



# ASEATTA

31st annual scientific meeting

15-18 november 2007  
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## registration brochure

**held in conjunction with**

Perth ImmunoPathology (PIP) weekend: Sat 17 to Sun 18 Nov 2007

The 18th Annual Scientific Meeting of the Australasian Society of Clinical Immunology & Allergy (ASCIA)

Wed 14 to Fri 16 Nov 2007



**ASEATTA**

**Australasian and South-East Asian Tissue Typing Association**

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**In 2007 the ASEATTA ASM is being held in conjunction with four other meetings.**

The schedule of meetings is as follows:

- 1. ASEATTA Annual Scientific Meeting** - Thurs 15 to Sun 18 Nov 2007
- 2. ASCIA Annual Scientific Meeting** - Wed 14 to Fri 16 Nov 2007
- 3. PIP (Perth Immunopathology) weekend** - Sat 17 to Sun 18 Nov 2007
- 3. ASCIA Nurses day** - Tues 13 Nov 2007, 9.00 - 16.00
- 4. ASCIA Primary Care Allergy Update** - Sat 17 Nov 2007, 12.30-17.30

For the ASCIA 2007 REGISTRATION FORM, please refer to the ASCIA 2007 Registration brochure and on-line [www.ascia2007.com](http://www.ascia2007.com)



## ASEATTA 2007 Organising Committee

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On behalf of the Australasian and South East Asia Tissue Typing Association (ASEATTA) it is our pleasure to invite you to register for the 31st ASEATTA Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM).

In 2007 the ASEATTA ASM will run from Thursday 15th to Sunday 18th November.

In addition the following events will occur in conjunction, at the same venue:

- PIP (Perth Immunopathology) weekend 17-18 November 2007
- ASCIA 18th Annual Scientific Meeting 14 – 16 November 2007
- ASCIA Nurses day 13 November 2007
- ASCIA Primary Care Allergy Update 17 November 2007

The theme of the ASEATTA 2007 ASM is “Environment – Host Genetics – Immune Response: Developing Diagnostic and Therapeutic Applications” and the program will include the following internationally renowned keynote speakers:

- Professor John Trowsdale – University of Cambridge, UK
- Dr Dan Geraghty - Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, USA
- Dr Xiaojiang Gao - National Cancer Institute, USA
- Professor Bodo Grimbacher – Medical University Hospital of Freiburg, Germany

The vibrant port city of Fremantle offers delegates a cosmopolitan, historical, dynamic atmosphere, located just 30 minutes from Perth airport and 20 minutes from the centre of Perth. Fremantle is internationally recognised as the world’s best preserved example of a 19th century port streetscape. Its heritage buildings are now flourishing as restaurants, museums, boutiques, markets, nightclubs, coffee shops and in the case of the meeting venue, a four star international hotel.

We look forward to welcoming you to Fremantle in November 2007.

**Professor Frank Christiansen**  
**ASEATTA 2007 Chair**





# program summary

## Thursday 15 November 2007

- 9.00-12.30 Wet Workshops  
9.00-14.00 Registration and Poster setup  
9.30-12.30 ASEATTA Council meeting  
14.00-16.30 ASEATTA QAP Review and Policies meeting  
18.30-20.30 ASEATTA 2007 WELCOME FUNCTION, WA Maritime Museum

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## Friday 16 November 2007 (concurrent with ASCIA 2007 ASM)

- 7.00 Registration  
**7.30-8.30 BREAKFAST SYMPOSIUM- HYPER IGE SYNDROME**  
Prof Bodo Grimbacher  
**9.00-10.30 Immunogenetics of Drug Hypersensitivity**  
Prof Simon Mallal, Prof Elizabeth Phillips, Prof James McCluskey  
10.30-11.00 MORNING TEA & EXHIBITION OPENING  
**11.00-12.30 B Cells and Genetics Plenary**  
Prof Bodo Grimbacher, Dr Matthew Cook  
12.30-14.00 ASEATTA LUNCH SEMINAR  
**14.00-15.30 Genetics of Asthma and Allergy**  
A/Prof Campbell Witt  
15.30-16.00 AFTERNOON TEA  
**16.00-17.30 NK Cell Receptor Ligands – HLA-E, -G, MIC etc**  
Dr Dan Geraghty  
18.00-19.00 WINE TASTING & Meet the Professors  
19.00 ASEATTA Council Dinner

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## Saturday 17 November 2007

- 8.30-10.30 Materno-foetal Interface (ASEATTA / PIP JOINT SESSION)**  
Prof John Trowsdale, Dr Dan Geraghty, A/Prof Campbell Witt  
10.30-11.00 MORNING TEA  
**11.00-12.30 Genetics of Immunological Disease**  
Dr Xiaojiang Gao, Prof Grant Morahan  
12.30-13.30 LUNCH & ASEATTA AGM  
**13.30-15.30 Anthropology / New Alleles / Methods / Free Communications**  
15.30-16.00 AFTERNOON TEA  
**16.00-17.35 Genetics of Infectious Diseases**  
Dr Xiaojiang Gao, Dr David Burgner, Dr Silvana Gaudieri  
19.00-23.00 ASEATTA / PIP DINNER, Fremantle Sailing Club

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## Sunday 18 November 2007

- 9.00-10.30 Transplantation**  
Dr Ashley Irish, A/Prof Paolo Ferrari, Prof Brian Tait  
10.30-11.00 MORNING TEA  
**11.00-12.30 MHC Polymorphism**  
Dr Dan Geraghty, Prof John Trowsdale, A/Prof Patricia Price  
12.30 CLOSE OF ASEATTA MEETING

# keynote speakers

## **PROFESSOR JOHN TROWSDALE PhD** **UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE, UK**

Professor John Trowsdale gained his BSc (Hons) and PhD degrees from the University of Birmingham, after which he spent two years in France on postdoctoral research at the Centre de Genetique Moleculaire, CNRS, Paris. In 1975 he accepted an appointment as Postdoctoral Research Fellow in the Department of Microbiology at Scripps Clinic and Research Foundation in La Jolla, California. In 1979 he returned to England to take up a research appointment in the Genetics Laboratory at the University of Oxford, followed by a 17 year stay at the Imperial Cancer Research Fund as ICRF fellow and then as Research Scientist before progressing from Senior Scientist to Principal Scientist and Head of the Immunogenetics Laboratory in 1990. Since 1997 Professor Trowsdale has been Professor of Immunology at the University of Cambridge. He is pre-eminent in the field of immunogenetics and his seminal work on MHC genes includes studies of the molecular mechanisms of antigen presentation, which is fundamental to the immune system. More recently his interest has turned to natural killer cell receptors.

## **Dr DAN GERAGHTY PhD**

### **FRED HUTCHINSON CANCER RESEARCH CENTER, USA**

Dr Dan Geraghty has a long-standing interest in the genetics of the immune response and has played a leading role in determining the human MHC genomic sequence and the SNPs contained therein. His research into the interaction of immunologic factors influencing tolerance at the materno-foetal interface includes the examination of the role of HLA-E, -F, -G, NK and KIR.

## **Dr XIAOJIANG GAO PhD**

### **NATIONAL CANCER INSTITUTE, USA**

Dr Xiaojiang Gao gained his PhD in human genetics from the John Curtin School of Medical Research at the Australian National University (ANU) in 1992 and worked there as a Fellow till 1998. At ANU he worked on genetic polymorphisms, especially the HLA genes, of indigenous populations in Australia, Oceania and Asia. Since 1998 Dr Gao has been a senior scientist in the Laboratory of Genomic Diversity at the National Cancer Institute (NCI) in Frederick, Maryland. His research at NCI involves genetic diversity and its implications in medicine. In particular, Dr Gao's studies are focused on the polymorphism of HLA and KIR genes and their impact on cancers, AIDS and other infectious diseases.

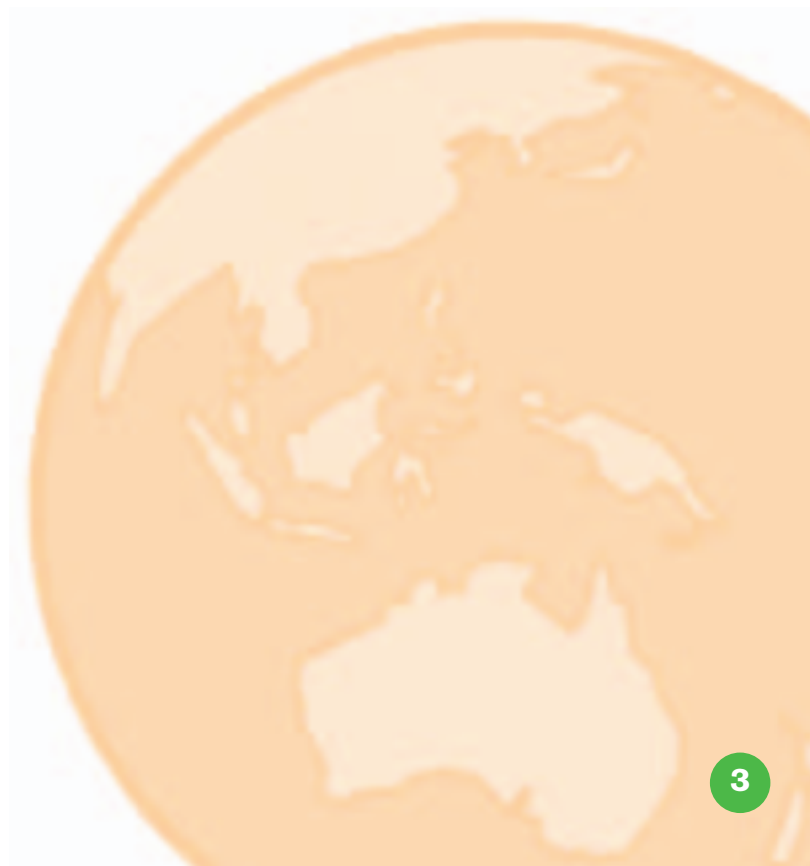
## **PROFESSOR BODO GRIMBACHER MD** **DIVISION OF RHEUMATOLOGY & CLINICAL** **IMMUNOLOGY, FREIBURG UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL,** **GERMANY**

Professor Bodo Grimbacher is a physician, head of a laboratory and head of the European Society for Immunodeficiencies (ESID) Registry. His special interests include Hyper IgE Syndrome, Common Variable Immune Deficiency (CVID) and clinical patient immunodeficiency registers.

## **ASEATTA 2007 OTHER SPEAKERS**

(in alphabetical order by surname)

- Dr David Burgner ( WA )
- Dr Matthew Cook ( ACT )
- A/Prof Paolo Ferrari ( WA )
- Prof Silvana Gaudieri ( WA )
- Dr Ashley Irish ( WA )
- Prof Simon Mallal ( WA )
- Prof James McCluskey ( VIC )
- Prof Grant Morahan ( WA )
- Prof Elizabeth Philips ( WA )
- A/Prof Patricia Price ( WA )
- Prof Brian Tait ( VIC )
- A/Prof Campbell Witt ( WA )



## POSTERS AND ORAL PRESENTATIONS

Abstracts are invited for poster and oral presentations. Posters will be displayed for 2.5 days.

Presenters will need to be in attendance at their poster for group and personal discussion during the specified poster discussion session. Posters should be on cardboard not larger than 1 metre x 1 metre. The following are guidelines for posters:

### TITLE

The title should be brief and clearly state the nature of the study.

### AUTHORS

The name of the author(s), organization(s) and department(s) should be listed, with the presenting author's name underlined (NB they must be a registered delegate). Degrees, titles and positions should not be included.

### ABSTRACT

The abstract must be clear, brief and organised as follows:

- Purpose of study (where possible in one sentence)
- Brief statement of methods
- Summary of results adequate to support conclusions
- Conclusions - It is unsatisfactory to use phrases such as "the results will be discussed"
- Do not repeat well known information
- Statements should be impersonal and the first person avoided ("I", "We")
- Standard abbreviations may be used
- Reference lists should not be included
- Symbols such as greek letters or arrows should not be used

### SUBMISSION

Abstracts for posters should be submitted electronically to [www.ascia2007.com](http://www.ascia2007.com) by 31st August 2007.

If you have any queries regarding abstract submission, please email Natalie Austin at [abstracts@ascia2007.com](mailto:abstracts@ascia2007.com).

## ASEATTA 2007 ASM WELCOME FUNCTION

**THURSDAY 15 NOVEMBER 2007, 6.30-8.30PM**

**VENUE: WA MARITIME MUSEUM**

The Western Australian Maritime Museum is located on the spectacular waterfront museum precinct in Fremantle. Famous vessels are suspended from the ceiling, including Australia II, the winged-keel yacht that shot to fame after winning the America's Cup in 1983, and the Parry Endeavour, which carried lone yachtsman Jon Sanders three times around the globe. This is also the venue for the ASEATTA 2007 ASM Welcome Function on Thursday 15 November. The Welcome reception is included in the registration fee and additional tickets can be purchased for \$55 each.



## ASEATTA & PIP DINNER

**SATURDAY 17 NOVEMBER, 7 - 11PM**

**VENUE: FREMANTLE SAILING CLUB**

The Fremantle Sailing Club overlooks the Indian Ocean and breathtaking sunsets can be viewed from the outstanding Restaurant and Bar facilities. ASEATTA/PIP Dinner tickets can be purchased for \$88 each.

A limited number of rooms have been reserved for ASEATTA, ASCIA & PIP 2007 at the following three hotels. As Fremantle is a very popular holiday destination bookings should be made well in advance. All bookings should be made directly with the hotels.

### The Esplanade Hotel Fremantle

**Venue for the ASCIA 2007 ASM and affiliated meetings**

**Corner Essex & Marine Terrace, Fremantle, Western Australia (see photo on page 1)**

[www.esplanadehotelfremantle.com.au/](http://www.esplanadehotelfremantle.com.au/)

Rooms from \$185 per night (GST inc)

Distance to Fremantle town centre – 2 minute walk

On-line bookings: [reservations@ehf.com.au](mailto:reservations@ehf.com.au)

Ph: +61 (0)8 9432 4000

Fax: +61 (0)8 9432 4836

Toll-free: 1800 998 201 (toll free within Australia only)

### Quest Harbour Village Apartments

**Mews Road, Challenger Harbour, Fremantle, WA**

[www.harbourvillage.property.questwa.com.au/](http://www.harbourvillage.property.questwa.com.au/)

Apartments – 1, 2 or 3 bedroom, with ocean views (2 bedroom from \$196 per night)

Distance to Fremantle town centre – 2 minutes walk

Ph: +61 (0)8 9430 3888

Fax: +61 (0)8 9430 3800

Email: [questharbourvillage@questapartments.com.au](mailto:questharbourvillage@questapartments.com.au)

### Tradewinds Hotel

**59 Canning Highway, East Fremantle, WA**

[www.tradewindshotel.com.au](http://www.tradewindshotel.com.au)

Apartments – 1 or 2 bedroom (1 bedroom from \$160 per night)

Distance to Fremantle town centre – 15 minutes walk or 5 minutes by car

Ph: +61 (08) 9339 8188

Fax: +61 (08) 9339 2266

Email: [enquiries@tradewindshotel.com.au](mailto:enquiries@tradewindshotel.com.au)

### Other accommodation options

The following websites are useful guides for other accommodation options:

[www.fremantle.stays.com.au](http://www.fremantle.stays.com.au)

[www.fremantleaccommodation.com.au](http://www.fremantleaccommodation.com.au)

[www.takeabreak.com.au/Fremantle](http://www.takeabreak.com.au/Fremantle)

### ACCREDITATION

Certificates of attendance will be provided to delegates.

### ATTRACTIONS

Fremantle was established in 1829 as a port for the fledgling Swan River Colony and was the major city in Western Australia for much of its early history. It was the first port of call in Australia for many migrants and visitors and today Fremantle sustains a rich mixture of cultures and nationalities.

Fremantle is now a major tourist attraction and attracts large numbers of visitors on a daily basis.

The city offers a unique blend of a lively multicultural yet relaxed lifestyle and is a 7 day city.

Within easy walking and cycling distance, visitors can experience a range of museums, markets, galleries, historical buildings, shops, cafes, restaurants and pubs. Specific attractions include:

### CAFES AND RESTAURANTS

Fremantle offers a wide range of restaurants, cafés, clubs and pubs, including those located along the 'Cappuccino Strip' (South Terrace) or at Fishing Boat Harbour.

### FREMANTLE ARTS CENTRE AND HISTORY MUSEUM

Two of Fremantle's most significant cultural attractions are housed in a magnificent neo-gothic building constructed by convicts in the 1860's to serve as the colony's first lunatic asylum.

### FREMANTLE MARKETS

Established in 1897, these popular markets are open on Friday and Saturday from 9am-5pm and Sunday from 10am-5pm and include over 150 stalls as well as a fresh produce market.

### FREMANTLE PRISON TOURS

The old Fremantle Prison is the largest convict built structure in WA, which was in use until recent times. Day tours depart every 30 minutes from 10am. At night time there is a spooky Torchlight Tour, or for a more extreme spin on the heritage site, explore the labyrinth of tunnels 20 metres beneath the Prison by foot and by boat. For further information visit [www.fremantleprison.com.au](http://www.fremantleprison.com.au)

### MARITIME MUSEUM & SHIPWRECK GALLERIES

The spectacular new Maritime Museum building on Fremantle Harbour includes many famous vessels such as Australia II and the Parry Endeavour. In a nearby historical building the Shipwreck Galleries feature the finest maritime archaeological collection in Australia, including original timbers and treasures from the famous Dutch shipwreck, the Batavia.

## MOTOR MUSEUM

Adjacent to the new WA Maritime Museum building, this is Australia's newest motor museum, which has been designed by a theatrical set designer to entertain visitors.



## ROTTNEST ISLAND

Only 25 minutes by ferry from Fremantle, Rottnest Island is a picturesque island that offers something for everyone. For further information on Rottnest visit: [www.rottnestisland.com](http://www.rottnestisland.com)

For Rottnest ferry times and bookings visit: [www.boattorque.com.au](http://www.boattorque.com.au)

## ROUNDHOUSE

WA's oldest remaining building was completed in 1831 and served as the Swan River Colony's first gaol.

## CLIMATE

Located on the Indian Ocean, Fremantle enjoys the benefits of a Mediterranean climate.

Temperatures range from between 30 and 17 degrees C in summer.

## DEADLINES

31 August 2007 – Earlybird registration closes

31 August 2007 - Abstract submission closes

## DISCLAIMERS

In the event of industrial disruption the meeting organisers cannot be held responsible for any losses incurred by delegates. The program is correct at the time of printing, however the organisers reserve the right to alter the program, if and as is deemed necessary.

## DRESS CODE

The dress code is smart casual throughout the meeting.

## EXHIBITION

ASEATTA, PIP and ASCIA 2007 have attracted many sponsors and exhibitors and we encourage delegates to visit these exhibition stands throughout the meeting.

## PARKING

A limited number of valet parking spaces are available at the Esplanade hotel.

Parking is also available at the Collie St Car Park, which is adjacent to the Esplanade Hotel

## SMOKE FREE POLICY

It is the policy of ASEATTA, PIP and ASCIA 2007 that the conference area of the venue and all related social functions are smoke-free.

## SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

Please give details of any special diet, special needs or disability assistance required on your registration form.

## TRAVEL

Regular services to Perth are available from capital cities throughout Australia and New Zealand.

Flights need to be directly booked with airlines or via travel agents by delegates.

Getting to Fremantle from Perth Airport will take approximately 30 minutes by taxi or there is an airport shuttle bus, which operates 7 days a week - the timetable is available at <http://www.fremantleairportshuttle.com.au>



# ASEATTA registration form/tax invoice

ABN: 45 615 521 452



This form becomes a Tax Invoice upon payment – please retain a copy for your records. A separate form must be completed for each delegate (photocopies are acceptable).

**Post completed forms to ICMS Australasia Pty Ltd, ASCIA 2007 Secretariat, GPO Box 3270, Sydney, NSW 2001 AUSTRALIA or Fax to 02 9251 3552 or + 61 2 9251 3552 OR REGISTER ON-LINE [www.ascia2007.com](http://www.ascia2007.com)**

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Dietary/Special Requirements \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Fees are in AUD and include GST (10%)</b>	<b>EARLYBIRD</b>	<b>1/9/07 –</b>	<b>After</b>	
	<b>Before 31/8/07</b>	<b>1/11/07</b>	<b>1/11/07</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>

### ASEATTA ASM 15-18 NOV 2007

ASEATTA member	\$550	\$660	\$770	_____
NON-ASEATTA member	\$600	\$710	\$820	_____
ASEATTA member (STUDENT)	\$330	\$440	\$550	_____
NON-ASEATTA member (STUDENT)	\$380	\$490	\$600	_____
ASEATTA member-day registration	\$200	\$225	\$250	_____
NON-ASEATTA member - day registration	\$250	\$275	\$300	_____
GALA DINNER – Saturday 17 Nov 2007	\$88	\$88	\$88	_____
Additional Welcome Function tickets	\$55	\$55	\$55	_____

**TOTAL \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**RSVP** Welcome function 15 Nov  *please tick*      **RSVP** B/fast 16 Nov  *please tick*

*NB - The Welcome Function and Breakfast are both included in the registration fee.*

• **Cheque** (to 'ASCIA') enclosed for \$ \_\_\_\_\_

• **OR Credit card debit** (Mastercard OR Visa)

Name on card: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiry date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

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• **OR Register on-line [www.ascia2007.com](http://www.ascia2007.com)**

For enquiries regarding registration, please email Lauren Sullivan at [registration@ascia2007.com](mailto:registration@ascia2007.com)



# map of fremantle





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