Over the past 12 months the CSANZ Board has been reviewing various aspects of the Annual Scientific Meeting including costs, venue and program content.

The Society depends very much on the financial profit of the Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM) to fund its operations and the provision of services to members.

Internationally, we have seen greater competition in the conferencing market with more niche meetings on offer as well as greater competition for sponsorship dollars. The Board views the continued review and improvement of the ASM as a key priority in order to ensure the meeting meets members’ educational needs, provides a forum for sharing new research both domestic and international, and that the meeting delivers financial benefits to the Society.

This year attendees at the 65th ASM held in Adelaide were invited to complete an online survey to provide feedback about their experiences and suggestions for improving the program content and format. Of the 162 respondents, 79% rated the meeting as a whole good or very good.

Suggestions from the survey for future program content included:

- More interactive sessions, case presentations, practical sessions, panel discussions and debates on topical issues
- Greater focus on allied health, nursing and multidisciplinary teams
- More public health sessions relevant to cardiology
- Find upcoming, young, innovative researchers and health professionals
- Introduce some new themes which cross over existing eg epidemiology, pharmacotherapy, patient care
- New content, not things rehashed; minimise repeat sessions; change it up a bit - too many friends being invited to speak

There were also a lot of comments regarding the poster session and many respondents felt that a bigger area for displays was needed. There were a number of suggestions to break up the poster sessions by theme in order to alleviate the congestion and encourage people to view the posters.

The feedback has been shared with the 2017 ASM Program Committee for consideration and, where possible, incorporation into the 2017 program.

The ANZET Committee has been reviewing the structure and timing of its meeting as well as the crossover with the interventional stream at the ASM. The ANZET meeting has always preceded the ASM, however, from 2018 it has been agreed that ANZET will commence on the Sunday, the last day of the ASM, with a joint interventional stream and an affiliates symposium. The ANZET live cases will commence the following day on Monday.

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Finally, the Board has been considering the cost of venues for the ASM. Rather than continuing the traditional capital city rotation, the Board initiated a tender process for the 2018, 2019, 2021 and 2023 meetings in order to ensure that the Society was holding the meeting in the most cost-effective venue. The venue location would not have any impact on the rotation of organising committees which would continue the existing State rotation. Factors taken into account when considering the submissions included room hire and AV costs, incentives and discounts. Based on the submissions received, the Board has awarded the Brisbane Convention Centre the contract for the 2018 ASM and the Adelaide Convention Centre a three-year contract for the 2019, 2021, 2023 meetings.

The location of future ASMs and the State Committees responsible for the meeting program will be as follows:

- 2017 Perth – hosted by the WA Regional Committee
- 2018 Brisbane – hosted by the Queensland Regional Committee
- 2019 Adelaide – hosted by the Victorian Regional Committee
- 2020 Auckland – hosted by the New Zealand Regional Committee
- 2021 Adelaide – hosted by the NSW Regional Committee
- 2022 TBC
- 2023 Adelaide - host Regional Committee TBC

Membership Changes and New Members

The following changes and new admissions to Membership occurred at the November 2016 Board meeting. The Society extends a warm welcome to all.

**Affiliate Members**
Ms C Brumby, Mrs M Coghlan-Talbot, Mrs A Collett Mr J Crowhurst, Miss N Darby, Miss J Dunk, Prof R Fernandez, Ms S Hawke, Mrs S Jackson, A/Prof N Kasparian, Ms W Keech, Dr C Lynch, Ms C Marsh, Mrs K McBride, Mrs S McLachlan, Mrs G McLean, Mrs K Noonan, Ms C Patten, Mr B Roxburgh, Dr D Tardo, Miss R Ward, Miss D Xanthopoulos.

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**FCSANZ Members**
Dr A Camuglia, Dr J Coller, Dr S Galvin, Dr D Hutchinson, Dr C Jaworski, Dr J Mervis, Dr A Moynagh, Dr P Newton, Dr P Psaltis, A/Prof D Wong, Dr S Zaman.
To all our members and their families,
the Editor and staff wish you all
a safe and relaxing festive season
and a very happy and healthy 2017.

CSANZ OFFICE CLOSURE

The CSANZ will be closed from
Friday, 23 December, 2016
and will re-open on
Thursday, 5 January, 2017
Applications are called for the CSANZ Travelling Fellowships for travel grants to enable investigators to attend the 66th Annual Scientific Session of the American College of Cardiology to be held in Chicago, Illinois, from 17 - 19 March, 2017. The Fellowships are intended to provide an opportunity for investigators in the early stage of their research career, to present at a major international conference.

The conditions are:

1. The Fellowships are valued at $3,000 each.

2. At the time of application, applicants must be current financial FCSANZ, Associate or Affiliate Members of the Cardiac Society, with preference given to those attending their first meeting.

3. The work must have emanated from Australia or New Zealand.

4. Applicants must have an abstract accepted for presentation at the ACC meeting and must be the first or senior author of the accepted abstract. In some circumstances, consideration may be given to a co-first author or someone who has made a substantial contribution to the work (see item 5).

5. Applications must be accompanied by a letter from the supervisor or Director of the laboratory or service from which the work has emanated, clearly detailing the specific contribution made by the applicant towards the work being presented.

6. Preference will be given to those who have not previously been awarded CSANZ travelling scholarships.

7. Conditions apply to successful applicants not domiciled in Australia or New Zealand.*

8. Late applications will NOT be considered.

Applications should be emailed to the Honorary Secretary at info@csanz.edu.au and must include:

a) copy of submitted abstract(s) and ACC notification of acceptance

b) brief curriculum vitae (maximum 1 page)

c) supporting letter from the supervisor or Director

Closing Date

13 January 2017

Please note: if applicants have not received email confirmation of receipt of their application within 1 week of submission, they should contact the Secretariat at info@csanz.edu.au immediately.
Criteria for CSANZ Heart Failure Council travel grant for the International Society for Heart & Lung Transplantation
5–8 April, 2017, San Diego, California

1. **At the time of application**, applicants must be current financial FCSANZ, Associate or Affiliate Members of the Cardiac Society, with preference given to early career applicants attending their first meeting.

2. The work must have emanated from Australia or New Zealand.

3. Applicants **must** have an abstract on a topic relevant to Heart Failure, accepted for presentation.

4. Applications must be accompanied by a letter from the supervisor or Director of the laboratory or service from which the work has emanated, clearly detailing the specific contribution made by the applicant towards the work being presented.

5. Preference will be given to those who have not previously been awarded a CSANZ Travelling Scholarship.

6. Conditions apply to successful applicants not domiciled in Australia or New Zealand.

7. Late applications will **NOT** be considered.

8. The Scholarship is valued at up to $3,000

9. Successful recipient must agree to present in the next CSANZ Heart Failure Council Programme during the CSANZ Annual Scientific Meeting:
   - i. A summary of the highlights of the meeting and an overview of the top 5 Heart Failure papers they attended at the ISHLT Conference.
   - ii. An oral presentation of their abstract.

10. Successful recipient to email the Heart Failure Council Secretary at info@csanz.edu.au confirming availability to present in the next CSANZ Heart Failure Council Programme (See item 9).

Applications should be accompanied by:
   - a) copy of submitted abstract(s) and official notification of acceptance;
   - b) brief curriculum vitae;
   - c) supporting letter from the supervisor or Director;

Applications should be emailed to info@csanz.edu.au

**Closing Date**

13 February 2017

Please note: *If applicants have not received email confirmation of receipt of their application within 1 week of submission, they should contact the Secretariat at info@csanz.edu.au*
10-13 August 2017, Perth, WA
www.csanz.edu.au

Key Dates

Abstract submission open
22 November 2016

Abstract submission close
5 March 2017

Registration open
17 March 2017

Early bird registration close
31 May 2017

Named Lecturers

RT Hall Lecturer
Stefan Neubauer

Kempson Maddox Lecturer
Bob Graham

Victor Chang Memorial Lecturer
Stuart Jamieson

Gaston Bauer Lecturer
Carol Pollock

Basic Science Lecturer
Murray Esler

Cardiovascular Nursing Lecturer
Robyn Gallagher
8-10 August 2017, Perth, WA
www.anzet.com.au

Key Dates

Call for abstracts open - Geoff Mews Memorial Fellows’ Prize
7 March 2017

Deadline for abstracts - Geoff Mews Memorial Fellows’ Prize
18 July 2017

Registration open
7 March 2017

Early bird registration deadline
31 May 2017

ANZET Structural Heart Meeting
7 August 2017

International faculty

Horst Sievert, Louis Bernstein Lecturer (Director and Founder of CVC Frankfurt)

Vinny Bapat, Guys and St Thomas' Hospital, London

Justin E Davies, National Heart and Lung Institute, Imperial College

Elyse Foster, University of California, San Francisco

Phillippe Garot, Institut Cardiovasculaire Paris-Sud (ICPS)

Jonathan Hill, London Bridge Hospital, London

David E Kandzari, Piedmont Heart Institute

Paul Hsien-Li Kao, National Taiwan University Hospital, Hsinchu Branch

Eva Kline-Rogers, University of Michigan
This year I was privileged to receive a CSANZ Travelling Fellowship enabling me to travel to Rome to present on research into ECG abnormalities in methamphetamine abuse. As both a cardiology registrar and former high-school Latin nerd, I was thrilled to travel to Italy for the first time.

On the buses to Congress each morning, I met cardiologists from all over Europe. Some mornings, I was lucky enough to share a bus-seat with giants of cardiology, whose research I had already read and admired. They updated me about pacing in Slovakia and interventional cardiology in the Central Clinical Russian Railway Hospital; I in turn informed them of the great popularity of methamphetamine in Australia.

At the Congress itself, I was overwhelmed by the very first-world problem of trying to choose between competing high-quality sessions. There were constant battles of choice between updates on cardiogenic shock, interventional cardiology and ‘what’s hot’ in heart failure. Each was located in different arenas named after European cities; I tried to personify a Contiki tour and raced between Prague, Vienna and Lisbon. Yet it was impossible to see and do absolutely everything. I was especially awestruck by presenters who were able to effortlessly take questions in four languages.

On the final day of the Congress, the bar for presenters lifted heavenwards with the Pope’s visit. His speech was really inspirational, praising the achievements of medicine and encouraging our research efforts.

I am very grateful to the Cardiac Society for their support of my attendance at the ESC Congress. It has certainly inspired me in my ongoing research efforts, and enthusiasm to attend future ESC Congresses to interact with researchers globally and pool ideas for future directions in cardiology.

Dr Elizabeth Paratz
St Vincent’s Hospital
Melbourne, VIC
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**Closing Date**

**3 March 2017**

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Travelling Fellowship Report

I was the recipient of a CSANZ travelling fellowship which allowed me to attend ESC in Rome earlier this year. It was a great experience to present work from my PhD at a large international meeting. I presented a traditional poster and also a moderated poster presentation. I received interest from clinicians and researchers from multiple countries and also some requests to collaborate. I feel that the moderated poster presentation is a good way to allow interested parties to ask questions in a structured yet personal environment.

The meeting itself was fantastic. The quality of the talks were very high and the main difficulty was deciding which talk to attend. The meeting had a very strong clinical focus but there is a stream dedicated to the basic sciences. I made a conscious effort to attend sessions that covered topics that I was not particularly familiar with. This was beneficial for my learning but highlighted to me the complexity that exists within the field of cardiovascular medicine.

Overall, attending ESC 2016 was a fantastic experience which improved my clinical knowledge and was inspiring for future research endeavours. I would like to thank the CSANZ for their support.

Dr Jerrett Lau
Concord Hospital
and The University
of Sydney, NSW

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**NORTH AMERICA**

**ACC17**
17—19 March, 2017
Washington, DC
[www.cardiosource.org/acc](http://www.cardiosource.org/acc)

**AHA17**
11—15 November, 2017
Anaheim, California
[www.scientificsessions.americanheart.org/](http://www.scientificsessions.americanheart.org/)

**EUROPE**

**ESC Congress 2017**
26—30 August 2017
Barcelona, Spain
[www.escardio.org](http://www.escardio.org)

**ASIA PACIFIC**

**CSANZ New Zealand Annual Scientific Meeting**
28—30 June 2017
Hamilton, New Zealand
Contact details:
The Conference Company
Phone: 64 9 360 1240
[www.csanz.edu.au](http://www.csanz.edu.au)

**CSANZ2017**
10—13 August, 2017
Perth, Western Australia
Contact details:
The Conference Company
Phone: 64 9 360 1240
[www.csanz.edu.au](http://www.csanz.edu.au)

**ANZET17**
8—10 August, 2017
Perth, Western Australia
Contact details:
The Conference Company
Phone: 64 9 360 1240
[www.csanz.edu.au](http://www.csanz.edu.au)

**ACHD Symposium 2017**
30 November—2 December, 2017
Queenstown, New Zealand
Contact details:
The Conference Company
Phone: 64 9 360 1240
[www.achd2017.com](http://www.achd2017.com)

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