

# 2008 South Australia/ Northern Territory ASM

The 2008 South Australia/Northern Territory Regional Annual Scientific Meeting was held at the Stamford Grand, Glenelg, Adelaide, from Friday 7 November to Sunday 9 November 2008. The meeting theme, *Sink or Swim – O and G Controversies, Dilemmas and Solutions*, was chosen due to the seaside location of the conference venue and the nature of the meeting topics. The meeting attracted over 70 South Australian and Northern Territory Fellows, Diplomates and Trainees.

Meeting Chair, Dr Christine Kirby, developed an interesting and diverse program which proved to be educational and enjoyable for those who attended the three-day meeting.

Thank you to College House for assisting with final meeting arrangements and for College representatives who attended.

The Registrars Presentation Evening, chaired by Dr Martin Ritossa, proved to be a highlight which was well attended to support the registrar's presentations. The quality and standard of presentations were exceptional with the John O'Loughlin Medal and the Bayer Schering Prize awarded to Dr Rosalie Grivell for her presentation on *Caesarean Section Wound Infection*.

Support from our industry partners was exceptional with eight companies represented.

## **Dr Christine Kirby**

Chair, SA/NT Regional Committee

## **Tania Back**

Executive Officer, SA/NT Regional Office

# 2009 New South Wales/ Queensland ASM

The 2009 New South Wales/Queensland Annual Scientific Meeting was held at the Sheraton Four Points Hotel at Darling Harbour from 6 to 7 June 2009. It was attended by 59 Fellows and Trainees and ten company sponsors. The New South Wales and Queensland Regional Office staff worked together to carry out the administrative functions for the meeting.

On Saturday, session one covered *Education Theory for O and Gs* and included an introduction to the use of transponders (recently purchased by the New South Wales Regional Committee) and session two covered *Education in Practice*.

One of the highlights of the meeting was session three, when 18 presentations were made by registrars for the award of the Crown Street Medal and the Christopher Kohlenberg Memorial Medal. RANZCOG Fellows with less than five years fellowship are also eligible to compete for the Christopher Kohlenberg Memorial Medal.

At the meeting dinner, Dr Struan Robertson presented the Crown Street Medal to Dr Brad Robinson (QLD) for his presentation titled, *Threatened Pre-term Labour in Rural and Regional Queensland: Examining the Role of Fetal Fibronectin in Obstetric Transfers to Townsville Hospital*. Mrs Cathy Kohlenberg presented the Christopher Kohlenberg Memorial Medal to Dr Wendy Carseldine (NSW) for her presentation, *Does Occipito-posterior Position in the Second Stage of Labour Increase the Operative Delivery Rate? (The OP Study)*.

After dinner, Mr Malcolm Knox, author and sports writer for *The Sydney Morning Herald*, entertained diners with anecdotes from his travels and career as a journalist.

Three workshops were held on Sunday: *Clinical Risk Management and Hot Topics in O and G; Learning on the Go – Postgraduate Learning*; and an ultrasound workshop, *Basic First Trimester Scanning*.

The next New South Wales/Queensland ASM will be held in 2010 in Queensland.

## **Dr Andrew Zuschmann**

Chair, New South Wales Education Subcommittee

## **Lee Dawson**

Executive Officer, New South Wales Regional Office

# 2009 RANZCOG ASM

The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists 2009 Annual Scientific Meeting (RANZCOG 2009 ASM) was held in conjunction with the XXIst Asian and Oceania Congress of Obstetrics and Gynaecology (AOCOG 2009) at the Sky City Convention Centre, Auckland, New Zealand from 26 to 30 March 2009.

*Women Well into the Future* was a tantalising theme for the meeting. From the outset, speakers and registrants alike addressed the place of women in society and the future of obstetrics and gynaecology in the face of the multitude of issues nationally, regionally and internationally which have to be tackled if reproductive health outcomes are to improve. Indeed, the passionate lecture from keynote speaker Professor David Grimes persuasively suggested that our very survival depends on improving the circumstances of women all around the world. Professor Peter Gluckman, whilst presenting the Ian McDonald Memorial Oration, also debated the importance of the study of evolutionary biology and how it will affect all of us.

The meeting was attended by over 1000 registrants and drew general acclaim from delegates, industry sponsors and presenters.

The strength and success of a meeting, ultimately, is the scientific program. The Organising Committee sought high quality and 'new blood' speakers from all over the world.

The Organising Committee invited seven keynote speakers to participate in the meeting. They were:

- Professor Siladitya Bhattacharya, United Kingdom
- Professor Christopher B-Lynch, United Kingdom
- Mr Tim Child, United Kingdom
- Professor Nicholas Fisk, Australia
- Professor David Grimes, United States of America
- Dr Metin Gülmezoglu, Switzerland
- Professor Pisake Lumbiganon, Thailand

The organising committee were pleased with the overwhelming number of free communication abstracts received for oral and poster presentations, and also by the quality of the Early Career Researcher Presentations.

The following awards were presented during the Closing Ceremony:

## Best Free Communication Oral Presentations

- Dr Jeong-Yeol Park for the free communication oral presentation titled, *Oncologic and Reproductive Outcomes of Fertility-sparing Management with Progestin for Young Women with Endometrial Cancer*.
- Dr Deirdre Gartland for the free communication oral presentation titled, *What Impact is Delayed Childbearing Having on Women's Health in Early Pregnancy*.

- Dr Chadakarn Phaloprakarn for the free communication oral presentation titled, *A Risk Score for Selective Screening for Gestational Diabetes Mellitus*.

## Best Posters

- Dr Katie Groom for the poster titled, *Uterine Artery Notches with a Normal Resistance Index (RI) are Not Associated with Increased Rates of Preeclampsia and Small for Gestational Age (SGA) Infants*.
- Dr Yasuyuki Fujita for the poster titled, *Estimation of Peripheral Vascular Resistance by the Fetal Augmentation Index Calculated from Fetal Aortic Pulse Waveforms*.
- Dr Ahmad Murad Zainuddin for the poster titled, *Comparing Different Dosage Regime of Nifedipine in the Tocolysis of Preterm Labour*.

## RANZCOG Early Career Researcher Award

Jointly presented to:

- Dr Lenore Ellett for her presentation titled, *Does Pregnancy Affect Memory and Attention? A Cross-sectional Study*; and
- Dr Ray Young for his presentation on the *Effectiveness of Cophenylcaine Forte Spray in Reducing Pain During Biopsy of the Cervix at Colposcopy - Results of a Double Blind Randomised Controlled Trial*.

A variety of interactive workshops were held in conjunction with the main meeting, including a dedicated post-conference workshop day. It was very encouraging to see how much the Diplomates enjoyed the two Diplomates' Days workshops and having New Zealand general practitioners registering as well may start to build bridges between trans-Tasman colleagues. Involving the Pacific Society for Reproductive Health (PSRH) also enriched the meeting, both socially and scientifically, and in the future the College may look to increased involvement of Pacific neighbours in College ASMs.

The support of College industry partners was exceptional. It would not be possible to hold a meeting of this calibre without sponsorship. Their involvement is gratefully acknowledged.

Overall, the meeting was very successful with the feedback from registrants extremely complimentary, both about the scientific program and the venue arrangements. Thanks is extended to the Organising Committee for their enthusiasm and dedication to this meeting.

### Professor Peter Stone

Chair, Organising Committee  
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### Kylie Grose

ASM Coordinator



Opening Ceremony, 2009 RANZCOG ASM.