

THE Xth INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS

INTRODUCTION

You are invited to participate in the Tenth International Congress of Lymphology, to be held at the Hilton International Hotel, Adelaide and at the Sheraton/Ayers Rock Hotel, Monday 26 August to Monday 2 September 1985. The Congress is organised on behalf of the International Society for Lymphology, through the University of Adelaide, the S.A. College of Advanced Education and the Lymphoedema Association of Australia. The Ayers Rock portion of the Congress will be from Saturday 31 August.

The official language of communication of the Congress is English. (A note to Australians and Americans: we do mean **English!** Speakers are advised to speak slowly and use as simple words as possible.)

A pre-Congress meeting sponsored by the Lymphoedema Association of Australia will be held on Hamilton Island (Great Barrier Reef), from 10-17 August 1985. It is open to members of the I.S.L., its Chapters, and accompanying persons. It is specifically designed to allow people who have had long flights and are inevitably going to suffer from jet-lag for about a week to recover and meet other members on an informal basis—on a tropical island in the Great Barrier Reef. The work-load will be tailored to the surroundings! The emphasis will be on informal discussion and working groups.

The Third Australian and New Zealand Conference on Microcirculation will be held immediately before this Congress, from Saturday 24 August until Tuesday 27 August 1985. Common sessions of the two

meetings will be held on Monday 26 August (Theme: "Lymphovascular Function in the Tissue Micro-Environment"). Information regarding the Microcirculation Conference may be obtained from: Dr. B. Gannon, Dept. Human Morphology, Flinders Medical Centre, Bedford Park, S.A. 5042, AUSTRALIA (Telephone: (08) 2759911).

At the same time, the Australian Society for Reproductive Biology will be having a conference in Adelaide. Some sessions will be of interest to Lymphologists and efforts are being made to arrange a joint session. Those interested in the whole conference should contact Dr. R. F. Seamark, Dept. Obstetrics and Gynecology, Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Woodville Rd., Woodville, S.A. 5011, AUSTRALIA (Telephone: (08) 450222, ext. 6730).

Registration for this Congress, for delegates who also wish to attend the Microcirculation Conference, will be on Sunday 25 August—at the Hilton International Hotel—1500 to 1900 hours. Normal registration for the Lymphology Congress only will be on Monday 26 August—at the hotel—0900 to 1800 hours.

REGISTRATION FEES

All fees must be paid before registration can be completed, and before short communications can be accepted. To avoid delays at the registration desk, it is recommended that registrants pay all their fees in advance.

Accompanying person status is available only to persons accompanying a full participant. They may attend all social events but will not receive a copy of the abstracts, etc.

THE FEES

Full registration fees entitle the registrant to attend all sessions of the X Int. Cong. Lymphology and joint sessions with the conferences on Microcirculation and Reproduction Biology, to receive the abstracts, to have morning and afternoon teas on the days of the congress. They, and accompanying persons, will receive tickets for the opening cocktail party in Adelaide, the opening breakfast party, an informal dinner and concert, wine-tastings, and a social event at Ayers Rock. Tickets will be available for individual official function, for people under 18 years who may wish to attend with their parents. A special registration fee for attendance at sessions only, for students or people with limited support, is obtainable on application from the Congress postal address.

ALL PAYMENTS TO X INT. CONG. LYMPHOLOGY MUST BE MADE IN AUSTRALIAN DOLLARS.

Personal cheques can only be accepted if drawn on an Australian bank. (The Official Congress Bank is The Australian and New Zealand Banking Corporation, Hughes Building, University of Adelaide, S.A. 5001: account number 015-096 7530-19443.)

Overseas registrants making payment direct to the X Int. Cong. Lymphology should forward a bank draft in Australian dollars payable on an Australian bank. Bank drafts, cheques or money orders should be made payable to: X Int. Cong. Lymphology.

Names and Addresses on cheques should be typed or printed in capital letters.

Acknowledgement of receipt of registration will be made by airmail.

Each registration will be valid only when the fees have been paid and cleared to the X Int. Cong. Lymphology account.

SUBSTANTIALLY REDUCED REGISTRATION FEES ARE AVAILABLE TO EARLY REGISTRANTS.

ACCREDITATION

Appropriate accreditation will be arranged, for those who require it; please indicate if you need it.

CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE

This will be provided, at the Congress, for those who require it; please indicate if you need one.

SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

This will consist of symposia, action groups, short communications, poster sessions and public seminars. Depending upon interest, sessions will be held on the following topics:

1. structure, function and malfunction of the lymphatic system
2. imaging of the lymphatic system
3. methods of investigation of lymphatic structure and function
4. lymphoedema
 - a. epidemiology
 - b. diagnosis
 - c. pathology
 - d. treatment
 - i. pharmacological
 - ii. physical
 - iii. surgical
 - iv. microsurgical
5. filaritic lymphoedema and elephantiasis
 - a. epidemiology
 - b. diagnosis
 - c. pathology
 - d. treatment
 - e. primary health care aspects
6. lymphatic aspects of other oedemas:
 - a. chronic venous insufficiency
 - b. post-phlebitic syndrome
 - c. trauma in general
 - d. burns

- e. dental extractions
 - f. fractures
 - g. associated with various diseases (infarction, stroke, hepatitis, etc.)
 - h. other aspects
7. lymphatic aspects of neoplasia:
 - a. transport
 - b. lymphostasis
 - c. iatrogenic
 - d. lymphoma and lymphoid neoplasias
 8. treatment of lymphatic disorders:
 - a. pharmacological
 - b. physical
 - c. surgical
 - d. microsurgical
 9. endolymphatic therapy
 10. lymphatic aspects of immunology
 11. structure, function and malfunction of the macrophages (MPS)
 12. structure, function and malfunction of the lymphocytes

Because so many people are affected with lymphoedema from filaritic causes, special emphasis will be given to this parasitic disorder at the Congress to facilitate the interchange of existing information between scientists, clinicians and workers in the field.

TIMING

Australia is a punctual nation; visitors are expected to follow suit. Speakers are requested to keep to the allotted times. (It may be worth noting that this also applies to aircraft, tour groups and meals.)

POSTERS

These are often a more effective way of presenting work. While it is difficult to carry a poster for a long distance, it is possible. The advantage is that information can be assimilated at leisure and there is much more time for interaction. In order to assist in this, wine tastings will be held among the posters.

COMMUNICATIONS

Short Communications

All registrants are invited to present these. Speaking time will be 10 minutes, with 5 minutes for discussion. Films and Videos may also be presented.

ACTION GROUPS

These will be of two kinds. One will facilitate information exchange between workers in different disciplines on selected topics. The second will attempt to give succinct descriptions of the present state of knowledge about important aspects of Lymphology. Some will be held in association with symposia. The session time at Ayers Rock will be devoted entirely to these.

SYMPOSIA AND PLENARY LECTURES

These will be given by invited speakers on selected topics. Time will be allowed for active discussion.

JOINT SESSIONS

Monday 26 August will be devoted to joint sessions with the Australian and New Zealand Microcirculation Conference. Another joint session will be arranged with the Reproductive Biology Conference.

PUBLIC SEMINARS

These will be held, in addition, to inform the medical and lay public of current information about common lymphatic disorders and their therapy.

TRADE EXHIBITIONS

The program will include exhibitions by various firms whose products are associated with Lymphology.