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President's Report

Winter is still with us, so what a great time to visit the snow in New Zealand's premier destination – Queenstown. ANZGOSA joins with ANZHPBA on September 28 – 29 to host what will be the year's best Upper GI Surgical meeting, so those who don't need a holiday, your attendance is justified! ANZGOSA's visitor, Professor John Hunter from Portland, Oregon, is no stranger to Australia and New Zealand. He is a leading Upper GI Surgeon in the USA, Editor in Chief for the World Journal of Surgery, and he is guaranteed to contribute to the excellent scientific program – check the website for details. This meeting is during Australian school holidays, and the NZ ski season is still on, so bring your family – children are welcome at all of the social events. If you haven't already registered and organised your trip, now is the time to do so. I look forward to seeing you in Queenstown.

In May we have appointed five new Upper GI Post Fellowship Trainees, expanding the Upper GI training program in 2011 to eight post fellowship trainees. I congratulate Abd Elkak, Mouhannad Jaber, Sebastian Kwon, Philip Le Page, and Gary Yee, on their successful appointments.

I am also pleased to remind everyone that after the forthcoming AGM on September 28 in New Zealand, Mark Smithers will become the next President of ANZGOSA. ANZGOSA has grown from an informal

gathering of interested surgeons in Adelaide in February 2006, to a fully functioning Society, representing Upper GI surgeons in two countries. The Association was formally established at the end of 2006. It partnered the IsDEAS meeting in the Barossa Valley in February 2007, and then held its first meeting in Melbourne in August 2007 (in association with ANZHPBA). We have established successful partnership arrangement with key industry supporters, initiated an Upper GI Surgery post fellowship training program, embedded an annual trainees' weekend into the calendar, secured a stable financial base, and grown the membership to more than 130. These achievements are the results of hard work by many members who have contributed as members of the Association's Executive, and various subcommittees. All have been very generous in their support, and I am grateful for their willing help.

Finally, I would like to thank and acknowledge Leanne Rogers. Leanne's support as your Association's Executive Officer has been absolutely crucial to all of the progress the Association has made. She has provided great support for me in my time as President of the Association. She has done all the work, she has never complained, and she has kept me and the Executive on track – not an easy task! Where we are now is the result of her considerable talents and efforts. Thanks Leanne.

As I look towards ANZGOSA's future, I see a vibrant successful organisation. ANZGOSA is its members, and it is positioned to be responsive to our collective needs. I am confident that ANZGOSA is in safe hands, and that it will continue to grow and prosper. I look forward to supporting its future development in a different role.

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

November 10 to 12

3rd Asia Pacific Gastroesophageal Cancer Congress

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

www.apgcc.com

2011

February 18 and 19

IsDEAS meeting

The Henry Jones Art Hotel, Hobart, Tasmania

27 – 30 September

Asia Pacific HPBA Congress

Melbourne Convention Centre



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 –

Mr Simon Bann
Dr Emma Johnston
Mr Steven Karametos
Dr Ruth Blackham
Dr Mouhannad Jaber
Dr Adeeb Majid

Financial Report

A full financial report and Treasurers' report will be provided, and emailed, to all members at the AGM on Wednesday 29th September, for the year ended 30th June 2010.

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

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



Membership Renewals

ANZGOSA membership renewals for the period 1st July 2010 – 30th June 2011 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

Please complete the emailed renewal form and either email, post or fax to the office by 31st July 2010.

Membership

Membership numbers are steadily growing with a membership now around 130. 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

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

We have now established 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.



NEWS

Post Fellowship Training in Upper GI Surgery 2011

We congratulate our successful appointments to the ANZGOSA Post Fellowship Training Programme for 2011 –

Abd Elkak to Fremantle Hospital
Mouhannad Jaber to St George Hospital
Sebastian Kwon to St George Hospital
Philip Le Page to St Vincents Hospital
Gary Yee to John Hunter Hospital

On behalf of the ANZGOSA Board, we congratulate and welcome these five 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 2011 -

Peter Stiven to Royal North Shore Hospital
Matthew Leong to Flinders Medical Centre
Hou Kiat Lim to Austin Hospital

Queenstown Conference

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

Registration now open

The “Conjoint ANZ Upper GI and HPB Meeting” is a two day program. Each day consists of four sessions. Day one runs separate sessions for ANZHPBA and ANZGOSA, and, Day two is combined sessions. The scientific committee has put together a comprehensive and balanced academic programme (*attached to this newsletter*).

The meeting is focused towards a national audience and is being 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

Two family friendly social events are organised for the Tuesday and Wednesday evenings.

The venue is The Millennium Hotel, Queenstown, New Zealand. All details of the meeting can be found on our meeting website <http://www.queenstown2010.co.nz/> . Register now at this website

Post Fellowship Trainees Weekend

The 2011 Post Fellowship Trainees' Weekend is being hosted this year by ANZHPBA at The Sebel Heritage Resort, Yarra Valley, November 5 to 7. The weekend has Industry support from Johnson and Johnson, and Covidien.

2010 and 2011 ANZHPBA and ANZGOSA Fellows are invited to attend. As part of the two year Fellowship they are required to attend the Post Fellowship Trainees Weekend. The weekend will follow a similar format of 2008 and 2009 and have significant local faculty and international visitor Professor Paul Greig from Toronto attending.

Current 2010 Fellows will also have a face to face progress interviews with their Post Fellowship group to discuss how their appointment is going. Each Fellow will receive one presentation topic focused on their specialty, HPB or GI.

IsDEAS Meeting February 17 – 19, 2011

The 2011 IsDEAS meeting is being held at the Henry Jones Art Hotel in Hobart, Australia's first and only dedicated art Hotel. <http://www.thehenryjones.com/> This previously well attended meeting is the 2011 annual meeting for ANZGOSA.

Traditionally, the IsDEAS meeting has a comprehensive program which focuses on oesophageal disease and it is well supported by Australian and New Zealand Upper gastrointestinal surgeons. The meeting is held in a less formal and residential environment. The meeting is held in such a forum so that topics can be discussed that are not normally dealt with in larger forums. The scientific programme committee has put together a comprehensive programme. The meeting will follow a similar format of 2007 and 2009. Both Thursday night and Friday night dinners are included in the registration cost.

Registration fee of \$440 includes –

- Thursday evening Welcome Dinner
- Friday evening Conference Dinner
- Friday and Saturday meeting

Please put these dates in your diary now, registration will open in October



Change to Medicare Item

Change to Medicare Item Number 30479

New descriptor – Endoscopy with Laser Therapy or Argon Plasma Coagulation, for the treatment of neoplasia- benign vascular lesions, strictures of the gastrointestinal tract, tumorous overgrowth through or over oesophageal stents, peptic ulcers, angiodysplasia, gastric antral vascular ectasia (GAVE) or post-polypectomy bleeding, 1 or more of

ANZGOSA Board Nominations

Nominations Procedures:

Nominations will be accepted on this form for three (3) positions on the Board of Australia and New Zealand Gastric & Oesophageal Association (ANZGOSA) for the term of 2010 to 2013. ANZGOSA Constitution, Eligibility and Election requirements Clause 17 is printed on the reverse of this form. The nominee and those persons nominating shall be financial, voting members of ANZGOSA.

Nominations should be sent by facsimile or posted to reach the Executive Officer before 5.00pm on Friday 20th August 2010. Late nominations will not be accepted.

Nominee:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: Private _____ Business _____

Email address: _____

Member of ANZGOSA: Yes/No

I accept this nomination for the position of ANZGOSA Board Member for three years.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

This nomination must also be accompanied by a brief statement from the candidate outlining their skills and experience, and how they propose to fulfil their commitments as a Director, and add value to ANZGOSA

Declaration:

We, the undersigned ANZGOSA delegates, hereby nominate and second the nominee, named above, for election to the Board of ANZGOSA.

Nominated by: (Must be a current delegate of ANZGOSA)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: Private _____ Business _____

Email address: _____

Member of ANZGOSA: Yes/No

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Seconded by: (Must be a current delegate of ANZGOSA)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: Private _____ Business _____

Email address: _____

Member of ANZGOSA: Yes/No

Signature: _____ Date: _____

**Please forward your Nomination to the Executive Officer ANZGOSA,
Facsimile: (08) 8362 8939, or P.O. Box 374 Belair SA 5052, before the close of business
at 5.00pm on Friday 20th August 2010**

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