

### FACT SHEET

#### THE 16<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL EUROPE PACIFIC MEDICAL & LEGAL CONFERENCE

Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy

SUNDAY 8 JANUARY - SUNDAY 15 JANUARY 2012

*(Note in 2012 we will run a special extra networking event on Monday 16 January 2012 being a cross-country ski expedition)*

This conference has now become an institution and as far as the future can be predicted will continue annually for many years. The 2011 Cortina conference was the best ever and we hope to replicate that in 2012.

The best endorsement for this conference is that many delegates have returned for the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> time. It needs to be emphasised this is not an exclusively skier's event. It has developed into a conference in the Alps, with a distinguished international program of speakers and, at the same time, a wonderful platform for networking.

**The academic and professional program** has always been the centre piece of our conferences, but an equally important part is the networking activities we organise outside of the formal program. Over the years many delegates have forged professional links with other practitioners arising out of meeting for the first time at the conferences. The synergy of medical and legal practitioners at these conferences has led to a greater understanding of each other's role and broken down many barriers. Delegates have also reported that the informal interaction with other delegates has led to an exchange of ideas and methodologies, and an enhancement of professional camaraderie among fellow practitioners including referrals from both fellow medical practitioners and lawyers. Many delegates are now coming to these conferences as individuals because of the camaraderie and networking events associated with the conferences.

### THE LOCATION

Cortina d'Ampezzo, the site for the 1956 Winter Olympics is a wonderful location. Delegates now have a choice of staying in the mountain ambience of Pocol at the Villa Argentina, Hotel Pocol and Meuble Pocol (with some availability of apartments) or other hotels in the historic town centre of Cortina. The Pocol hotels are on the snow, the town hotels are an easy walk to two separate cable cars which take you to the roof of the Dolomites.

**For skiers**, the Olympic and World Cup runs and many intermediate and beginner runs are accessible directly from the hotel (walk 20 metres across the car-park, click on your skis and go!). And there's shuttle buses throughout Cortina for the other nearby Dolomiti areas, eg you can take the shuttle to Passo Falzarego, get the cable car to almost 3000 metres, then ski a stupendous run to where a farmer with horse and sleigh gives you a rope tow to the next village. Cross-country skiing starts at Fiammes where a special track, made on the old railway line, takes you almost to the Austrian border.

**For non-skiers** there are heaps to do with daily activities organised for non-skiers. The ski bus will take you to various cable cars where you can travel to the roof of the Dolomites for lunch. You shop and lunch in down-town Cortina, have lunch at the many easily accessible trattoria's on the snow, go for a horse and sleigh ride, ice skate in the former Olympic stadium, do a guided snow walking, watch an ice hockey game, take in the arts and crafts of Cortina or just relax in the wonderful alpine, snow drenched ambience. With a bit of luck you'll see wild deer in the woods.

On the net check out Cortina on [www.cortina.dolomiti.org](http://www.cortina.dolomiti.org)

### ACCOMMODATION

**Hotel Villa Argentina** (3-star): our conference hotel and venue, located on the snow in Pocol. Double room rates start at \$320\* per night including dinner, bed & breakfast (second person stays free).

**Meuble Piccolo Pocol**: situated on the snow in Pocol. Double room rates start at \$170\* per night including breakfast (second person stays free).

**Hotel de la Poste** (4-star): located in central Cortina. Double room rates start at \$370 per night including breakfast.

*\* If you wish to stay earlier or later please contact the office as rates can vary depending on the hotel. All prices are subject to room availability and exchange rate variations.*

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## REGISTRATION

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Registration cost is \$AUD1100 for single registration or for multiple registrations, \$AUD850. Please note that international conferences do not attract GST. Accompanying persons not needing formal registration are free and are welcome to attend all functions and sessions. Please note that rooms will be allocated strictly in accordance with the receipt of the registration fee. If for any reason you wish to cancel your registration (even at the last minute), I will refund your registration fee less a \$AUD100 administration charge. Accommodation once paid can only be refunded at the hotel's discretion.

## ACCREDITATION

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*Our organization is an accredited provider with the RACGP and when the agenda is finalised, we will apply for CME points for this conference. We are making application to various other colleges and will let you know in due course of the outcome of those applications*

## TRAVEL REQUIREMENTS

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CPE Travel Pty Ltd is our licensed travel agency within the conference organisation. Our experienced travel consultants are available to assist you with all travel arrangements including airfares, 2-for-1 packages, car hire, pre-conference and post-conference accommodation. Contact our office to speak with one of our consultants on 07 3254 3331 or email [travel@educationcpe.com](mailto:travel@educationcpe.com).

## THE PROFESSIONAL & ACADEMIC PROGRAM

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Conference sessions will run on 4 days of the conference for a disciplined 4 hours, generally starting early to late afternoon depending on the evening event.

Conference sessions always include a paper on medical litigation and a separate session on medical law. And we try to do such sessions in an interesting way – like when husband & wife team Dr Dan Peleg head of delivery ward in Rabin Medical Center & Attorney At Law, Israel, gave a joint presentation on Cesarean Delivery on Maternal Request – Medico-Legal Aspects (Yael Peleg being a plaintiff medical litigation lawyer!). Other fascinating medical speakers at these conferences have included Dr Karl-Heinz Kuenzel, Professor of Anatomy – University of Innsbruck who cut up the Ice Man & gave a discourse on forensic anatomy using the Ice Man as an example. Clinical papers have also been given on asbestos diseases, intellectual property & medicine, and a host of other areas.

The program for 2012 is not yet finalised, but as a guide here is the list of Speakers from the 2011 Program

**Dr David Molloy**, Specialist Gynaecologist: Infertility, Reproductive Endocrinology and Endoscopic Surgery - *“Surrogacy- the medicine and the law”*

**Associate Professor Julian Rait**, President MDA National and member of RACS Competence & Performance Working Party - *“The Competence and Performance of Surgeons”*.

**Dr John McBain & Dr Penelope Foster** – Fertility specialists at the Royal Women’s Hospital Melbourne VIC, - *“Discrimination in reproductive medicine”*.

**Professor The Hon. George Hampel AMQC**, Faculty of Law, Monash University - *“Difficult Issues in Sentencing”*.

**Her Honour Judge Felicity Hampel SC**, County Court of Victoria will present a paper entitled *“Developments in Human Rights”*.

**The Hon. Justice Ann Ainslie-Wallace**, Appellate Division Family Court of Australia - *“Expert Evidence”*.

**The Hon. Justice Colin Forrest SC**, Family Court Justice - *“The Valuation of Businesses and Minority Shareholdings in Family Companies in Family Law Act Property Division Proceedings – How to get “Good Value” out of our Accounting experts.”*

**Dr Beres Wenck** a senior general practitioner who has a keen interest in health reform. She is Vice President of MDA National and presented a paper entitled – *“Emerging Risks and Creating a Culture of Safety”*.

**Christopher Barry QC**, Barrister-at-law, Selborne Chambers, NSW - *“Update on Medical Negligence with particular reference to the recent High Court decision of Tabet v Getts”*.

**Peter Lane**, Barrister-at-Law, Inns of Court, QLD, will deliver a paper entitled *“Professional liability in commercial transactions: (a) to whom is a duty of care owed? (b) How does one value an alleged “loss of opportunity?”*

**Lorenzo Boccabella**, Barrister-at-law – *‘Recent issues in legal ethics – examining for 4 recent decisions of the Courts and Tribunals on legal ethics’*

**Fred Curtis**, Barrister-at-law, Sydney, a very experienced commercial law counsel – *“Corporate Piracy, Public Profligacy and the Law”*

**Alfred Hennerbichler**, University of Innsbruck & Duke University, USA - *“The knee Joint Meniscus - Basic Science and Clinical Considerations & medico legal implications of knee injuries”*

**Professor Dr Karl-Heinz Küenzel**, Professor of Anatomy – University of Innsbruck – *Forensic anatomy – a case study of the Ice Man “News from the Iceman”*. Professor Küenzel is a world leader in forensic anatomy – here he uses the investigation of the causes of death of the Ice Man some 5000 years to demonstrate forensic anatomy techniques for medico-legal purposes.

**Conference Motto: CARPE DIEM (Seize the day!)**

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