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ACMA 3rd Meet the Experts Conference

Tuesday 4th – Wednesday 12th January 2011

Hotel Kanronomori, Annupuri, Niseko, Hokkaido, Japan

INFORMATION

This seven day conference aims to provide the opportunity for ACMA members and others to meet and share their area of expertise, whether it is a medical, practice management, or financial field. There will be ample time to question the various experts, meet and network with the other attendees and introduce yourself to fellow members and expand your contact base. The venue is a boutique Japanese hotel, adjacent to some of the best family skiing in Japan. Those who have attended previously will attest to the excellent snow conditions as well as the Japanese ethic and attention to detail which made this hotel so enjoyable. The hotel meals were also a highlight. For non-skiers there is the opportunity to relax, try some other snow activities, shop, visit local museums and galleries, etc. The hotel has its own hot springs.

Conference Registration Fees

ACMA Member	\$1000
ACMA Spouse	600
ACMA Teen	600
ACMA Child < 12yo	400
Non-member delegate	\$1250
Non-member spouse, teen or adult	850
Non-member child < 12yo	400
Speaker Discount	250
Extra fee for adult or teen not staying at conference hotel	250
Late fee for adult or teen (After 31/8/10)	250

Registration includes morning and afternoon conference sessions with breakfast/afternoon tea, Welcome Reception, Local excursions with dinner, group guided skiing or boarding with instruction for all ages and standards. The extra fee for those not staying at the conference hotel, covers conference breakfasts and dinners. The Registration Fee does not include accommodation, ski lift tickets, nor transfers.

Accommodation costs start at about \$2500 per couple for 8 nights, dinner, bed, and breakfast. This may seem expensive, but considering the very high standard of meals and accommodation, this is excellent value for money. The dates of the conference are just outside the expensive peak time. Accommodation should be booked with the ACMA Office, but payment will be made directly to the hotel. Please check the hotel website for various accommodation types. **It is strongly recommended to stay at the conference hotel.** This allows maximum participation in activities. The Hotel Kanronomori is 30 minutes by taxi or bus, from the main Niseko village (Hirafu).

Travel to and from Japan, and insurance, should be booked with Daisuke Mizukoshi at Pitt Travel (9267 0010) (dai@pitt-travel.com.au) or your travel agent or online. The closest airport is New Chitose Airport at Sapporo. Please try to arrive in Niseko on 4th Jan. Airport transfers can be arranged through the hotel.

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This conference is fully organised to allow a uniquely Japanese experience, including sushi, sashimi, tempura, udon, nori, shabu shabu, and other delicacies, sake, karaoke, the onsen (hot spring bath-house), sleeping on a futon on the tatami mat floor, and wearing a yukata and thongs. We will visit the supermarket and the hardware store as well as the ice-cream factory. The ski guides and instructors will be exclusive to our group, and cater for absolute beginners, right through to experts. Non-skiers are also catered for. Snowboarding instruction may be available, depending on minimum numbers. Rental of ski equipment and clothing is available at the hotel at very reasonable prices.

You will need cash for lunch (about 1500 yen per day), snacks, and any shopping. Lift tickets can be purchased with cash or credit card, but a refundable cash deposit of 1000 yen is required for each ticket. Groups generally pay for the instructor or guide's lunch too. There is no convenient ATM in Niseko, so please use the ATM at Sapporo airport, if necessary.

If you organise your flight from Tokyo to Sapporo with Pitt Travel, we will be able to get the transfer coach to stop at the Rera Outlet Shopping Mall (on the way from New Chitose Airport to Niseko) where ski gear is available at very reduced prices.

Useful websites- Hotel- www.kanronomori.com
 Niseko- www.niseko.ne.jp/en
 Annupuri- www.cks.chuo-bus.co.jp/annupuri/english.php
 Shinsetsu Mountain Guides- www.smguides.net

Conference Programme Outline

Tues 4 th Jan 2011	Delegates Arrive. Welcome Reception, Dinner at Hotel Kanronomori
Wed 5 th	Orientation, visit to Kutchan, (local town) (Supermarket, ski gear etc), Welcome Dinner
Thur 6 th	Conference Sessions 1 & 2, Japanese Buffet Dinner at the Northern Resort
Fri 7 th	Conference Sessions 3 & 4, Dinner at Hotel Kanronomori
Sat 8 th	Conference Sessions 5 & 6, Japanese BBQ Dinner at Moku Moku Tai Restaurant
Sun 9 th	Excursion to Kiroro (Skiing) or Otaru (Shopping and sightseeing)
Mon 10 th	Conference Sessions 7 & 8, Dinner at Hotel Kanronomori
Tue 11 th	Conference Sessions 9 & 10, Farewell Dinner
Wed 12 th	Delegates Depart

Satellite Conference- The ACMA 3rd Meet the Experts Conference in Niseko, will be preceded by a smaller Practice Management Conference and Workshop in Tokyo, 30 Dec 2010 - 4 Jan 2011. See separate sheet.

For further information, email office@acma.org.au or Stephen Hing 0414 571 166



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ACMA Practice Management Conference and Workshop

Shiba Park Hotel
Tokyo
30th Dec 2010 to 4th Jan 2011.

The aim of this Conference is to update members, practice managers and staff on good Practice Management patterns, including finances, billing, staff management, practice expenditure and overheads, and legislative requirements. The conference will be arranged to allow time to enjoy a tour of Tokyo, and a visit to see Mt Fuji, and the ancient town of Hakone. This is a very busy holiday time in Japan. The Shiba Park Hotel is situated in Hammamatsucho, close to the Tokyo Tower and many other attractions. See <http://www.shibaparkhotel.com/en/>

Thur 30 th Dec 2010	Delegates arrive in Tokyo and transfer to Shiba Park Hotel
Fri 31 st Dec 2010	Morning Conference, Afternoon- Tokyo sightseeing, Evening- New Year Celebration
Sat 1 st Jan 2011	Morning Conference
Sun 2 nd Jan 2011	Morning Conference
Mon 3 rd Jan 2011	Morning Conference, Afternoon tour to Mt Fuji and Hakone
Tue 4 th Jan 2011	Delegates depart. Transfer to airport for flight to Niseko

There is no registration fee for the Practice Management Conference. All delegates are invited to contribute papers or case studies. Intending delegates should book the package of transfers, accommodation and breakfast, and sightseeing, with Daisuke Mizukoshi at Pitt Travel (9267 0010) (dai@pitt-travel.com.au). Cost is \$1050 pp twin share. Other rooms configurations are available. Bookings, with deposits, must be made by **31st May 2010**. Minimum numbers are required for this conference.

We'll celebrate the New Year and watch the fireworks at Odaiba (optional). Saturday and Sunday will be free (after the conference). Although this is the New Year Holiday, it is also one of the rare times when the Emperor's Palace Gardens are open to the public, and the Emperor makes an appearance. Many shops remain open in the areas around temples and ancient monuments.

Join your ACMA colleagues and friends to improve your practice management skills and enjoy a New Year break at the same time.

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ACTION LIST-

1. Do you want to attend both the Practice Management Conference in Tokyo, and the Meet the Experts Conference in Niseko?
2. If you want to attend the Practice Management Conference, contact Mr Daisuke Mizukoshi at Pitt Travel (02 9267 0010) (dai@pitt-travel.com.au) to book the Tokyo package.
Deposit Must Be Paid By 31 May 10.
3. If you want to attend the Meet the Experts Conference, complete the Conference Registration form and return to the ACMA Office. Complete the Accommodation Booking form and return to ACMA Office. Book early to ensure your preferred room type.
Registration and Accommodation forms should be returned by 31 Aug 10.
4. Book travel to and from Japan and travel within Japan (Tokyo to Sapporo and return) with Daisuke at Pitt Travel, or another travel agent, or online.
5. Take out travel insurance.