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President's Report

October will be upon us soon with the Federation of Gastro-enterology Societies meeting in Melbourne the highlight. The programme for our component of the meeting is outstanding. I am indebted to Ahmad Aly for his time and efforts in liaising with the GE Society of Australia and leading the programme development for the meeting. The surgical groups are focussed on the Monday and Tuesday (October 7-8) with a combined session with the Australasian Gastro-intestinal Trials Group (AGITG) on the Tuesday (8th). Our invited guest, **Karl Fuchs**, will offer a very important European feel to the management of Upper GI disorders and I am really looking forward to hearing him speak.

I remind you that Karl is a GI surgeon based in Frankfurt, Germany. He is the Chief of Thoracic and General Surgery at Frankfurt am Main. He was the President of the European Society of Esophageal Diseases in 2010; President of the European Association of Endoscopic Surgeons (2011) and has been on the board of EURO-NOTES since 2007. Along with managing malignancy in the Upper GI tract he has personal experience in Per-Oral Endoscopic Myotomy (POEM) for achalasia as well as knowledge of the issues surrounding the present role for NOTES surgery in Europe in 2013. Please click onto the GESA website to look at the programme and register for the meeting. www.agw.org.au

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on the Monday afternoon (7th October). All are welcome.

Following an intensive period of assessment we have selected a very strong group of surgeons to participate in our training programme for 2014/15. Two previous Fellows are finishing fellowships in Edinburgh and Newcastle upon Tyne. We will have a Fellow spending a year in Newcastle in 2014 as the association with Professor Michael Griffin and his unit continues to flourish. Michael will receive an OBE in October for his services to surgery in the UK. Our congratulations go to him, a very well deserved accolade.

Gary Crosthwaite has developed an excellent programme for the combined ANZGOSA and ANZHPBA training weekend which will be held on October 5 and 6.

In 2014 (October 1-3), we will have a combined meeting with ANZHPBA in Queenstown, New Zealand. This was very successful three years ago and a great opportunity to deal with the overlapping issues between our two groups. Queenstown is also a fantastic place to visit and I am really looking forward to this meeting. Please put the dates in your diary.

In 2015, in March, we will be hosting the 5th Asia Pacific Gastro-oesophageal Cancer Congress (APGCC). This has been a very successful meeting previously held in Singapore, Hong Kong and Kuala Lumpur. It will be an opportunity to meet with our Asian colleagues and share experiences and knowledge with respect to the diagnosis and management of early and late gastro-oesophageal neoplasia.

Later in the year we are in discussion with OSSANZ with respect to a combined meeting dealing with issues of Bariatric surgery that are relevant to members of both Societies.

The ANZGOSA Audit continues to accrue cases and remains an important tool for our membership. The audit committee is actively working on ways to improve and utilise this resource.

I look forward to seeing you at the Meeting in October, in Melbourne.

Mark Smithers

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Future Dates

2013

October 7 – 9
Combined meeting ANZGOSA, ANZHPBA, CSSANZ, GESA
Melbourne
ANZGOSA International visitor is Karl Fuchs

2014

October 1 to 3
Combined meeting with ANZHPBA
Millennium Hotel, Queenstown
2 ½ days meeting

2015

October 2015 (Dates to be advised)
Combined meeting with OSSANZ
3 days



Membership Renewals

ANZGOSA membership renewals for the period 1st July – 30th June **are now due.**

Membership Fees are (as follows) -

Full Membership \$250
Associate Membership \$125

Member of both ANZGOSA and ANZHPBA adjusted fee -

Full membership \$200
Associate membership \$100

ANZGOSA Blog

We now have the facility on our website for the ANZGOSA Blog. One of the important functions of ANZGOSA is the sharing of knowledge and ideas between members. It is designed to be a forum where topics of interest or problem areas can be discussed. The site has been designed as a blog page with oversight of the content. This is for use by all ANZGOSA members and we welcome your contribution to this blog regarding interesting issues and cases.

In the members area there is button to Register. Members can register by updating their information in the form.

Link:

http://www.anzgos.org/members_area.html

ANZGOSA Members

We welcome all our new members

Financial Report

A full financial report and Treasurers' report will be provided, and emailed, to all members after the AGM on October 7th, for the year ended 30th June 2013.

ANZGOSA continues to be in a good position. Three industry partners are secured in three year contracts and membership numbers continue to grow steadily. Industry partnerships will be renegotiated in 2013 for 2014 and beyond.

We have now received deductible gift recipient "DGR" status through the Australian Taxation Office. ***The Association can now accept donations.***



Facebook

Check out ANZGOSA on facebook. See pictures, latest news and announcements. Together with our website www.anzgos.org we are keeping you up to date with the latest regarding our Association.

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Anzgos/304387776331914>.



Membership

Membership numbers are steadily growing with a membership now around 170.

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

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

If you would like to be included could you please email me the following information -

SURNAME
FIRST NAME (and title)
LOCATION
PHONE
WEBSITE.



We are happy to hear of any suggested improvements to the website or any errors you may see. We do endeavour to keep it as up to date as possible.

NEWS

ANZGOSA Hospital Unit Accreditation

We invite you to apply for ANZGOSA board recognition as a training centre.

The ANZGOSA Post Fellowship Training manual can be found on the ANZGOSA website. This document outlines the requirement to become an Upper GI training centre. .

Applications for potential 2014 Fellows are now closed. Advertisements for 2015 will be placed in the 2014 February Surgical News and the ANZGOSA website. Ultimately accepting a Fellow will be at the discretion of the training unit. Hospital Unit site inspections will occur once you receive a Fellow and Fellow offers occur from late June 2014.

Please note that if a training unit requires accreditation for both HPB and Upper GI then separate applications will need to be made to both ANZHPBA and ANZGOSA.

Could each unit applying please submit a letter addressing each Hospital Unit criteria (available on website) and nominate a future programme director (with contact details). All future communications will be to that director.

Applications should be either emailed or posted to:

Leanne Rogers
Executive Officer ANZGOSA
P.O. Box 374
Belair SA 5052
anzgosa@gmail.com

Post Fellowship Trainees Weekend

The 2013 Post Fellowship Trainees' Weekend is being hosted by ANZGOSA. This weekend is scheduled for October 5 and 6, at The Langham Hotel, Melbourne. 2013 ANZHPBA and ANZGOSA Fellows will attend. As part of the two year Fellowship they are required to attend the Post Fellowship Trainees Weekend. The weekend will again have significant local faculty and international visitors Professor Sean Clary and Professor Karl-Hermann Fuchs. Each Fellow will have one presentation topic focused on their specialty, HPB or GI.

The 2014 Post Fellowship Trainees' Weekend will be hosted by ANZHPBA and is being held in Queenstown (NZ) on Saturday 4 and Sunday 5 October, 2014.

Queenstown Meeting 2014

**** DIARY DATE ****

1 – 3 October, 2014

The "2014 Conjoint ANZ Upper GI and HPB Meeting" is a two and half day program and is the ANZHPBA and ANZGOSA annual meeting for next year. Day one and two will run separate sessions for ANZHPBA and ANZGOSA, and, Day three is combined sessions. The scientific committee is currently putting together a comprehensive and balanced academic programme. The meeting is focused towards a national audience and will be of interest to HPB surgeons, Upper GI surgeons, bariatric surgeons, general surgeons, surgical trainees, gastroenterologists, and oncologists. For those that attended the highly successful 2010 meeting, the venue is again The Millennium Hotel, Queenstown, New Zealand.

AGW 2013

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

The Organising Committee invites you to Australian Gastrointestinal Week to be held in Melbourne from the **7-9 October 2013**.

General Information

- Abstracts submission is open and available only online via the website – www.agw.org.au
- Joint meeting including ANZGOSA, ANZHPBA, CSSANZ, as well as oncologists from the Australian Gastrointestinal Trials Group, our colleagues from the International Symposium of Hepatitis C & Related Viruses Meeting and GENCA
- Overarching theme is Malignant Gastrointestinal and Liver Diseases: Prevention, Surveillance and Cutting Edge Therapy
- All culminating in one of Australia's most vibrant and sophisticated cities

Highlights

- 9 International speakers
- Live endoscopy workshops
- The Great Debate, continuing a popular segment from AGW 2012
- Several State-of-the-Art lectures, symposia and free papers
- Showcasing Young Investigators' Plenary and research papers of distinction
- New and improved poster area
- President's Reception cocktail party encompassing the presentation of the Young Investigators and winner of the Posters of Merit



AGW 2013 – ANZHPBA/ANZGOSA Dinner

The ANZHPBA and ANZGOSA will be having a combined members' dinner on Monday 7th October, at Spice Temple (Crown Complex Southbank Melbourne), 7pm, cost \$140 per person. Bookings for this dinner are now open.

ANZGOSA / ANZHPBA Dinner

Spice Temple
Crown Complex, Southbank

October 7, 2013

7pm

Cost: \$140 per person

Registration of Attendance

PERSONAL

Title:

Surname:

First name(s):

CONTACT INFORMATION

Email:

PAYMENT OPTIONS

Cheque (please enclose a cheque made out to the Australia, New Zealand Hepatic, Pancreatic and Biliary Association).

Please debit my [Mastercard / Visa]

Card number: / / / Expiry Date:

For the sum of \$AUD:

Name on card (please print):

Signature:

Any dietary requirements:

*Please return your completed registration form to the Secretariat, P.O. Box 374 Belair S.A. 5052 or
fax to 08 8278 1249*

Post Fellowship Training in Upper GI Surgery 2014

We congratulate our successful appointments to the ANZGOSA Post Fellowship Training Programme for 2014 –

Richard Chen to Concord Hospital
Jacob Vanyai to John Hunter Hospital
Alexandra Gordon to Christchurch Hospital NZ
Niruben Rajasagaram to The Alfred Hospital
Mary Ann Johnson to Box Hill Hospital
Nicholas Evennett to North Shore Hospital NZ

On behalf of the ANZGOSA Board, we congratulate and welcome these six surgeons to our programme and look forward to a successful two years associated with ANZGOSA. We look forward to working with our accredited hospitals and fellows in ensuring the quality of Upper GI surgery in Australia and New Zealand.

We would also like to congratulate our current ANZGOSA Fellows on the following placements for 2014 –

Michael Tan to Austin Hospital
Michael Devadas to Royal North Shore Hospital
Kontoku Shimokawa to Flinders Medical Centre
Matthew Henderson to Fremantle Hospital
David Links to Newcastle (UK) 3rd Year
Damien Loh to Bankstown/Liverpool Hospital 3rd Year

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) is being held on Monday 7th October 2013 at the “Australian Gastrointestinal Week”, Melbourne Exhibition and Convention Centre. The meeting will immediately follow the last session of the day.

AGENDA

- 1 **PRESENT**
- 2 **APOLOGIES**
- 3 **PRESIDENT’S REPORT**
 - **NEW PRESIDENT**
- 4 **Treasurer’s Report**
- 5 **RATIFICATION OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS**
 - **ROSS ROBERTS**
 - **MARK SMITHERS (12 MONTHS)**
 - **WENDY BROWN**
- 6 **ANZGOSA AUDIT REPORT**
- 7 **OTHER BUSINESS**

ANZGOSA Audit

REMINDER

To further our aim of improving the surgical management of diseases of the stomach, oesophagus and upper gastrointestinal tract, the Australia and New Zealand Gastric and Oesophageal Surgery Association (ANZGOSA) has launched a bi-national audit of surgical cancer treatment for its members. The ANZGOSA Audit was officially launched on August 31 2010 through an online portal which can be accessed via the ANZGOSA website: www.anzgos.org . As a practising member of the Association, we would like to invite and encourage you to participate.

Participating in the audit demonstrates both an appreciation of the importance of quality surgical care in this area and a commitment to achieving such quality. Participation will be acknowledged on the ANZGOSA website and participants will receive an annual participation certificate.

Through the reporting feature of the data entry portal surgeons have access to instant reporting on key areas against aggregated peer results and be able extract their own data for personal analyses. Audit staff will also be able to provide customised analyses if requested.

Collated bi-national data will provide the ANZGOSA opportunities for research into surgical treatment in the two countries. Participants can also make an official data request to gain de-identified information from the database for their own research.

The audit is being conducted on behalf of the ANZGOSA by the Research, Audit and Academic Surgery Division of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons. **College Ethics Committee approval was granted in June 2010** and an application has been made to recognise the audit as an approved activity so that participants can use this to claim points in the College Continuing Professional Development program.

Protection as a Quality Assurance Activity has already been applied for under the relevant legislation in Australia and New Zealand. Being declared a quality assurance activity gives individual surgeons protection from having their data and/or any comparative analysis subpoenaed from the audit.

For further information or to become part of this initiative and gain access to the online portal, please contact the College managers of the audit:

Ph: +61 8 8363 7513

Audit helpdesk: anzgos.audit@surgeons.org

Upon joining the audit, you will be issued with a user manual and data dictionary, as well as a copy of the audit patient information sheet.

New to the Audit –

- **Institutional downloads available**



ANZGOSA Board and committees

The current Board is:

President	Mark Smithers (Qld)
President Elect	Ross Roberts (New Zealand)
Secretary	
Treasurer	Tim Bright (SA)
Board members	John Jorgensen (NSW)
	Gary Crosthwaite (Vic)
	Rob Bohmer (Tas)
	Sarah Thompson (SA)
	Wendy Brown (VIC)
	Krishna Epari (WA)
	Andrew MacCormick (NZ)
	Neil Merrett (NSW)
	Ahmad Aly (VIC)

Training Committee

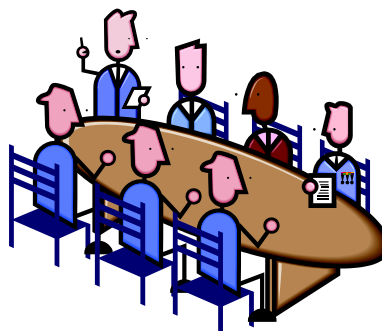
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Tim Bright
David Martin
Gary Crosthwaite
Neil Merrett
Simon Bann
Emma Johnston
Richard Cade
Mark Smithers (ANZGOSA President)

Audit Committee

Sarah Thompson (Chairman)
Ahmad Aly
George Kiroff
Andrew Barbour
Peter Cosman
Krishna Epari
Mark Smithers (ANZGOSA President)

Research Committee

Mark Smithers (Chairman)
Wendy Brown
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Secretariat

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

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