



ICASA

2nd Biennial State Conference

‘Change..... the same only different!’

14 August 2009, Adelaide

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

IMPORTANT DATES

Abstract submission deadline:	Monday, 2 March 2009
Author notification:	Friday, 17 April 2009
Early bird registration deadline:	Friday, 17 July 2009
Registration deadline:	Friday, 7 August 2009

Registration details will be available early 2009
For more information regarding the 2009 Conference go to
the ICASA website: www.icasa.org.au





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CONVENOR'S INVITATION

Dear Colleague

Since the dawn of infection control the primary mission has remained pretty much the same – 'prevent or control infections in patients'. Although the mission has remained the same, the "what", "why", "how" and "when" has varied somewhat.

Many of these have changed as a result of scientific developments: infection control 'rituals' have been replaced with evidence based practice, a poultice replaced with antibiotics. Unfortunately some micro-organisms have become resistant to antibiotics, old diseases once thought under control have returned and there are new and emerging infectious diseases always on the horizon.

If we are to prevent infection and control diseases, we must develop contemporary strategies that are both innovative and creative to engage healthcare workers and the wider community. Some changes may mean returning to old ideas others may challenge our understanding and take us out of our comfort zone. But the one mission remains; prevention and control of infections.

Marija Juraja

ICASA President & 2009 State Conference Convenor

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

In keeping with the Conference theme 'Change....the same only different' ICASA is inviting abstract submissions for both oral and poster presentations. We would encourage you to take this opportunity share ideas, success stories, lessons learnt or, plans for future activities with other infection control professionals to help advance the mission of infection prevention.

By submitting an abstract you will be contributing positively to the changes that are confronting us now and in the future. We invite presentations on the following topics:

- Infection Prevention in the following healthcare settings:
 - Acute
 - Long term
 - Community
 - Residential Care
 - Office-based Practices
- Multi-resistant Organisms
- Emerging Infections
- Surveillance
- Disinfection and Sterilisation
- Healthcare Economics
- Occupational Health
- Outbreaks and Clusters
- Professional Issues
- Innovation in Education
- Quality Activities
- Creative Solutions

ABSTRACT GUIDELINES

All abstracts submitted must conform to the following requirements;

- A maximum of 250 words.
- Be based on results that have not or will be not have been published in any journal before 14 August 2009.
- All concepts and abbreviations must be defined at first use in the body of the abstract e.g. Infection Control Professional (ICP).
- Any corporate assistance acknowledged.
- Any sources of funding acknowledged.
- Structured with headings to include:
 - Background
 - Methods
 - Results
 - Conclusions
- Preferred method of presentation i.e. oral or poster
- Presenter denoted with an asterisk e.g. Jones, K*, Royal Adelaide Hospital, Adelaide, South Australia

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

All abstracts must include the full name, professional mailing address, phone number and email address of the presenting author and submitted to the ICASA President via email at: marija.juraja@health.sa.gov.au by **close of business, Monday 2 March 2009**. A confirmation email will be sent within 5 working days of receipt of your abstract.

PRESENTATION FORMAT

The ICASA 2009 Scientific Program Committee will utilise a standardised scoring system to select abstracts for oral and poster presentations in the sessions allocated in the program. The Committee reserves the right to decide the format of presentations on the basis of time and space available.

ABSTRACT NOTIFICATION

A notification email regarding abstract acceptance will be sent to the nominated contact for the abstract. All presenters will qualify for the early bird registration fee.

FURTHER INFORMATION

If you would like any further clarification, direction or assistance regarding an abstract submission, please contact either:

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