Update
5-7 May 2011
CSIR Convention Centre, Pretoria

1st Announcement & Call For Abstracts
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PROF JAN DEPREST

Jan Deprest (*15/02/1960) is a Professor in Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Director of the Interdepartmental Centre for Surgical Technologies, and currently (2010-2015) the Academic Chair of the Department of Woman and Child at the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven. His clinical appointments are in Fetal Medicine (The heading section on invasive fetal therapy) and Urogynaecology (Pelvic Floor Unit). His academic commitments parallel these areas of interest, with research on fetal therapy and regenerative medicine in pelvic floor surgery. He is supervising 16 doctoral students. He has published over 290 peer-reviewed papers and over 60 book chapters. He was awarded the “Jose Daels” prize in Obstetrics and Gynaecology of the Royal Academy of Medicine. He is an assistant Editor of Prenatal Diagnosis and a member of the Editorial Board of 10 other journals. He was the founder of Eurofoetus, which in consecutive R&D and Marie Curie projects, focused on instrument development for fetoscopic surgery, and the treatment of monochorionic twins and congenital diaphragmatic hernia.

DR LOU PISTORIUS

Dr Lou Pistorius completed his MBChB (Pretoria) cum laude in 1986, and obtained the MMed (O&G) and FCOG (SA) at Stellenbosch University in 1993. After a year in the UK he returned to Pretoria to the Kalafong Hospital, where his interest in fetal medicine was kindled. He moved to Sandton Mediclinic as gynaecologist with interest in fetal diagnosis and therapy in 1998. Since 2004 he has been attached to the University Medical Centre, Utrecht, The Netherlands, where he obtained his PhD on fetal brain imaging in 2008. His current research includes evaluation of fetal cortical folding and brain volume in various pathological conditions, the correlation of prenatal and postnatal ultrasound & MRI findings with neurodevelopment, and the evaluation of prenatal ultrasound markers in prediction of postnatal outcome in fetuses with gastroschizis. He is founder member of the Perinatal Neurology Working Group, and enjoys wide international scientific collaboration. He has authored or co-authored more than thirty scientific publications, and organizes or participates in a wide range of ultrasound courses, from primary to tertiary level. In the good tradition of Paul of Tarsus he considers all of this a loss because of the high privilege of trying to reconcile third millennium prenatal diagnosis with the teachings of a man from a backward province in the Roman empire who got nailed to a tree 2000 years ago for saying how great it would be if everyone was nice to each other for a change (apologies to Douglas Adams).
PROF RENE VERHEIJEN

1956  Born, Aalst-Waalre (NL)
1975  Bachelor Psychology, University of Nijmegen (NL)
1982  MD, University of Nijmegen (NL)
1985  PhD, University of Nijmegen (NL)
1991-1992 Clinical Fellow, Dutch Cancer Society: Samaritan Hospital for Women/Hammersmith Hospital, London (UK), and Netherlands Cancer Institute, Amsterdam (NL)
1992-1993 Lecturer in Obstetrics and Gynaecology, VU University Medical Centre, Amsterdam (NL)
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2000-2007 Professor of Gynaecological Oncology, VU University Medical Centre, Amsterdam (NL)
2008 - Professor of Gynaecological Oncology, Head of Surgical and Oncological Gynaecology, Div. of Woman & Baby, University Medical Center Utrecht (NL)
Wednesday 4 May 2011

10h00 - 20h00 Build up for exhibitors

Thursday 5 May 2011

Pre Congress Workshops

08h30 - 12h30 Ultrasound Workshop (Ultrasound of the fetal brain)
13h00 - 17h00 South African Society for Gynaecological Oncology Workshop
13h00 - 17h00 Maternal & Fetal Medicine Society Workshop

Friday 6 May 2011

08h00 Registration opens for Update
09h00 UPDATE (Day 1)
19h00 Cocktail Function

Saturday 7 May 2011

08h00 Registration
09h00 UPDATE (Day 2)
17h30 Prize giving and closure
REGISTRATION INFORMATION
The Congress Organisers will confirm all registrations in writing only once full payment has been received. The registration fees are payable in South African Rands ONLY and will include:

- Admission to all scientific sessions for the duration of the congress.
- Congress bag.
- Programme, abstract book and other important material.
- Luncheons and teas
- Admission to cocktail function.

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The registration form must be completed in full. (See enclosed registration form or visit the website www.sasog.co.za for further information). Please return your registration form and fax to Londocor on +27 11 768 1174. Alternatively e-mail to yvonne@londocor.co.za

You will receive confirmation of registration within 72 hours of submitting your registration form and proof of payment. Should you not receive confirmation please contact Yvonne or Sonja on e-mail: yvonne@londocor.co.za or sonja@londocor.co.za or on +27 11 768 4355.

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Please note that all delegates are responsible for their own travel insurance, medical insurance and cancellation fees. All vehicles used as congress shuttles will carry personal insurance of R5 million per vehicle.

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LANGUAGE
The congress will be conducted in English. No translation service will be available.

CPD ACCREDITATION
The pre-congress workshop, scientific sessions will be CPD accredited.

The Committee invites the submission of abstracts to be considered for oral presentations for the Maternal & Fetal Medicine Society Workshop.

The deadline for submission of abstracts is 31 March 2011. Registrars are specifically invited to present. Abstracts will only be accepted via the website www.sasog.co.za. Faxed abstracts will not be accepted. Please provide the presenting author’s full name, title, affiliation, physical address, telephone, fax numbers & e-mail address.

Please note that authors of accepted abstracts must be registered delegates. Guidelines for the submission of abstracts are available on the website www.sasog.co.za

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