

PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

ACT Annual Scientific Meeting 2021

Advancing Operative Techniques – Improving Your Skills

Friday 27 August 2021

National Museum of Australia
Acton, Canberra ACT





Convener Welcome

Dear delegates,

On behalf of the ACT Committee of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (RACS), we welcome you to the region's premier annual surgical event, the RACS ACT Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM) 2021.

As surgeons, we continually look for more education, how to better our skills and how we will be operating into the future. The theme of the 2021 ASM is to look at advancing our operative techniques and improving our skills. Throughout the program, keynote speakers will present on a range of topics from how to challenge boundaries; how to educate ourselves, particularly beyond gaining Fellowship; and how to develop our skills into the future.

The ACT is fortunate to be hosting the 2021 Henry Windsor Lectureship which will be given during the ASM by Professor Michael Solomon. We also welcome the ACT Minister for Health, Minister Rachel Stephen-Smith, to our meeting who will present the awards for the 2021 ACT Educator of the Year and Outstanding Service to the Community.

Free paper presentations from local and interstate delegates will be interspersed throughout the meeting to showcase junior surgical doctor's research and audit activities. Poster presentations can also be viewed during breaks.

Finally, we would like to acknowledge the support provided by our Gold Sponsor — W.L. Gore & Associates Pty, Ltd, Silver Sponsors — Medtronic Australasia Pty Ltd, Avant and BOQ Specialist, and our Breakfast Session Sponsor — The Bongiorno Group. We encourage you to visit the exhibitors during the breaks.



Dr Hari Bandi
FRACS, Co-Convener



Dr David Rangiah
FRACS, Co-Convener

Welcome

Welcome to the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons ACT Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM).

The ACT ASM is a one-day event featuring a range of healthcare experts, themed sessions and research paper presentations which cross the spectrum of issues affecting surgical care, health policy and health systems – in the ACT and beyond.

Event Details

Date

Friday 27 August 2021

Venue

National Museum of Australia
Lawson Crescent, Acton ACT 2601

Registration Details

Registration Fees

Fellow	\$110.00
Trainees/IMG/Other Health Professional	\$65.00
Medical Student	NIL

WE'VE GONE PAPERLESS!

RACS has phased out paper-based registrations and has moved to online registrations only. Registering online is easier, faster and provides you with an instant confirmation straight to your email.

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Invited Speakers



Ms Kate Burgess

Ms Kate Burgess is the Senior Program Coordinator responsible for the RACS Continuing Professional Development (CPD) program. Kate has more than 10 years working with the Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine and the Rural Workforce Victoria, where she held roles as Assessment Coordinator, IMG Coordinator and Program Coordinator. Kate's primary responsibility is to ensure that Fellows, SIMG's and non-FRACS surgeons, meet their CPD requirements. Kate has been leading the CPD transformation project, including the new framework and technology. Kate will provide valuable information on the new framework, tech and future enhancements.



Professor Antonio Di Ieva

Dr Antonio Di Ieva, is a member of Macquarie Neurosurgery and is a Professor of Neurosurgery with expertise in neuro-oncology, pituitary and skull base surgery, spine surgery and specialises in microneurosurgery, and pain treatment. He is a leader in the field of neuro-endoscopy and minimally invasive "keyhole" neurosurgery.

Professor Di Ieva utilises a multidisciplinary management of tumours of the central and peripheral nervous system through collaboration with neuroradiologists, neurologists, ENT, oculoplastic and craniomaxillofacial surgeons, radiation oncologists, neuropathologists, and liaises closely with GPs, neuropsychologists, pain specialists and nurses. Professor Di Ieva's special interests in skull base surgery include treatment of complex tumours and conditions affecting the cranial nerves, the orbits and the craniocervical junction, or through non-surgical options (Gamma Knife Radiosurgery). Pain treatments include microvascular decompression (also for hemifacial spasm) and percutaneous treatments for craniofacial pain, decompression of peripheral nerves, spine surgery, failed back surgery syndrome, and neuromodulation. Professor Di Ieva's multi-disciplinary expertise extends to awake surgery and neuromonitoring, hydrocephalus, neurotraumatology, traumatic brain and spine injuries, and postconcussion patients.

Professor Di Ieva is a world leader in neuro-oncology research with over 110 peer-reviewed publications and 3 textbooks, awarded international neurosurgical

research awards, including the 2019 John Mitchell Crouch Fellowship, the most prestigious research award of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons, as well as a prestigious ARC Future Fellowship. He leads international and national seminars and workshops teaching neuroanatomy and neurosurgical approaches and is involved in trialling and patenting new surgical devices to benefit patients.

He operates at the Macquarie University Hospital (Sydney), and consults at Macquarie Neurosurgery, Dubbo and Camden.



Mr Stephen Halcrow

Mr Stephen Halcrow was a Sydney University medical graduate, briefly working in occupational health. Thereafter, he underwent a period of general surgical training followed by neurosurgical training in the British NHS in the 1980's. The highlight of Dr Halcrow's neurosurgical training was over 3 years working in Belfast, Northern Ireland during the protracted period of sectarian violence commonly referred to as 'The Troubles'. Dr Halcrow completed his Australian neurosurgical training in Sydney and was staff specialist and VMO neurosurgeon in Adelaide and Canberra. Subspecialty interests included cerebrovascular, tumour, peripheral nerve and plexus surgery. Dr Halcrow retired in 2018.



Professor Jeffrey Hamdorf

Professor Hamdorf is an Academic Surgeon (Upper Gastrointestinal and Bariatric) based at The University of Western Australia and Hollywood Private Hospital in Nedlands, Western Australia. He was the inaugural Professor of Medical Education at the University of Western Australia (UWA), currently is the Director of CTEC, a world-class skills training centre and is UWA's Professor of Surgical Education.

Over an extended period of time he has been influential in teaching and learning, curriculum development, summative assessment and student progress. At the postgraduate level he has been involved with the education of trainees through simulation. He was awarded Membership of the Order of Australia 2019, for services to medical education and surgery, particularly in the area of bariatric surgery.



Invited Speakers (continued)

Professor Hamdorf held the position of the inaugural Chair and assisted in the formation of the Western Australia Patient Blood Management Group (2018). He was the Scientific Associate for the International Foundation for Patient Blood Management.

His research interests include PhD, Masters of Surgery and medical student supervision in medical, surgical and nursing education, and obesity, especially relating to interprofessional team care. Professor Hamdorf has over 60 publications including books and book chapters.

Professor Hamdorf is a founding partner of the Indonesian Clinical Training and Education Center (ICTEC), Jakarta.



Professor Paul Smith

Professor Paul Smith AM is one of Australia's most experienced and highly regarded hip and knee surgeons, having performed over 5,000 hip and knee replacement procedures. He is Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery at the

Australian National University, Director of the Trauma and Orthopaedic Research Unit at the Canberra Hospital and the John Curtin School of Medical Research, and Orthopaedic Unit Director at the Canberra Hospital.

Professor Smith is chair of the Australian Orthopaedic Association (ACT Branch) and also current Chair of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (ACT Branch) until July 2021. Professor Smith is passionate about research and training, as both these lead to improvements in equipment and techniques which translates to better outcomes for his patients. Professor Smith's main areas of clinical interest including hip and knee replacement surgery, knee reconstruction, joint preservation surgery of the hip and knee, and complex revision joint replacement surgery.



Professor Michael Solomon

Professor Michael Solomon is a Consultant Surgeon and Academic Head of the Department of Colorectal Surgery at the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital in Sydney. He is Professor of Surgical Research at the University of Sydney and is a past

President of the Colorectal Surgical Society of Australia & New Zealand (CSSANZ) and Chairman of the RACS/CSSANZ Training Board in Colorectal Surgery.

Professor Solomon has extensive experience in clinical surgical research and has published over 350 papers, multiple chapters in books and has been invited to present 14 international named lectures. Professor Solomon has supervised 50 higher degree students and has been awarded for his own career research; the highest research doctorate degree from the National University of Ireland (DMed: Minimally Invasive Colorectal Surgery) and from the University of Sydney (DMedSc: Pelvic Exenteration).

He has a masters in Clinical Epidemiology (MSc) from the University of Toronto and has focused his career on evidence based surgery and clinical trials. He is now concentrating on mentoring young academic surgeons as Chairman of the Institute of Academic Surgery at RPA and Head of the Surgical Outcomes Research Centre (SOuRCe) at the University of Sydney. Professor Solomon's surgical expertise is in both minimally and maximally invasive colorectal surgery with specific expertise also in inflammatory bowel disease and complex fistula in ano. He is the Program Director of Advanced Gastrointestinal Surgery including national and statewide referral services for pelvic exenteration and more recently peritonectomy and retroperitoneal sarcomas.



Mr Duncan Stevenson

Mr Duncan Stevenson worked for CSIRO for 27 years developing interactive computer systems for industrial applications, which included minerals exploration, mining, surgical simulation and telehealth. He has a PhD in computer

science and is currently an Honorary Associate Professor in the School of Computing at the Australian National University. His research interests cover requirements and design for interactive systems, matching technology to the needs of the application and evaluating interactive systems.

Provisional Program

Correct at time of release (April 2021).

7:30am	Breakfast Session proudly sponsored by The Bongiorno Group	
8:00am	Registration Opens	
Session 1 — Welcome and Free Papers Chair: Dr David Rangiah		
8:30am	Welcome and Outline of Proceedings	Dr David Rangiah and Dr Hari Bandi
8:40am	Free Papers	
10:00am	Morning tea with the industry	
Session 2 – Improving Your Skills – Challenging the Boundaries Chair: Dr Laura O'Connor		
10:20am	Henry Windsor Lectureship	Professor Michael Solomon
10:50am	After Retirement	Mr Stephen Halcrow
11:10am	Free Papers	
11:30am	Invited Speaker Presentation	Professor Paul Smith
11:50am	Awards Presentation – Service to the Community Award – Educator of the Year Award	Minister Rachel Stephen-Smith
12:00pm	Lunch with the industry	
Session 3 – Improving Your Skills – Education Chair: Dr Ruth Wieland		
1:00pm	Invited Speaker Presentation	Professor Antonio Di Ieva
1:20pm	Invited Speaker Presentation	Ms Kate Burgess, RACS Continuing Professional Development
1:40pm	Free Papers	
2:00pm	Invited Speaker Presentation	Industry Representative
2:20pm	What's Coming up for Trainees	Dr Hazel Serroa-Brown, RACSTA
2:30pm	Panel Discussion	
3:00pm	Afternoon tea with the industry	
Session 4 – Improving Your Skills – Developing Skills into the Future Chair: Dr Hari Bandi		
3:20pm	Invited Speaker Presentation	Professor Jeffrey Hamdorf (CTEC)
3:40pm	Invited Speaker Presentation	Mr Duncan Stevenson (Robotics)
4:00pm	Awards Presentation – Poster Presentation Prize – Verbal Presentation Prize – Professor Noel Tait Student Essay Prize	RACS President/Vice President Professor Noel Tait
4:20pm	Summary	Dr David Rangiah and Dr Hari Bandi
4:30pm	Program Concludes	
6:30pm	Meeting Dinner – Sage Dining Rooms, Gorman House, Braddon	



Abstract Submission

To submit an abstract, please sign into the Abstract Submission Portal with your account email address and password. If you have not previously submitted an abstract, you will be required to register for a new account online.

Important Dates:

- Submission deadline — 1 July 2021
- Notification of acceptance — 23 July 2021
- Submission of PowerPoint or poster presentation — 18 August 2021

Please visit

<https://tinyurl.com/ACT21abstracts> or click the button below to submit an abstract.

CLICK HERE TO SUBMIT AN ABSTRACT

Please note the guidelines outlined below.

Guidelines for Abstracts:

- The abstracts must not exceed 250 words.
- All abstracts must be typed and single spaced.
- The title and author's name should be in all capitals with the name of the presenter indicated by selecting the 'presenter' checkbox next to their name.
- Referencing or citation lists within submitted abstracts must comply with the Vancouver Style of referencing.
- Degrees should not be included, but the origin of the work should be stated.
- The abstract must be clear and brief. Statements should, in general, be impersonal and the first person "I" and "We" avoided.
- Accepted abstracts will be presented at the meeting as a PowerPoint presentation or Poster.

The abstract should be organised as follows:

- Purpose of study
- A brief statement of methods
- A summary of results adequate to support conclusions
- Conclusion

Submission Details:

- Abstracts must be submitted online.
- Successful authors will be required to submit their PowerPoint presentation prior to the meeting. Updated presentations can be provided to audio visual staff on-site.
- PC projection (Microsoft PowerPoint XP) will be available and presentations will be accepted on USB Mass Storage Device.
- If you have video clips inserted into your presentation, please ensure that you supply all the files. It is advisable to test your presentation in advance.
- If you wish to submit a poster abstract, guidelines on dimensions will be provided to successful applicants at a later date.

If you have any technical questions regarding your submission, please contact RACS Conferences and Events on +61 3 9249 1260 or via email at college.asm@surgeons.org.

For information on submission criteria, contact the RACS ACT Office on +61 2 6285 4023 or via email at college.act@surgeons.org

General Information

VENUE

The meeting is being held at the National Museum of Australia, Canberra Acton, ACT.

The scientific sessions and industry exhibition will be located in the Peninsula Room.

REGISTRATION

Register online at www.tinyurl.com/actasm2021

CANCELLATION POLICY

Cancellations must be received in writing to college.asm@surgeons.org.

Cancellations received by Wednesday 30 June 2021 will incur a 20% cancellation fee. Cancellations received after this date will not be refunded.

INDUSTRY EXHIBITION

Lunch, morning and afternoon tea will be served in the exhibition area; located in the Peninsula Room at the National Museum of Australia.

MEETING DINNER

Date: Friday 27 August 2021

Time: 6:30pm — 10:00pm

Location: Sage Dining Rooms, Gorman House Arts Centre, Batman Street, Braddon ACT 2612

To comply with the RACS Alcohol Policy, two separate ticket types have been created. *The RACS Responsible Approach to Alcohol policy can be viewed [here](#).*

Cost: \$110.00 (Alcohol Inclusive)
\$ 90.00 (Non-Alcohol)

Dress: Lounge Suit / Cocktail dress

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- Projection on-site
- Reporting on the meeting in online and hard copy publications
- Marketing a future meeting, including online and hard copy publications

If you do not wish to be included in a photograph, please advise the photographer.

CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (CPD) PROGRAM

This educational activity is accredited. Fellows who participate can claim one point per hour (maximum 7 points) in Maintenance of Clinical Knowledge and Skills towards 2021 CPD totals.

CPD points will be automatically updated for all Fellows who have provided their RACS ID.

SPECIAL DIETARY REQUIREMENTS

Please note that the caterer is responsible for all catering at the meeting and RACS does not inspect or control food preparation areas or attempt to monitor ingredients used.

You should contact the caterer directly for all special dietary requirements during the meeting, irrespective of whether details have been provided to RACS. If RACS requests information about your dietary requirements for a specific event RACS will endeavour to forward the information provided to the caterer (time permitting).

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