergan**) at **Mondo Gardens, Hilton Cairns** at 6:30pm.

Dress is smart casual.

Tickets are not required as names will be ticked off upon entry.

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March

Informal Dinner, (**proudly sponsored by Johnson & Johnson**) **Pool side, Pullman Reef Hotel Casino** (formerly the Sofitel Cairns), across the road from the Hilton at 6:30pm. Dress is smart casual.

Ticket required for entry.

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March

Conference Dinner, in the **Grand Ballroom, Sebel Cairns**, 17 Abbott St at 7:00pm. Dress is smart casual.

Ticket required for entry.

### **Prizes**

#### Young Scientific Investigator Prize

This prize recognises excellence in scientific investigation and the impact that the work has on bariatric surgery into the future. The work may be presented either as an oral or poster presentation at the Conference. Eligible presenters include those in bariatric surgery or allied health that have less than five years in consultancy or practice.

Prize: \$300

#### Poster Prize

This prize acknowledges quality and originality of content and presentation. All poster presenters at the Conference are eligible.

Prize: \$200

## Exhibition

Exhibitors & sponsors will be in Meeting rooms 3, 4 and 5 of the Hilton, displaying the latest in technology & information on obesity surgery. Take some time to network with them during the catering breaks.

## Dengue Fever Alert

As dengue fever is present in Cairns, we strongly advise that sensible preventative measures are taken by all delegates including the use of strong insect repellents. For more information on the status of Dengue Fever in Cairns and how to take precautions please visit <http://www.health.qld.gov.au/dengue/default.asp>  
March in Cairns is rainy and warm so please bring appropriate clothing.

## Accommodation

If you have booked accommodation through us at the Hilton Cairns or Sebel Harbour Lights, here are the details:

Hilton Cairns – 34 Esplanade, Cairns QLD	Ph: 07 4050 2000
Sebel Harbour Lights – 1 Marlin Parade, Cairns	Ph: 07 4057 0800

Please note that check in is from 2pm and check out is 11am.

In order to secure your accommodation, you have already paid your first night's deposit. Balance of payment is required upon check out (unless you have already paid in full).

## Tours

Cairns is a modern & vibrant city as well as an ideal base to explore the many attractions that Tropical North Queensland has to offer. If you wish to book tours, please visit the Tour Desk at the Hilton. The staff would be happy to provide information & book tours for you.

We look forward to seeing you in Cairns!

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