

## IMPORTANT COURSE INFORMATION COURSE RELATED QUESTIONS:

### Who is this course designed for?

Primarily for doctors requiring detailed and practical information on snakebite, spiderbite, scorpion stings, marine envenoming, poisonous plants & mushrooms and related topics with a global and Australian perspective. It is particularly relevant for those working in emergency medicine, toxicology, intensive care, or in rural practice. Throughout there will be an emphasis on practical clinical issues and development of clinically relevant skills. It will also be of interest to poisons information pharmacists and graduate nurses in emergency medicine. You should be fluent in English, as no language translation will be available.

### When and where are the courses held?

The courses runs over 6 days; Tuesday March 25th to Sunday March 30th, 2008. The venue is the Women's and Children's Hospital, North Adelaide, SA, Australia

### What does the course cover?

Please refer to details overleaf. (Detailed sheets on course content will be available on the web at <http://www.toxinology.com>)

### Is the course accredited in any way?

The course is a University of Adelaide postgraduate training course. We are seeking formal accreditation of continuing education points with relevant colleges and possible incorporation within some college specialist training schemes.

### How many people can attend the course?

The maximum course capacity is 50 registrants, to ensure a chance for interactions with faculty. Previous courses filled early, so early registration is advisable.

### How much does the course cost and what does this cover?

The course costs are shown on the Enrolment Form overleaf; the fee covers the full course, course notes, field trip, morning and afternoon teas and light lunches. It does not cover the course dinner or accommodation.

### Are there any course notes or reading material available prior to the course?

We produce course notes for registrants prior to the course, which will include recommended textbooks and reading list. You are still strongly advised to take notes during all sessions. (The 2005 Course Handbook was 400 pages.)

### What sort of practical clinical sessions are included?

The programme includes a number of interactive sessions discussing "clinical evolving problems" (CEPs) to develop registrant's understanding of clinical skills in toxinology and test those skills in a group setting. These are all based on real patients contributed by faculty members, drawn from their own clinical experience.

### Is there any formal evaluation of my performance on the course?

Yes! Faculty will be evaluating all registrants on their interactions, especially during the clinical evolving problem sessions. On the Saturday there will be a written examination.

### SOME PRACTICAL ISSUES:

#### Is there any accommodation available?

Yes, plenty! We are not able to provide accommodation; you must organise this, but it should be easy. There are a number of hotels/motels close to the hospital in North Adelaide, as well as many more in the nearby city centre, a short walk away. Check [www.southaustralia.com](http://www.southaustralia.com) for details. Also many shops and places to eat. March is also festival time in Adelaide.

#### How do I get to the hospital?

The Women's and Children's Hospital is situated on the northern fringe of the city centre (CBD), with several bus routes immediately adjacent and taxi fare from the city centre would generally be only a few dollars. Adelaide's airport is several km from the city centre, but there are buses and taxis readily available. If coming by rail, the main station is on the northern margin of the city centre, so only about 15 minutes walk from the hospital.

#### What is Adelaide's weather in March like?

Variable! It will be early autumn, so maximums vary from 20C to 35C+, mostly dry, but occasional rain.

#### Is there a course dinner?

Yes, on Wednesday March 26th, venue and cost to be confirmed (about \$90 each, excluding drinks).

### HOW TO ENROL:

#### Enquiries:

Please contact the Course Coordinator, Assoc. Prof. Julian White (fax + +618-8161 6049; email [julian.white@adelaide.edu.au](mailto:julian.white@adelaide.edu.au); internet [www.toxinology.com](http://www.toxinology.com)) for course details and enrolment forms or use the form on this brochure.

#### To enrol in the course:

Fill out the enrolment form fully and return to the address below, together with a minimum deposit of Aus\$400. The full course fee must be paid by January 1st, 2008, which is our deadline for course enrolment. Late enrolments may not be accepted (but try us anyway!).

Prof. Julian White, Toxinology Dept.  
Women's & Children's Hospital  
King William Road  
North Adelaide SA 5006 AUSTRALIA

**Payment details:** Payment by credit card OR cheque or money order, in Australian \$, made payable to: "Toxinology Course WCH" (see over)

**Cancellation:** If the course is cancelled your fee will be refunded in full. If you decide to cancel your enrolment after January 1st, your course fee will not be refunded.



University of Adelaide  
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# CLINICAL TOXINOLOGY SHORT COURSE

## 2008

Women's & Children's Hospital  
Adelaide, Australia  
March 25th to 30th

The Premier Clinical Training  
Course in Toxinology at an  
International Level

Courses Co-ordinator  
Prof. Julian White  
Head of Toxinology

Women's & Children's Hospital



## ENROLMENT FORM

### Clinical Toxinology Short Course 2008

**NAME:**

Last name: ..... First name: .....

**PREFERRED TITLE:** (Prof, Dr, Mr, Ms, Mrs etc) .....

**QUALIFICATIONS:** .....

**ADDRESS:**

Institution: .....

Street: .....

City: ..... State: .....

Country: ..... Postcode: .....

Are you fluent in English? Yes / No

Telephone: .....

Fax No: .....

Mobile phone: .....

Email: .....

**I wish to attend the Clinical Toxinology Short Course 2008.**

**Course Fees** includes full course, course notes, field trip, morning & afternoon teas and light lunches, but do not include the Course Dinner (approx. Aus\$90.00 - to be confirmed). The Course runs from about 8.00/9.00am till 5.30/6.00pm daily.

**Course fee** is Aus\$2,000.00 (plus Aus\$200.00 GST if registrant is from Australia; may be claimable as tax refund). Payment can be by credit card or cheque.

**Course venue:** Women's and Children's Hospital, North Adelaide

**Accommodation:** This is the responsibility of course participants. A number of hotels/motels are close to the hospital and a few of these are listed in the information sheet for the course.

**To confirm a booking for the Course** your deposit (minimum Aus\$400.00) must be enclosed with this enrolment form. Cancellation must be made at least ten (10) weeks prior to commencement of the course to ensure refund of your deposit. Refunds will NOT be available for non-attendance without adequate notification. Full payment by Jan. 1st '08.

**Payment by credit card:** Please debit my VISA Mastercard AMEX for Aus\$ ..... (fax form to +61-8-81616049)

Card number: .....

Expiry date: ..... Name on card: .....

Signed: ..... Date: .....

**OR -Payment by cheque:** Deposit enclosed: .....

Please make cheque payable to: "Toxinology Course WCH"

## PROVISIONAL COURSE PROGRAMME OUTLINE

**Tuesday March 25th (0800 - 1800)**

Registration, Introduction, Overviews of Natural Toxins (venoms/poisons, epidemiology, clinical effects, first aid, treatment), Antivenoms, Introduction to snakes, Australian/PNG snakes, Clinical Evolving Problems (CEPs).

**Wednesday March 26th (0815 - 1730)**

Venomous snakes (regional accounts of species & clinical effects, treatment), snake practical, CEPs. Course Dinner (to be confirmed)

**Thursday March 27th (0900 - 1800)**

Poisonous plants, CEPs, Botanical Gardens field trip. Poisonous mushrooms, CEPs.

**Friday March 28th (0800 - 1800)**

Arthropods; spiders, scorpions, ticks, insects, practical & CEPs. Start of marine, with overview and jellyfish, CEPs.

**Saturday March 29th (0815 - 1700)**

Marine continued, fish, sea snakes, shellfish etc poisoning, MCQ Exam, safe snake handling practical, Course summary and conclusion.

**Sunday March 30th (0915 - 1530 approx.)**

Bus trip to Venom Supplies, Barossa Valley (major wine region) to see wide variety of venomous snakes from around the World. Time permitting, visit a winery. [This field trip is optional attendance, but is highly recommended and included in the Course fees]

CEP sessions will be conducted in the main lecture theatre with the entire group and attending faculty. For this Course we have shifted teaching emphasis by reducing lecture components and increasing CEP components, incorporating information exchange into the CEPs. If possible we will make Course written material available from our website prior to the Course, to allow Course registrants to commence learning prior to arrival in Adelaide.

For Australian doctors, all major Australian fauna is covered, with emphasis on Australian clinical issues, particularly in the venomous snake section, the Australian experience being used as a model for management principles globally. However, the scope of the Course is truly international, not parochial.



## COURSE FACULTY

Faculty for the Course are drawn from experts in the field, with an emphasis on clinicians with practical experience treating cases. While each Course has a slightly different list of faculty, the following are some of the planned 2008 faculty.

**Prof. Julian White** - clinical toxicologist, Head of Toxinology, Women's & Children's Hospital, Adelaide, Course Convenor, internationally known expert on toxinology.

**Prof. David Warrell** - tropical medicine physician, University of Oxford UK, leading expert on snakebite

**Prof. Rick Dart** - toxicologist, Director, Rocky Mountain Poisons Centre, expert on snakebite

**Dr. Hans Persson** - toxicologist, Director, Swedish National Poisons Centre, expert on snakebite, poisonings by mushrooms & plants

**Prof. Bart Currie** - tropical medicine physician, Menzies School of Health Research, Darwin, expert on snakebite & marine envenoming

**Dr. Geoff Isbister** - toxicologist & toxicologist, University of Newcastle, leading clinical toxinology researcher

**Dr. Mark Little** - emergency physician & toxicologist, Brisbane, expert on marine envenoming

**Dr. Rob Dowsett** - emergency physician & toxicologist, Sydney, marine poisoning

**Dr. Jamie Seymour** - marine biologist, James Cook University, Cairns, leading marine venomous animal biologist

**Dr. Mark Hutchinson** - herpetologist, South Australian Museum, expert on reptile taxonomy

**Mr. David Hirst** - arachnologist, South Australian Museum, expert on spiders

**Dr. Trevor Christensen** - botanist, Botanic Gardens, Adelaide, expert on poisonous plants

