All abstracts will be considered; however we encourage you to submit your original unpublished abstract(s), which address the conference themes outlined below:

- **Creative approaches to chronic disease management and prevention for the 21st century:**
  - Diabetes
  - Rheumatology
  - Dermatology
  - Wound management
  - Mental health
  - Obesity
  - Falls

- **Advances in clinical technology:**
  - Laser
  - Shockwave therapy
  - Medical imaging

- **Optimising performance and function:**
  - Improving sport performance
  - Minimising disability
  - Enhancing mobility
  - Progressive biomechanics

- **Expanding the role of the podiatrist:**
  - Expanded scope of practice
  - Prescribing
  - Support workers
  - Inter-professional collaboration
  - Enhancing practice
  - Boosting your paediatric practice
  - Surgery

Abstracts may be submitted by logging onto the speakers’ portal via the conference website. Authors must read the submission guidelines and download the narrative abstract template, structured abstract template or workshop guidelines before submitting an abstract.
Submitted abstracts should be written in Arial, 12 point font and the margins of the abstract template should not be altered.

**Abstract Title**
The title should be in bold, sentence case with no full stop at the end. Avoid unnecessary use of capital letters, e.g.:

Results from experiments in this field

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First name, middle initial, and surname with no full stop at the end. Underline the name of the presenting author. A comma should separate author names. Where authors are from a number of different institutions, the appropriate institution number from the affiliation list should be given as a superscript number immediately after each author’s name, e.g.:

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Affiliations should include department, institute, city/suburb and country. Where there are multiple affiliations, each should be listed as a separate paragraph. Each institute should appear in the order used against the author names (see above paragraph) and show the appropriate superscript number, e.g.:

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1. Structured abstracts

All abstracts reporting original research results should use structured abstracts, with paragraph headings typed in bold with no colon at the end. Do not use the heading ‘Abstract’. Each heading should be in a separate paragraph, e.g.:

**Background**
Followed by regular text, on a new line and in the same format as shown above for main text.

**Methods**
Followed by regular text, on a new line and in the same format as shown above for main text.

**Results**
Followed by regular text, on a new line and in the same format as shown above for main text.

**Conclusion**
Followed by regular text, on a new line and in the same format as shown above for main text.

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All non-research abstracts (ie: abstracts involving a general overview of the literature on a particular topic, discussion papers, invited speaker summaries, etc) should use a non-structured abstract format of no more than 350 words. The format of these should be identical to that described above, but with no subheadings.

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Abstracts exceeding the word limit or not set out in the correct format will not be considered.

**Please Note:** The invitation to submit an abstract or present a paper does not constitute an offer to pay for travel, accommodation or registration costs associated with the conference. No speaker’s fee is paid to successful applicants. Presenters (oral, poster, workshop) are required to register for the conference.

**Oral Presentations**
If your abstract is selected, oral presentations can be supplied in a range of formats including PowerPoint, Prezi and Keynote. You should allow 15 minutes for your presentation. This does not need to include question time as this will be allowed for at the end of the session.
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Accepted posters will be displayed during the conference. If an abstract is not accepted for an oral presentation, it may be considered for a poster presentation. Guidelines for accepted posters will be provided closer to the event.

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Workshops will be held concurrently with speaker presentations as well as other workshops during the conference. If you wish to present a workshop please indicate this when submitting your information through the speaker portal. Guidelines for workshops will be provided closer to the event.

**Review of Abstracts**
All abstracts will be reviewed by members of the Program Committee to ensure scientific quality and compatibility with the conference themes and areas of interest.

**Important Dates**
Deadline for submission of abstracts: Thursday 27 November 2014
Early bird registration opens online: October 2014
Authors advised of abstract acceptance: January 2015

**Publication**
Accepted abstracts will be published as a hard copy and online as a supplement in Journal of Foot and Ankle Research and will be searchable using PubMed.

**Registration**
Registration for the Australasian Podiatry Conference 2015 will open in October 2014. To receive updates on the progress of the conference, please complete an expression of interest form on the conference website.

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