Dear Members,

Wow, Chris Christophi and his team have done a fantastic job organising the upcoming Melbourne Asia Pacific meeting http://www.aphpba11.com/. This is a great opportunity not to be missed by any of our members, or indeed, by any clinician interested in HPB disease.

With over 100 international Faculty, rest assured that attendees will learn all the latest in contemporary surgical practice, from here and abroad.

Already registrations are over 400 and over 600 abstracts have been submitted. All members are expected to come, and bring their friends! It’s AFL grand final week too!!

We welcome Olympus Australia as an Industry Partner, and continue to thank our other Partners –
- Covidien
- Applied Medical
- Novartis
- Sirtex
- Baxter Healthcare
- Merck Serono

All our new and current 1st year ANZHPBA Fellows have been allocated positions for next year. Current ANZHPBA and ANZGOSA fellows are also looking forward to the Trainees’ Weekend in Kingscliff, NSW, August 19 – 21. ANZHPBA Year 2 Fellows will also have an exam in November.

Look forward to seeing you all in Melbourne. Don’t miss out! Register now….

Nick O’Rourke
President
Future Dates

2011

August 19 -21
Post Fellowship Trainees' Weekend
Mantra on the Park, Kingscliff, Tweed Coast NSW

August 26 - 27
AGITG with ANZGOSA
Joint day Friday August 26th, ANZGOSA day Saturday August 27th
Melbourne Hilton on the Park

27 – 30 September  ** REGISTRATION OPEN **
Asia Pacific HPBA Congress
Melbourne Convention Centre

2012

3 – 7 November 2012
ANZHPBA Annual Meeting, Hyatt Regency, Coolum

Secretariat

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

Contact details are: 08 8278 1249 (phone), 08 8278 1249 (fax), or, anzhpba@gmail.com.

Postal address: P.O. Box 374, Belair S.A. 5052
Membership

Current membership is 172

*We welcome all our new members*

Full membership is available for Medical practitioners with an interest in HPB 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 HPB surgeons, and other health professionals working in the area of HPB. 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 ANZGOSA. Please contact the Secretariat for an application for membership.

Website

www.anzhpba.com

As part of the new website we have a "Find a Surgeon" section. The aim of this is to have our ANZHPBA members listed.

If you would like to be included 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*

Financial Report

A full financial report and Treasurers’ report will be provided, and emailed, to all members at the AGM in September, for the year ended 30th June 2011.

ANZHPBA 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.*

HPB Journal

You will have been receiving your HPB journal as part of your ANZHPBA membership. If you are not receiving the journal please contact Leanne Rogers.

IHPBA members will receive $50 discount on ANZHPBA membership instead of receiving a second HPB journal

*Your adjusted fee will be -*

Full membership $250 - Adjusted fee $200
Full membership (when a member of ANZHPBA and ANZGOSA) $200 - Adjusted fee $150

New Industry Partner

We are very pleased to announce we have just secured a new three year Industry partnership arrangement with **Olympus Australia.** We welcome Olympus and look forward to a very successful association with ANZHPBA.
We congratulate our successful appointments to the ANZHPBA Post Fellowship Training Programme for 2012 –

Tony Pang to Westmead Hospital  
Mayank Bhandari to Flinders Medical Centre  
Jason Free to Royal North Shore Hospital  
Manju Chandrasegaram to Royal Adelaide Hospital  
Dragos Iorgulescu to Austin Hospital  
Adeeb Majid to The Queen Elizabeth Hospital

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

We would also like to congratulate our current ANZHPBA Fellows on the following placements for 2012 -

Anthony Cheng to Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham, UK  
Jerome Laurence to Royal Brisbane and Womens Hospital  
Tuck Yong to Royal Prince Alfred Hospital  
Frank Wang to Bankstown / Liverpool Hospitals

ANZHPBA Hospital Unit Accreditation

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

The ANZHPBA Post Fellowship Training manual can be found on the ANZHPBA website. This document outlines the requirement to become a HPB training centre. 

Advertisements for potential 2013 Fellows will be placed in the 2012 February Surgical News and the ANZHPBA website. Interviews and ranking of Fellows will occur during the last week in May 2012. A matching process, taking into account Fellows preferences and unit requirements, will then take place. Ultimately accepting a Fellow will be at the discretion of the training unit.

Hospital Unit site inspections occur in July and Fellow offers occur from May - June.

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 (as in the attached document pages 14 -17) 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 ANZHPBA  
P.O. Box 374  
Belair SA 5052  
anzhpba@gmail.com
The 2011 Post Fellowship Trainees’ Weekend is being hosted this year by ANZGOSA at Mantra on Salt Beach, Kingscliff NSW, August 19 - 21. The weekend has exclusive Industry support from Covidien.

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, 2009, and 2010 and have significant local faculty and international visitor Professor Derek Alderson, from Birmingham UK.

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.

Faculty attending the weekend include –

**ANZGOSA**
Mark Smithers (President)
Jon Gani
Leigh Rutherford
Michael Rodgers

**ANZHPBA**
Nick O'Rourke
Rob Padbury
Michael Crawford
Chris Christophi

**CONVENOR**
Ross Roberts

**INTERNATIONAL FACULTY**
Professor Derek Alderson, Barling Professor of Surgery in Birmingham

New to the weekend this year is a “Meet the Professor” session. In an informal atmosphere, this is the opportunity for Fellows to speak with a senior colleague with an international reputation about all aspects of a surgical career in Foregut Surgery. This includes issues such as work / life balance, the role of academic involvement or not, Surgery in the UK (Derek is on the Council of the Royal College of Surgeons of England), how to get published (Senior Editor - British Journal of Surgery) and anything else that they may think relevant.
** DIARY DATE **

** REGISTRATION NOW OPEN **

The 2011 A-PHPBA Congress is being hosted by the Australian and New Zealand Hepatic Pancreatic & Biliary Association Inc (ANZHPBA) and is the annual meeting for 2011.

The congress organising committee takes great pleasure in extending a warm invitation to join them in Melbourne from 27–30 September 2011 for the 3rd biennial Asian Pacific HPBA Congress. This meeting will be an ideal opportunity for those with an interest in HPB disorders to join in sharing ideas and experiences and will be an avenue to foster mutual understanding in the international HPB community.

The theme for the 2011 congress is "making a difference with new technologies" promising an exciting and innovative scientific program in a unique destination.

Specific themes are:
Biliary calculous disease: gallbladder, CBD
Hepatocellular carcinoma
Acute pancreatitis
Liver transplantation
Gallbladder cancer
Benign liver disease
Chronic pancreatitis
Technological innovations in HPB surgery
Hilar cholangiocarcinoma
Hydatid disease of the liver
Carcinoma of the ampulla
Hepato biliary and pancreatic trauma
Liver metastases
Pancreatic cancer
Training in HPB surgery in the Asia Pacific region

For registration enquiries please contact registration@aphpba11.com. If you have any general enquiries please contact the congress managers on +61 (0) 3 9320 8669 or email info@aphpba11.com.

We truly hope you are able to join us for this important congress and we look forward to welcoming you to Melbourne.