

Message from the President

Dear Colleagues,

We've had another great year of stroke education and stroke care. It's time to reflect on the year that was and look forward to the year to come.

We met in Adelaide for our flagship annual meeting and had a great time catching up on the latest in stroke science and catching up with our friends. We're looking forward to a bigger and better meeting in 2023 in Sydney (Coogee) NSW. Keep an eye out for the invitation to register!

The ASA collaborated with the Stroke Society of Australasia at the recent SSA ASM in Christchurch. We ran a very successful combined half-day workshop on the day before the official opening of the meeting, and we are looking forward to repeating this next year.

We delivered several webinars on various topics including lipid management, LAA occlusion and PFO closure, and co-hosted a very successful webinar with the Indonesian Stroke Society with 760 Indonesian delegates. In 2023 we will repeat this webinar and will explore hosting similar webinars with other countries.

We launched the ASA/Angels Initiative BPT Stroke training modules, "A-Z of Stroke for Basic Physician Trainees" and I know we've reached dozens of BPTs to improve stroke care "at the coalface". I know we'll reach dozens more in 2023 and I encourage you to get involved in delivering this education to your local trainees.

The ASA also welcomed the Angels Initiative as Major Partners in this and our other educational endeavours. The stroke training modules are a tangible result of this partnership and we were very pleased to formalise this arrangement in 2022. We are looking forward to even more synergies in 2023.

Every time we teach someone we improve stroke care for every patient they see for the rest of their careers. We are grateful for your support in receiving stroke education and delivering stroke education to your colleagues for the better management of people with stroke in Australia, New Zealand and beyond.

On behalf of myself and the Australasian Stroke Academy we wish you and your loved ones a very Merry Christmas and/or a very happy holiday season. See you in '23!

A/Prof Andrew Wong
President, Australasian Stroke Academy
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