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7TH INTERNATIONAL SPARK OF LIFE CONFERENCE

Hotel Grand Chancellor, Hobart 30th April – 2nd May 2009

UPDATE

International speakers:

David Zideman (UK)
Laurie Morrison (Canada)
Charles Deakin (UK)
Sandra Clarke (Canada)

Australian Visitor:

Dr Tony Smith – Medical Director
St John Ambulance, New Zealand

Registration Fee for the 2 day SOL Conference 1-2 May 2009

\$495.00 (inclusive of GST) – before 30th March 2009

\$528.00 (inclusive of GST) – after 31st March 2009

The registration brochure, including call for abstracts is included with this newsletter. The final conference programme will be posted on the ARC website as soon as available.

Further details:

Mrs Carol Carey, Conference Convenor, Tel: (03) 9249 1214 or Email: arc@surgeons.org

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PETER BASKETT



26.07.1934 – 18.04.2008

It is with the deepest regret, we announce the death of Peter Baskett, the Editor-in-Chief of Resuscitation and prominent member of the Board of the European Resuscitation Council (ERC). The name of Peter Baskett is familiar to the resuscitation community worldwide. He accumulated a staggering number of achievements and they impacted significantly on many disciplines. He is a great loss to the ERC.

Peter Baskett starting lecturing and teaching in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) soon after his appointment as Consultant Anaesthetist to the Royal Infirmary and Frenchay Hospital, Bristol, UK in 1966; he has been at the forefront of resuscitation in Europe and elsewhere in the world for 40 years. He was a Founder Member of the Resuscitation Council (UK), which was established formally in 1984, and a Founder Member of the European Resuscitation Council (ERC), which was established 4 years later. Peter was appointed as Chairman of the ERC in 1989 and he remained a very active Officer and Board Member of this organisation right up to his death.

As a member of the International Liaison Committee on Resuscitation (ILCOR) from 1995 to 2000, Peter developed the international guidelines on airway management during resuscitation, and healthcare professionals across the world respected his expertise on this subject.

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"ANNOUNCEMENT"

ARC GUIDELINES

For quite sometime, Council has been discussing a way of making the ARC guidelines freely available to all via the ARC website.

We are happy to announce that this is about to happen and very soon everybody who hits on the website will be able to print out the guidelines. A new log on process is being investigated and as soon as this is finalised the guidelines will be available to everybody.

Notwithstanding the above, we would however encourage subscribers to continue to subscribe. Subscribers will continue to be sent hard copies of the new and/or updated guidelines to up date their manual together with access details which will enable them to view and copy the valuable information which is included in the subscriber's only area of the ARC website.

AED SIGN

Council has approved the following AED sign. A downloadable copy will be placed on the ARC website.



NEW AND/OR UPDATED GUIDELINES

There were no updated guidelines approved for circulation at the July 2008 Council meeting.

FATIGUE DURING CPR

The ARC has received some reports about rescuer fatigue and the possibility of injury whilst performing CPR.

The ARC strongly recommends that all training organisations emphasise the importance of frequent rotation of rescuers (especially the rescuer performing chest compressions) should be undertaken to reduce fatigue as per ARC guideline 7.



Studies – Peter

TELEPHONE CPR

Red Cross launches world first - CPR instructions direct to your mobile phone.

This groundbreaking technology will literally put the ability to save a life in the hands of all Australians with a mobile phone. The technology is a world first, and has been developed in conjunction with Multi-Ed medical, a Tasmanian medical education company.

To download the CPR animation, visit www.redcross.org.au or call the Red Cross office in your State or territory

DRAFT GUIDELINES CURRENTLY UNDER REVIEW

The following draft guidelines will be issued to member organisations and State Branches as committee working drafts and will be considered at the next meeting of Council.

Final Drafts

- Guideline 3.3 Positioning an Unconscious Victim
- Guideline 8.1 Principles of Control of Bleeding for First Aiders
- Guideline 8.10 First aid Management of a Seizure
- Guideline 8.15 First Aid for Asthma
- Guideline 8.16 Heat Induced Illness (Hyperthermia): First Aid Management
- Guideline 8.18 Management of Suspected Spinal Injury
- Guideline 8.19 The First Aid Management of Hyperventilation Syndrome
- Guideline 10.1.2 The Use of Oxygen in Emergencies
- Guideline X Managing Peri-Arrest Arrhythmias

First Drafts

- Guideline 8.5 Burns
- Guideline 8.6 Priorities at the Scene of a Road Accident
- Guideline 8.8 Hypothermia: First Aid and Management
- Guideline 8.9.4 Envenomation – Bee, Wasp & Ant Stings
- Guideline 8.23 Anaphylaxis – First Aid Management
- Guideline 9.6.1 Cross Infection Risks and Manikin Disinfection
- Guideline 8.4 Shock

**NEWSLETTER EDITOR
MRS CAROL CAREY**

UPCOMING EVENTS

AUSTRALIAN RESUSCITATION COUNCIL (NSW) BRANCH

CONFERENCE 2008
Saturday, 30th August 2008

A conference for all those involved in the health field, first aid education, training or those just wanting to keep abreast with changes. Topics to be discussed include trauma and the upcoming 2010 guidelines that embrace and reflect these scientifically based modifications to the guidelines. The Organising Committee is confident that they have put together a program which will be informative and relevant to delegates and sponsors.

This conference brings together recognised leaders and specialists in the field of resuscitation, learning, training and education. Such a gathering of resuscitation experts, world leaders, practitioners and researchers creates the perfect platform for providers of products and services in this field to raise their profile in the marketplace through the exhibition.

Information on the conference is available online at www.arcnsw.org.au. This website provides all the latest conference information and online booking facilities. Further details secretary@arcnsw.org.au

ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT COURSE

28th & 29th August 2008

This course will be held at the NSW College of Nursing at Burwood. Places are limited to 24 students. Further details Peter Mckie 0412 183 933.