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# Presidents Report

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## President's Report

As we head into Autumn, it is good to know that ANZGOSA continues to prosper. Our combined meeting with GESA, ANZHPBA, and CSSANZ in October last year was highly successful, with more than 1,500 attendees at this meeting, a great program, and excellent feedback from the surgeons who were there.

Our first Upper GI Poist Fellowship Trainees commenced their fellowships a few months ago, and we will soon expand the Upper GI training program with the selection of our second cohort of trainees during the ASC in Perth in May. From 2011 we will have 8 – 10 post fellowship trainees.

We will soon launch our web based oesophageal and gastric tumour audit database. You will receive full details once the site is running. Garrett Smith and the audit subcommittee of the Executive are driving this development. This will give all ANZGOSA members the opportunity to participate in a bi-national audit process, and to place ANZGOSA at the forefront of driving quality in Oesophageal and Gastric cancer surgery.

Our next major event is on September 28 – 29. We will be partnering with ANZHPBA in Queenstown, New Zealand. Our visitor to this meeting is Professor John Hunter from Portland, Oregon. John is well known to many of our members. John is a leader in Upper GI Surgery in the USA. He edits the World Journal of Surgery, and he is well placed to contribute to the

excellent scientific program that Ross Roberts and the program committee have worked hard to develop. This will be ANZGOSA's first meeting in New Zealand. The timing is during Australian school holidays, and at the end of the NZ ski season – so make the most of this opportunity. The social events scheduled around the meeting are "family friendly", so plan to bring your whole family to Queenstown later this year.

Finally, I am pleased to announce that from September 28, Mark Smithers will become the new President of ANZGOSA. Mark is currently President elect, and I am confident that the organisation will be in safe hands.

I look forward to seeing you in Queenstown in September.

*Professor David Watson*

*President*



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## **Future Dates**

### **2010**

#### September 28 and 29

Combined meeting with ANZHPBA and ANZGOSA  
The Millennium Hotel, Queenstown, New Zealand  
<http://www.queenstown2010.co.nz/>

#### November 5 to 7

ANZHPBA Post Fellowship Trainees Weekend  
The Sebel Heritage, Yarra Valley

### **2011**

#### February 18 and 19

IsDEAS meeting  
Hobart, Tasmania



## **Secretariat**

Please feel free to contact our Executive Officer, Leanne Rogers, should you have any queries.

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## **ANZGOSA Members**

We welcome all our new members –

Miss Candice Silverman  
Mr Richard Flint  
Dr James Chau  
Dr Benjamin Woolven  
Dr Jerome Laurence  
Dr Sebastianus Kwon  
Mr Andrew MacCormack  
Mr Michael Booth  
Mr Kusal Wickremesekera  
Dr Shiran Wijeratne  
Mr Steven Kelly

## **Financial Report**

A full financial report and Treasurers' report was emailed to all members after the AGM on 23<sup>rd</sup> October, for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2009.

ANZGOSA continues to be in a good position. Industry Partners are secured in three year contracts and membership numbers continue to grow steadily.

We are currently applying for deductible gift recipient "DGR" status through the Australian Taxation Office. When we have received this endorsement more information will be provided to our members.



## **IsDEAS Meeting 2011**

Plans are currently under way for the 2011 meeting being held at the Henry Jones Art Hotel in Hobart, Tasmania, February 18 and 19.

*Please put these dates in your diary*

## **AGW 2009**

This meeting was highly successful and well attended.

## **Membership**

Membership numbers are steadily growing with a membership now around 123. Full membership is available for Medical practitioners with an interest in Upper Gastrointestinal, Gastric and/or Oesophageal surgery practice who hold FRACS or equivalent. Full members are entitled to full voting rights, and may stand for office. Associate membership is available to trainees or retired Upper Gastrointestinal surgeons, and other health professionals working in the area of Upper Gastrointestinal, Gastric and/or Oesophageal practice. Associate members do not have voting rights, and are unable to stand for office. A discount on membership fees is available to members who are also members of ANZHPBA. Please contact the Secretariat for an application for membership.



## **Website**

**[www.anzgos.org](http://www.anzgos.org)**

Please don't forget we are now on the web so please check it out!

We are currently establishing the "Find a Surgeon" section on the website. The aim of this is to have our ANZGOSA members listed.

If you would like to be included could you please email me, as soon as possible, the following information -

SURNAME  
FIRST NAME (and title)  
LOCATION  
PHONE  
WEBSITE.



# NEWS

## Post Fellowship Training in Upper GI Surgery 2011

Applications are invited from eligible Post Fellowship Trainees for training in Upper GI Surgery.

ANZGOSA's Post Fellowship Training Program is for Upper GI surgeons. The program consists of two years education and training following completion of a general surgery fellowship. A portion of the program will include clinical research. A successful Fellowship in Upper GI surgery will involve satisfactory completion of the curriculum requirements, completion of research requirements, minimum of twenty four months clinical training, successful case load achievement, and assessment. Successful applicants will be assigned to an accredited hospital unit.

For further information please contact the Executive Officer at [anzgosa@gmail.com](mailto:anzgosa@gmail.com)

Applicants should submit a CV, an outline of career plans and nominate three references, to Leanne Rogers, Executive Officer ANZGOSA, P.O. Box 374, Belair S.A. 5052, or email [anzgosa@gmail.com](mailto:anzgosa@gmail.com).

Applicants will need to be able to attend interviews which will be held on Monday May 3<sup>rd</sup>, during the ASC in Perth.

Applications close 5pm, Friday March 26<sup>th</sup> 2010.

## Queenstown Conference

2010 combined, ANZHPBA and ANZGOSA, two day annual Symposium, September 28 to 29 at The Millennium Hotel, Queenstown, New Zealand.

*Registration will open early April*

The "Conjoint ANZ Upper GI and HPB Meeting" will be a two day program. Each day will consist of four sessions. Day one will run separate sessions for ANZHPBA and ANZGOSA, and, Day two will be combined sessions. The scientific committee has put together a comprehensive and balanced academic program.

ANZGOSA's program will address:

- Oesophageal carcinoma – including stenting
- Gastroesophageal reflux
- Robotics
- Bariatric Surgery – including management of complications'
- Duodenal tumours
- Upper GI emergencies
- Quality in Surgery
- Premalignant Upper GI conditions

ANZHPBA's program will address:

- Gallbladder carcinoma
- Cholangiocarcinoma
- Complex gallstone disease
- Management of common duct stones

The meeting will be focused towards a national audience and will be advertised nationwide to Australasian HPB surgeons, Upper GI surgeons, bariatric surgeons, general surgeons, surgical trainees, gastroenterologists, and oncologists.

Leading specialists from around the world, and faculty from Australia and New Zealand will present. The international faculty consists of:

- Dr John Hunter, Oregon USA
- Professor Attila Csendes, Chile
- Professor William Jarnagan, New York USA

The venue will be The Millennium Hotel, Queenstown, New Zealand. Our website for the meeting is <http://www.queenstown2010.co.nz/>.

### **New Board Member**

We welcome new Board Member Krishna Epari from Western Australia. We look forward to Krishna's contribution to ANZGOSA over his three year term.

### **Post Fellowship Trainees Weekend**

The ANZGOSA Post Fellowship Trainees' Weekend took place September 11 to 13, at the Cypress Lakes Resort, Hunter Valley. The weekend was a great success with many positive comments received by all who attended. The weekend was made up of presentations, debates, and social events. The weekend was once again Industry supported by Johnson and Johnson, and, Covidien.

2009 Fellows were invited to attend and all were assigned one topic to present. A local faculty also attended and provided very positive feedback and contribution.

We were very pleased with the outcome of this event and this years Weekend, hosted by ANZHPBA, should prove to be a very worthwhile weekend to attend.



## Call for Abstracts

We are currently calling for abstracts to be submitted for the *ANZHPBA / ANZGOSA Queenstown Meeting, 28 and 29 September*. If you are interested in presenting at the Meeting, please follow the format detailed below.

Papers are invited for oral or poster presentations. Authors should submit abstracts online, as early as possible, but no later than 5pm (New Zealand time) Friday 09 July 2010.

All abstracts submitted are subject to review by the Organising Committee and will, after acceptance be assigned to an oral or poster presentation. The Organising Committee reserves the right to contact authors if required to clarify the nature of intended presentations prior to making decisions regarding acceptance.

### Types of presentations

#### Oral Presentation

If your abstract is accepted as an oral presentation, you will be allocated a 15 minute space in the programme. Please allow at least five minutes of question time within the 15 minutes.

#### Poster

If your abstract is accepted as a poster, you will be required to produce a poster following a template. Template details will be forwarded on acceptance.

### Formats for Abstracts

The following format must be followed for all abstracts

Title: 12 point, bold typeface, arial font, left aligned

Leave one blank line (12 pt)

Authors: 10 point, arial font, Surname, First name, Presenting author to be bold, Affiliations numbered in superscript

Leave one blank line (12pt)

Affiliations: 10 point, arial font, italics, affiliation, city, country

Leave two blank lines

Abstract Text: 12 point, arial font, left aligned, single spacing, maximum 400 words

- Do not insert any tables or figures
- Do not include titles or degrees
- Check spelling and grammar. Submitted material will be published in the Meeting Handbook - the abstract, therefore, should contain no errors
- Standard scientific abbreviations may be used, non standard abbreviations should be included in parenthesis after the first use of the full word
- Do not indent paragraphs
- Present sufficient data to support conclusions - it is unsatisfactory to use statements such as "data will be presented" or "results will be discussed"

Failure to observe these requirements will exclude the abstract from consideration.

### Submission Details

Abstracts are to be submitted online via <http://www.queenstown2010.co.nz/>

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