

DARE TO BE *Different*



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LETTER OF INVITATION

Dear Colleague,

It is with great pleasure and anticipation that we invite you to join us as we **'Dare to be Different'** at the 20th Annual Pelvic Floor Symposium, being held at the Sheraton Grand Sydney Hyde Park on the 1st & 2nd November 2019.

AGES is excited to announce that the joint **2018 Noble Peace Prize winner, Dr Denis Mukwege**, will be joining our esteemed faculty and will present in the opening plenary.

This inspirational Congolese doctor has devoted his life to the repair of women who have been brutalised and violated. The son of a pastor who was prepared to shift the focus of his career from pediatrics to obstetrics and then gynecological surgery to respond to local needs, Denis will share stories and experiences not to be missed.

'Mukwege has earned the moniker "the man who mends women" for the work he and his colleagues at Panzi Hospital have done to treat tens of thousands of women and girls, survivors of rape and sexual violence, which has been used as a weapon of war since conflict began in the east of the DRC in 1995'. Rumours had circulated for years that he was in the running for the Nobel Peace Prize, and in 2018 he was awarded the highest of honours for his work.

Dr Mukwege will be joining our other international faculty members such as Dr Lynsey Hayward, the stellar immediate past president of IUGA and Dr Sayeba Akhter, a visionary woman who has transformed hundreds of lives in Bangladesh and who works tirelessly for the Rohingya women. They are charged with the task of guiding you along a different surgical pathway, a task they are ably equipped for. By popular demand we have invited Lorimer Moseley to join us again to explain pain. We can't pass by an opportunity to extend our knowledge of this ever-expanding area, presented in such a beguiling way.

Let our local faculty dare you to innovate with more controversial surgical options and new technology updates. Then let's move into another realm and join our invited international physiotherapist, Professor Kari Bø, a woman of immense achievements. In 2015, she was awarded the Mildred Elson Award, the most prestigious award from the World Confederation of Physiotherapy, for her contribution to research and education in pelvic floor dysfunction and women's health. In 2016 she was awarded the International Continence Society Lifelong Achievement award. She will bring us into the world of physiotherapy and its intersection with the pelvic floor.

Everything about our 2019 program is different. We'll explore obstetric and gynecological issues, and even venture into politics, exploring the plights of different groups, including a foray into the Rohingya Crisis... now that is different! We will also continue with our discussions on different strategies in obstetrics to prevent pelvic floor disorders

You just need to **accept the dare** and **register** for this meeting to learn how you too can be different and rise above the ordinary.

So that it's not all work and no play whilst you are in Sydney, you may like to extend your stay and take the opportunity to make the most of the November weather. You can see the Jacaranda trees in full bloom by visiting one of Sydney's many parks, visit the world-class beaches, or even take a stroll around the Harbour. Sydney will also be hosting the Sydney Open, where the city unlocks the doors of over 60 of their iconic, intriguing and inspiring buildings and spaces on Sunday 3rd November.

We promise that this year's program will **challenge your thinking** and take you on a journey of difference. As specialist gynaecologists we need to be leaders in elevating the care that we offer the women who rely on us. Joining your colleagues to discuss and debate the latest ideas and innovations will help make a difference to the lives of these women.

We look forward to warmly welcoming you to the AGES 20th Annual Pelvic Floor Symposium in Sydney.

Kind regards,



Stuart Salfinger
President, AGES



Prof Ajay Rane OAM
Co-Chair



Dr Emma Readman
Co-Chair

FRIDAY 1ST NOVEMBER 2019

0700 - 0755 Conference Registration

0755 - 1000 **SESSION 1: DIFFERENT SURGERY**

Welcome - **Ajay Rane & Emma Readman**

Is the sacrospinous ligament optimal for vaginal vault prolapse repair? - **Lynsey Hayward**

Reconstructive pelvic surgery after gender-based violence - **Denis Mukwege**

Apical support by robot or straight stick laparoscope - a balanced view - **Joseph Lee**

How to approach bulking agents - **Christopher Benness**

Obliterative procedures for vault prolapse - **Sayeba Akhter**

How do we approach the necessity of high-volume surgery? - **Gil Burton**

To stent or not to stent? ... That is the question! - **Vincent Tse**

Panel Discussion

1000 - 1030 MORNING TEA, DIGITAL COMMUNICATIONS & TRADE EXHIBITION

1030 - 1230 **SESSION 2: DIFFERENT PAINS**

Pain - please explain? - **Lorimer Moseley**

Painful bladder syndrome - is surgery ever indicted? - **Lucy Bates**

Total body syndromes and my pelvic floor? - **Jason Abbott**

Pathophysiology of pelvic pain post mesh and native tissue surgery - **Thierry Vancaillie**

Botox infiltration of the bladder, pelvic floor & bowel - A "how & why" instructional video - **Erin Nesbitt-Hawes**

Pain after sexual violence - **Denis Mukwege**

Panel Discussion

1230 - 1330 LUNCH, DIGITAL COMMUNICATIONS & TRADE EXHIBITION

1330 - 1500 **SESSION 3: KEYNOTE LECTURE & FREE COMMUNICATIONS**

KEYNOTE: The weighty issue and the pelvic floor - **Lynsey Hayward**

FREE COMMUNICATIONS A

FREE COMMUNICATIONS B

1500 - 1530 AFTERNOON TEA, DIGITAL COMMUNICATIONS & TRADE EXHIBITION

1530 - 1730 **SESSION 4: DARE TO INNOVATE**

Urogynaecology current affairs - **Stefaan Pacqué**

The vaginal mesh debate exposed us... Where are our databases? - **Lynsey Hayward**

Does the laparoscope have a place in urogynaecology? Prove it! - **Marcus Carey**

Paradise lost? Is there still a role for vaginal mesh? - **Alan Lam**

Big data, grand plans and the pelvic floor - **Elvis Šeman**

Autologous grafts - back to the future? - **Fariba Behnia-Willison**

New wave technology and the pelvic floor - is it the way? - **Christopher Maher**

Panel Discussion

1730 Close of Day One

1930 - 2300 **GREAT GATSBY DINNER & AWARDS**

SATURDAY 2ND NOVEMBER 2019

0730 - 0800

Conference Registration

0800 - 1000

SESSION 5: DIFFERENT COLLABORATIONS

Are physios all the same? Physiotherapy philosophies - **Kari Bø**

Myotherapists - muscular magicians?! - **Taryn Hallam**

Colorectal collaboration - **Shahrir Kabir**

Getting it going - the GP's role in pelvic floor management? - **TBC**

Help! The urologist and urotrauma - **Justin Vass**

Urogynae nurses nurturing the service - **TBC**

Let's talk about sex therapy - **Rosie King**

Panel Discussion

1000 - 1030

MORNING TEA & TRADE EXHIBITION

1030 - 1230

SESSION 6: DIFFERENT OBSTETRIC ISSUES

Physiotherapy and the post-partum patient - the evidence - **Kari Bø**

Scarab and UR choice - **Harsha Ananthram**

Assisted vaginal delivery and pelvic trauma - the green top guideline - **Jennifer King**

"There will be no fistulas in 2030"... Dream or reality? - **Ajay Rane**

Towards normal birth? - **Jason Mak**

Australian Birth Trauma Association - **Jessica Caudwell-Hall & Amy Dawes**

Panel Discussion

1230 - 1330

LUNCH & TRADE EXHIBITION

1330 - 1440

SESSION 7: DIFFERENT PLIGHTS

KEYNOTE: Is physical activity good or bad for the pelvic floor? - **Kari Bø**

Different surgeries - dare we do it? - **Danny Chou, Jay Iyer & Stephen Lyons**

1440 - 1510

AFTERNOON TEA & TRADE EXHIBITION

1510 - 1710

SESSION 8: CHANGE, DIFFERENCE & POLITICS

Rohingya crisis - challenges for women - **Sayeba Akhter**

Challenges for a urogynaecologist in a developed world - **Anna Rosamilia**

Far from the city - bush urogynaecology - **Elizabeth Gallagher**

Medical interventions in the developing world. Can we help? Should we help? - **Sayeba Akhter**

KEYNOTE: How to truly make a difference - **Denis Mukwege**

Panel Discussion

1710

Close of Day Two and Symposium

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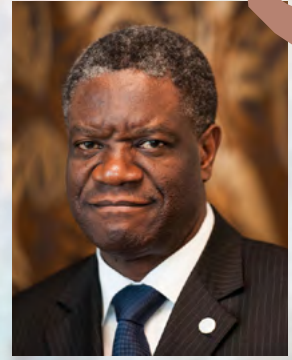
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5	6	7



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17th & 18th July 2020

JULY	JULY
17	18



AGES LAP-D Workshops
MERF QUT, Brisbane

2019
Demonstration Workshop:
17th August 2019

Dissection Workshop:
30th November 2019

AUGUST	NOVEMBER
17	30



AGES XXI Pelvic Floor Symposium 2020
Adelaide Convention Centre
30th & 31st October 2020

OCTOBER	OCTOBER
30	31

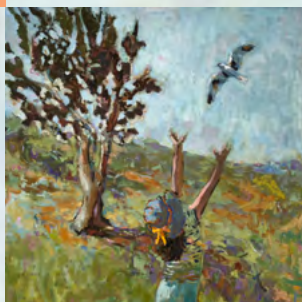
2020
Dissection Workshop:
4th April 2020
28th November 2020

Advanced Dissection Workshop:
5th April 2020

Demonstration Workshop:
29th August 2020

APRIL	APRIL	AUGUST	NOVEMBER
4	5	29	28

LUCILA ZENTNER



Lucila Zentner is an Australian artist working predominantly in oils. Lucila combines a love and practice of fine art with a career in medicine, practicing as a Radiologist and Nuclear Medicine specialist.

She has lived and worked in Regional Victoria and NSW over the last 10 years and has now moved studio to Sydney. Lucila paints private commissions as well as for private and public institutions ranging from professional medical suites/hospitals to cafes.

ARTIST STATEMENT

I paint to hold onto a moment, to thrill the senses, to delight, to mourn and to live. My paintings are oil on canvas or linen, representational, mildly abstracted, expressionistic. All are of people, places or ideas. I enjoy gestures, light and form and shadows. My muses are my family, my friends and the Australian landscape. My styles are diverse, but the brush strokes are always solid, definite and final.

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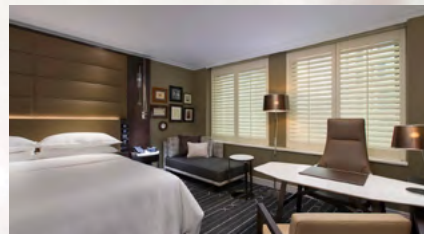
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Sheraton Grand Sydney Hyde Park
Friday 1st November

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\$145.00pp

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