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**NATIONAL STRONGYLOIDES WORKING GROUP**

## **FOURTH NATIONAL WORKSHOP ON STRONGYLOIDIASIS**

11 to 12 July 2007

Adelaide Convention Centre

will be held as part of the

**2007 Annual Scientific Meeting & Exhibition**

of the

**Australian Society for Microbiology (ASM 2007)**

<http://www.asm2007.org/general.htm>

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### **Dates**

The Workshop will consist of a half-day session on the afternoon of 11 July and a half-day session on the morning of 12 July 2007. It is under the banner of the Parasitology and Tropical Medicine special interest group of ASM.

### **Synopsis**

This workshop will focus on the disease strongyloidiasis caused by the intestinal nematode, *Strongyloides stercoralis*. Strongyloidiasis is a common disease in rural and remote Indigenous communities, predominantly in northern Australia, as well as in immigrants and refugees from the developing world. Occasional cases also occur in travelers and military personnel that have visited developing countries and in personnel working in Indigenous communities with endemic strongyloidiasis. Strongyloidiasis occasionally causes death, particularly in patients that are immunosuppressed.

The workshop is organized by the National Strongyloides Working Group, a special interest group of the Australasian College of Tropical Medicine. New knowledge on the parasite will be presented. The nature of strongyloidiasis and its treatment using oral ivermectin will be described. The value of diagnostic tests, including the new commercially available serological test, will be discussed. The difficult problem of management in communities with high prevalence will be also be examined. This is the Fourth in a series of national workshops which commenced in 2001.

The workshop is relevant to 1) laboratory personnel with an interest in parasitology, 2) to infectious disease physicians, 3) to clinicians managing patients from Indigenous populations, refugees or immigrants from the developing world, 4) to clinicians caring for returned travelers or deployed military personnel, and 5) to those with an interest in control of communicable diseases in Indigenous communities.

### **Sponsors**

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### **Registration**

Registration and will be handled through the ASM 2007 website <http://www.asm2007.org/general.htm> Registration is done on-line or you can download the registration form and mail or fax it. You have the option to register for the conference plus the workshop or the workshop only.

Cost of registration for the Workshop is \$50 for anyone regardless of whether they are a full conference delegate, day registration or wish to attend the workshop only. This cost includes afternoon tea on Wednesday and morning tea on Thursday. There will be no fee for presenters.

### **Submission of abstracts**

Please submit to [richard.speare@jcu.edu.au](mailto:richard.speare@jcu.edu.au) and [ari.gardner@jcu.edu.au](mailto:ari.gardner@jcu.edu.au) For format of abstracts, please consult the ASM2007 web site [http://www.asm2007.org/PDFs/Abstract\\_Formatting\\_Instructions.pdf](http://www.asm2007.org/PDFs/Abstract_Formatting_Instructions.pdf) by 18 May.

### **ACRRM PDP Points**

Doctors, the Workshop is accredited with ACRRM and attendance will earn 6 PDP points as follows:

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### **Parasitology – Helminthology Symposium**

The Symposium *Parasitology – Helminthology* at 10:30 on 11 July at which the presenters will be David Grove *History of Helminthology*, Rick Speare *Nematodes*, and Wayne Melrose *Filariasis*, may also be of interest.

### **Lunch for David Grove**

Professor David Grove retires at the end of the week of the ASM conference after a distinguished career.

There will be an informal lunch to honour David Grove from 12 to 1 on 11 July between the Helminthology Symposium and the Workshop. This will be held in the exhibition hall during the scheduled lunch break

12-00 to 1-00 pm. Symposium speakers already have lunch tickets for the day. Those delegates without lunch tickets can purchase them via the conference registration area on the web site. There will be tables available in the exhibition hall during the lunch break.

### **How to Capture Microscope Images & Video workshop**

There is also an imaging and video capture workshop on Monday at 8:30 that may interest Strongyloidiasis Workshop participants. It will demonstrate technique in microscopical image and video capture using parasites as the subjects.

### **ASM Programme**

The total programme for the ASM 2007 is available on the above website. You may also register for other workshops. The cost for each workshop is on the programme.

If you wish to attend any other events of ASM 2007 that are not workshops, you must register either for the particular day of the session of interest or for the whole conference.