

WELCOME MESSAGE FROM THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE

Dear Colleagues and Visitors,

It is an honour and a pleasure for the organising committee of the COCHLEAR IMPLANT CONFERENCE: ISSUES FOR NEW POPULATIONS, to present this final announcement and call for abstracts. As you know the conference will take place at the Spier Estate, Western Cape, South Africa, 17 – 19 March 2005.

Those of us who have been privileged enough to be part of the miracle which Cochlear Implants have offered to the profoundly hearing-impaired, have lived through most exciting times. As science continues to play its role, and technology advances, time should be set aside to ensure that the benefits are made available to more of those who need them.

This conference has been designed to address the issues which relate to delivering the service to communities, irrespective of their wealth or social standing, and relating only to need. Your participation in our meeting will reflect your concern for those who have not been blessed with sufficient hearing to allow them access to all that life can offer. Your attendance and academic contribution will help us achieve the vision of this conference and for that we would thank you most sincerely.

Our country has a proud tradition of resolving problems through open and honest dialogue and negotiation and we trust that this environment will extend to fruitful discussions at Spier.

The setting is truly beautiful, and the cultural and recreational opportunities offered by the Western Cape are matched by the warm hospitality with which we welcome visitors who grace our shores. I sincerely hope you will be able to attend our conference, that your visit will be an enriching experience both academically and culturally, and that above all you will have fun.

We look forward to welcoming you to South Africa.

Derrick Wagenfeld

Chairperson: Organising Committee



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SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM INFORMATION

The Cochlear Implant Conference: Issues for New Populations, will be held between Wednesday 16th March and Saturday 19th March 2005 at the Spier Estate, Stellenbosch. The Local Organising Committee and the International Faculty is planning and anticipating an innovative and fruitful program.

The Conference will be in the form of Plenary Sessions consisting of panel discussions and selected free papers. It is hoped that at the end of each session a consensus document with recommended guidelines will be produced. The following topics will be presented in the plenary sessions:

1. Cost effectiveness of Cochlear Implants
2. Selection criteria for adults and children in developing nations
3. Minimum infra-structural requirements for implant programs
4. Assessment protocols for Cochlear Implant candidates
5. Bilateral Cochlear Implants
6. Funding of Cochlear Implants
7. Educational support requirements for Cochlear Implant users
8. Ethical aspects of implantation



PRELIMINARY DAILY PROGRAM

Cochlear Implant Conference: Issues for New Populations

	Wednesday 16 March	Thursday 17 March	Friday 18 March	Saturday 19 March
	07:30 - 15:00 registration	07:30 - 15:00 registration	07:30 - 15:00 registration	07:30 - 14:00 registration
	Set-up of exhibitors			
08:00		Welcome address	Plenary session	Plenary session
08:30		Plenary session	Minimum	Pre-implant
09:00		Health economic issues	infrastructural	assessment
09:30			requirements for	
10:00			cochlear implants	
10:30		Tea and Posters	Tea and Posters	Tea and Posters
11:00	Med-EL Satellite	Plenary session	Plenary session	Plenary session
11:30	Symposium	Audiological criteria	Educational support	Ethical aspects of
12:00			requirements	implantation
12:30				
13:00	Lunch	Lunch & Posters	Lunch & Posters	Lunch & Posters
13:30				
14:00	Cochlear Satellite	Plenary session	Free Papers	Plenary session
14:30	Symposium	Bilateral implants		Funding of cochlear
15:00				implants
15:30				Tea & Posters
16:00	Registration &	Tea & Posters	Tea & Posters	Consensus statement
16:30	Opening function	Free Papers	Free Papers	Conference closing
17:00				
17:30				
18:00				
18:30				
19:00				
19:30			Conference dinner	



CPD ACCREDITATION

CPD points will be applied for at Stellenbosch University.

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Participants are invited to submit original abstracts for oral and/or poster presentations.

The final deadline for abstract submission is November 30th, 2004.

Guidelines for Abstract submission

Authors are requested to conform to the following guidelines for submission of abstracts. The abstracts must be submitted in English. All abstracts will be reviewed and may be selected for oral or poster presentation or may be rejected. The time allotted for each oral presentation will depend on the session to which the abstract is allocated. English will be the language for all oral and poster presentations. Notification of acceptance or rejection by the Local Scientific Committee will be mailed to the presenting author at the address given on the abstract by **15th December 2004**.

We strongly encourage submitting authors to register via the online registration system simultaneously with the abstract submission. Much to the regret of the organisers, failure to register by the presenting author by **14 January 2005**, will automatically imply that the abstract will neither be included in the Final Program nor be printed in the abstract book.

Detailed information guidelines and recommendations for oral and poster presentations, as well as time allotment, date, hour, and venue, will be sent in due time to duly registered authors.

Submission Procedure

1. Abstracts may be submitted **electronically only** from 30th August 2004 until **the deadline November, 30th 2004** via the conference website, at www.sun.ac.za/cochlear2005.



2. On the website you will find detailed instructions regarding the submission procedure.
3. Abstracts sent by mail, direct e-mail, or fax will **not be accepted**.

Please refer to the conference website at <http://www.sun.ac.za/cochlear2005> for details.

Closing date for receipt of abstracts: Tuesday 30 November 2004.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Venue

The meeting will convene at Spier Wine Estate, Stellenbosch. Stellenbosch is a scenic university town situated in the winelands of the Western Cape. Magnificent natural surroundings, graceful architecture and the inherent elegance of Spier make it the perfect venue to host the Cochlear 2005 Conference. Please visit the Spier website at <http://www.spier.co.za> should you want more information on the venue.

How to get to Spier Estate

Spier is conveniently situated in the heart of the beautiful Wine Route within 25 minutes drive from Cape Town, ten minutes from Cape Town International Airport and five minutes from Stellenbosch.

Coming from Cape Town

- Take the N2-Airport Road
- Continue past the Airport turnoff, this is approximately 10 km after the cooling towers.
- Take exit 33, which is the Baden Powell Drive/R310 Stellenbosch turn off.
- Turn left in the direction of Stellenbosch. Spier Estate is 9 kms down the road on the right.

Coming from Milnerton/Bellville and Brackenfell areas

- Take N1 and take exit 47. Turn right at the stop sign and continue to Stellenbosch on the R44. As you drive into Stellenbosch keep straight and



you will get into Adam Tas road, which has the railway line on its right. Go past Simonsberg Cheeses and Bergkelder. Turn right at sign for Cape Town and Kuilsriver – R310.

- At the sign for Muizenberg – R310, turn left. If you go past Neethlingshof turn back. Spier is approximately 5 km down the Muizenberg road on the left.

From Somerset West/Gordon's Bay

- Take R44 North until you get the Annandale Road/Lynedoch turnoff.
- Turn left, continue straight until T-junction (at the Mooiberg Farmstall)
- Turn right and Spier is approximately 1 km on the right.

From Paarl area

- Take R44 heading towards Stellenbosch.
- Same as for Milnerton areas once on the R44.

Meeting Administrators

For all enquiries regarding registration, advertisements, exhibitions as well as scientific, general and social programmes please contact:

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Registration and Information Desk

The registration and information desk will be situated in the foyer of the Spier Conference Centre for the duration of the conference.

Please check conference registration form for registration fees.

Language

The official language of the conference will be English. No simultaneous translation service will be provided.



Admission Nametages

All participants must wear conference nametags at all times during the conference, whilst visiting the exhibition area and on all conference premises. Nametags should also be worn when attending the events of the social programme. Only participants or accompanying persons wearing their conference nametags will be admitted to the scientific sessions, the exhibition and the social events.

Technical Exhibition

A technical exhibition will be located in the Stellenberg, Simonsberg and Helderberg rooms at Spier Conference Centre. Companies and suppliers will exhibit their latest innovations in the field of Cochlear Implants, give demonstrations and will be available to answer questions. You will have ample opportunity to visit the exhibitions during refreshment breaks.

Abstract Book

An abstract supplement of the meeting, containing the abstracts will form part of the registration package.

Accommodation

Block accommodation bookings have been arranged at The Village at Spier Hotel and Soverby Guest House.

The Village At Spier Hotel, (120 Rooms) (B&B) Stellenbosch - situated adjacent to the conference venue

The Village at Spier – a 150 room hotel complex set in 32 buildings around private courtyards and walkways.

Single: R760,00 per person

Double: R800,00 per room

Contact person: Melanie van Riet, the Village at Spier Hotel, P O Box 1078, Stellenbosch 7599 Tel: +27 21 809 1904 Fax: +27 21 881 3141 or
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Soverby Guest House

Single: R430,00 per person

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1. All rates quoted include VAT at the prevailing rate of 14% but exclude government room levy.
2. Accommodation will be allocated on a first come first serve basis.
3. A deposit covering one night's accommodation (on an individual basis) is required to secure your reservation at all hotels/guest houses.
4. The accommodation reservation form must be returned as soon as possible **(before 4 February 2005)** to the hotel.
5. Should you book accommodation telephonically, please remember to mention that you are booking for the COCHLEAR IMPLANT 2005 CONFERENCE. Should you fail to do this, the hotels might inform you that they are fully booked.
6. The hotel of your choice will confirm your accommodation reservation directly with you.

Alternative accommodation

Please visit the Stellenbosch Tourism Bureau on <http://www.istellenbosch.org.za>.

Travel Reservations

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Indojet Travel has been appointed as the official travel agent for this conference. Please contact Marita du Toit on e-mail marita.indojettravel@galileosa.co.za or directly on telephone +27 21 970 4700 or fax +27 21 976 0292 for best fares. Please book in advance to qualify for best rates! Block bookings have been made on selected SAA flights.

Transfers to and from airport

The Conference committee cannot arrange transfers to and from the airport for all delegates. Arrangements and payment for transfers are the delegate's own responsibility. Delegates staying at The Village at Spier Hotel can organise transfers to and from the airport directly with the Traveldesk at Spier on telephone +27 21 809 1134. All delegates staying at alternative accommodation can contact Marita du Toit from Indo Jet Travel on tel +27 21 970 4700 or e-mail marita.indojettravel@galileosa.co.za to arrange transfers.

Credit Cards

Major credit cards (American Express, Diners Club, Mastercard, Visa) are accepted in most hotels, restaurants and shops.



Foreign Exchange

Most banks in Stellenbosch exchange foreign currency and traveller's cheques. Banks are open Mondays to Fridays, generally from 09:00 to 15:00 and on Saturdays from 09:00 to 11:00. Foreign exchange facilities are also available at the airport.

Lunch and refreshments

Coffee, tea and lunch will be available during breaks in the exhibition area where all the conference exhibitions will be displayed.

Registration

Please complete the registration form and return it with the registration fee before **4 February 2005**. Payment may be made by cheque, money order or direct deposit. The registration fee includes scientific sessions, lunches, final program and abstract book. Completed registration forms will be acknowledged by mail or fax.

Please note that late registrations can only be accepted at the conference office up to Monday 7 March 2005. Thereafter, delegates must please register on-site.

Please refer to the conference registration form for registration fees.

Cancellation of Registration for the Conference

Any cancellation received by the Secretariat will be subject to the following refund policy:

- 75% of the amount paid if written cancellation is received prior to 4 February 2005.
- No refund if written cancellation is received after 4 February 2005.

On Site Registration

While it will be possible to register on site, we strongly recommend that participants and their accompanying persons take advantage of the convenience and the saving by registering in advance.



Social Program

Wednesday 16 March 2005

16:30 Welcome Function and Registration
Venue: Spier Estate
Dress: Casual

Thursday 17 March 2005

Free Evening

Friday 18 March 2005

19:30 Conference Dinner at Moyo Restaurant
Venue: Spier Estate
Dress: Smart Casual

Important Addresses

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