

*This issue of Pelviperineology will be the last one printed before the 2<sup>nd</sup> Joint International Pelviperineology Conference at the end of July. The Organising Committee and the Executives of the Australian Association of Vaginal and Incontinence Surgeons as well as the International Collaboration of the Pelvic Floor and the International Pelvic Floor Dysfunction Society invite you to attend the 2<sup>nd</sup> International Pelviperineology Congress at Noosa on the Sunshine Coast of Australia between July 30<sup>th</sup> and August 1<sup>st</sup> 2009. This conference aims to continue the momentum of an outstanding meeting in Padua and Venice in 2008. Yet again we aim to help clinicians who aspire to a multidisciplinary approach in the management of pelvic problems take the first step to widen their horizons by communicating with their peers and colleagues from other specialties.*

*The organising committee has tried to ensure a good representation from all specialties and many different opinions are represented by the speakers invited. The program is diverse and comprehensive. There will be a special focus on imaging with international and local Australasian experts coming together to discuss a range of topics. Once again there will be a number of industry symposia and specialised workshops catering to specific topics of interest. There will be a practical workshop on Sacral Neuromodulation, Integral Theory and TFS, Practice Audit, Vaginal sacrocolpopexy and Pelvic Floor Ultrasound. In our video festival submitted videos will be shown on a continuous loop during the meeting and repeated so that delegates will have the opportunity to see a particular video at another time if it conflicts with a part of the program that they did not want to miss.*

*Live surgery will be performed at the Sunshine Coast Private Hospital and transmitted live to the Sheraton Noosa Ballroom. All activities will be held in the fantastic conference centre at the Sheraton Noosa enabling delegates to move easily from one session to another. A large trade exhibition will enable the latest developments from industry to be viewed.*

*The meeting in Noosa is a wonderful opportunity to experience the natural wonderland of the Sunshine Coast. As well as the social events that makeup the official program there will be opportunities to play golf in some of Australia's most celebrated golf courses and visit the spectacular beaches, rainforests and national parks.*

*The meeting in Noosa will be a special opportunity for our society to become a truly multidisciplinary group by voting on a move to revamp the AAVIS constitution and change our name to reflect our new reality. AAVIS is the first international pelvic floor society to begin the process of fully integrating colorectal surgeons with an interest in pelvic function into what has traditionally been known as urogynaecology. The new subspecialty of Pelviperineology has begun life with a commitment to openness, science and respect for other people's opinions. By constantly seeking the truth and the best treatments for our patients we can only improve the standards of our own practice. Adherence to these principles has led to some wonderful meetings in the last few years and we hope that this will continue into the future.*

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*The editors and editorial committee hope you enjoy this edition of the journal and look forward to seeing you in Noosa.*

THE EDITORS