

RACGP ASC 2006 invitation for research papers, posters and workshop abstracts

The Queensland Faculty of The Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP) invites you to participate in the ASC 2006 by presenting at this event, 'Be the future – awaken your senses', a convention that will bring together clinically relevant experiences for most of our senses. See, hear, taste and feel the future, and join in this extraordinary journey looking at its future of general practice. Join experienced and world renowned general practitioners (GPs) at plenary sessions on cutting edge research with evidence relevant to Australian general practice. Celebrate and expand on the many achievements of Australia's GPs and researchers, many of whom are at the forefront of world family medicine. Topics such as skin cancer, genetics and preventive medicine will feature as well as exciting panel discussions on where general practice is heading in the future.

Your presentation can be as a workshop, paper, or poster across a range of themes, eg:

- advances in education in general practice
- cutting edge research in general practice
- sustainability of general practice in the future
- technological advances in general practice.

All submitted abstracts:

- must be original work
- are subject to review by the Scientific Program Committee who reserve the right to accept, reject and allocate abstracts for inclusion in the program
- should conform to the guidelines listed below to ensure they are reviewed
- which are accepted may be published in the convention proceedings and abstracts book, and on the RACGP website.

When submitting your abstract, please make it clear if you are a first time presenter or registrar, as there are special awards in both these categories. All presenting authors must be individually registered to attend the convention and are required to meet their own travel, accommodation and registration expenses.

If multiple abstracts are submitted, a fully completed abstract submission must be tendered for each abstract.

Guidelines on formatting and submitting abstracts

The guidelines should be read before preparing your abstract. These are available below, with a further detailed example on the RACGP website at www.racgp.org.au/asc2006.

It is important the following formatting specifications are complied with. Please specify whether you wish your abstract to be considered as an oral presentation, poster, workshop or new idea.

Title: Use sentence case (eg. A home grown medical workforce, not A Home Grown Medical Workforce) – without a full stop at the end. Do not use abbreviations in the title.

Text: maximum 300 words for abstract body, use Arial font – 12 point size and single spacing. Write in the English language and only use italics for scientific names.

Paragraphs: Fully justify paragraphs, do not indent paragraphs and leave one blank line between each paragraph.

Identification of presenting author, co-authors and institutions:

All co-authors must be identified, use first name followed by surname, eg. John Smith, underline the name of the presenting author, and do not include degrees, professional titles or postnominals.

Use superscripts to identify authors to institutions, eg. John Smith¹, William Black¹, Jane Smithers^{1,2}

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Abbreviations: Use standard abbreviations only. When using abbreviations for compounds, spell out the name in full at the first mention and follow with the abbreviation in parenthesis.



5–8 October 2006 Brisbane
Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre

49th Annual Scientific Convention

Be the future

Call for abstracts

Deadline extended until
30 April 2006

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Deadline for submission of abstracts

Submission deadline is Sunday 30 April 2006. Abstracts are to be submitted by email to abstracts@racgp.org.au. If you have not received an acknowledgment of receipt within 10 days of submitting your abstract, please contact the abstract coordinator on abstracts@racgp.org.au.

More detailed information about submissions can be obtained from the RACGP website at www.racgp.org.au/asc2006.



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Abstract content

The purpose of an abstract is to define the precise subject of the presentation to an audience. Abstracts should be no longer than 300 words. The title should be brief and clearly state the nature of the presentation (ie. oral presentation, poster, workshop, new idea). Tables, figures, references and acknowledgments should not form any part of the abstract content.

It is the responsibility of the presenting author to ensure accuracy of content, spelling and presentation, as abstracts will be published as submitted (subject to any reformatting that may be required by the convention organisers).

Abstracts should be arranged under the following headings where appropriate:

- objectives
- methods
- results/principal findings
- discussion
- implications for policy, delivery or practice.



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Types of presentations

Presentation content should be consistent with the convention theme of 'Be the future'.

Paper presentations

Ten minutes for the presentation of completed research or work in progress and 5 minutes for questions.

New ideas

Presentations of new ideas should take 5 minutes and will be followed by 10 minutes of discussion with the audience. This will be an opportunity to share, develop and evaluate an idea with the help of peers. New researchers can benefit from the experience and knowledge of the audience in a nonthreatening environment.

Posters

Poster viewing sessions will be arranged at the convention venue and authors will be expected to be available to discuss their work with delegates. Posters must be submitted within the size of the poster boards which are 84 cm high by 60 cm wide (A1 size) and authors will need to provide Velcro stickers for mounting of posters.

Workshops

Ideas should be submitted to the Scientific Program Committee along with an outline of the content. The RACGP will not be responsible for any workshop costs unless otherwise agreed by the committee.

Oral presentations

You will be required to bring your presentation to the speaker preparation room the day before, or no later than 4 hours before your presentation. Technicians will be on hand to assist you and will load your presentation onto the speaker computer network. You can also email your presentation to the convention organisers in advance of the meeting. Further information on this facility will be available on the RACGP website closer to the convention.