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Dear All

RE: 7TH AUSTRALASIAN DAY SURGERY CONFERENCE "TODAY, TOMORROW & BEYOND"

Not surprisingly, I have received many letters and emails regarding the 7th Australasian Day Surgery Conference being held at the Grand Hyatt in Melbourne on Friday 10 and Saturday 11 November 2006.

Like you, I find it unacceptable that Mr Mark Gilheany, President of the so called "Australasian College of Podiatric Surgeons" has been asked to present. As some of you have been advised by Kim Slater, President of the Australian Orthopaedic Foot and Ankle Society, I have made it quite plain to the organising committee that if Mr Gilheany speaks, I will not open the Conference.

I have again spoken to Dr Elliot Rubinstein, Chairman of the Day Surgery Council and one of the organisers of the Conference expressing our disapproval. Following that discussion, I have now received advice that the Organising Committee has agreed to withdraw the invitation to Mr Gilheany and accordingly they have forwarded a letter to him to that effect.

This may result in a media "back lash" so I have already prepared a response based on standards, training, credentialing and privileging.

Yours sincerely

Dr Russell Stitz
President

- cc: Dr Ian Dickinson, Chair, Professional Development and Standards Board
- Mr George Sikorski, President, Australian Orthopaedic Association
- Dr Don Sheldon, Chairman of the Council Of Procedural Specialists
- Mr Stephen Milgate, Australian Society of Orthopaedic Surgeons
- Mr Henry Hicks, FRACS, representative of AMA Council
- RACS Councillors
- All Orthopaedic Fellows
- All Plastic Fellows