

ASA newsletter Issue: December 2018

Dear friends and colleagues,

As the year comes to a close, it's a good time to reflect on what we've achieved together in 2018. The ASA has had a busy year but there's more to look forward to in 2019!

ASA Annual scientific meeting, Sydney, 28-29 October, 2018

Once again, we held a very successful annual seminar in Sydney with more than 120 participants. This year we have made substantial changes to the program to include a wider variety of topics given by a range of experts in the field. The feedback has been very positive. Next year in 2019 the annual seminar will be held in Brisbane and the ASA is endeavouring to provide a better program catering for different levels of stroke education amongst the audience. We welcome any suggestions from our members on how to improve our seminar next year.





Joint ASA and Korean Stroke Society Scientific Meeting, Seoul, 13-15 September, 2018

This is the first Korean Stroke Society and ASA Joint Stroke Congress which was held in Seoul this year. ASA council members participated in the delivery of lectures and abstract assessment. More than 400 participants from all over Korea and Australasia attended the meeting. More importantly 8 early career medical researchers from Australia received travel grants to attend this meeting to present their research to an international audience which gave them an invaluable experience.

In 2020 the ASA will host the second ASA-KSS joint meeting in Cairns during which we can showcase our hospitality to our Korean colleagues and other international participants. We will also hold the ASA Annual scientific meeting concurrently, which will be a great opportunity for Australian members (e.g. trainees) to present abstracts to an international audience without leaving Australia.





<u>1st Australia (ASA) - Vietnam Joint Stroke Congress, Ho Chi Minh City, 24-</u> <u>25 November, 2018</u>

More than 600 participants attended the first ASA Vietnam Stroke Society Stroke Congress in Ho Chi Minh City. It was an intense one and a half day congress with parallel sessions. All the participants received an attendance certificate signed off by both organisations.

The ASA joined the faculty to help present a program blending reviews of the evidence underpinning our practice, updates in the latest stroke evidence and discussions of how this evidence might be implemented. We look forward to exploring further opportunities to collaborate with our Vietnamese colleagues.





In 2019 ASA will continue to develop our collaboration with colleagues in Asia but more importantly ASA is leading the way in stroke education in the region. We hope more of our ASA members can join us at these international collaborative meetings in the future.

The ASA council would like to thank the members for their enthusiastic support and interaction throughout the year. We depend on your feedback to improve our educational activities during live seminars and through digital platforms. A special thanks to Dr Anna Babalanski for coordinating an advanced trainee survey. We are working on preparing educational modules and a Facebook page, both of which were suggestions from ASA members and will soon be asking members for contributions to both topics and content for these.

Whilst we have much success to reflect on in 2018 and a big 2019 ahead, there are still a few very busy days in 2018 remaining. The ASA hopes you all have an opportunity to celebrate your own 2018 successes with friends and loved ones. We hope you find time to rest and recharge before 2019 kicks off because with your ongoing support of the ASA, it will certainly be a busy year! Stay safe!

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