



# ascia

australasian society of clinical immunology and allergy inc.

## annual report

# 2007



The mission of ASCIA is to advance the science and practice of clinical immunology and allergy, by promoting education and the highest standard of ethical medical practice.

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# ■ PRESIDENT'S REPORT



*A/Prof Dominic Mallon*

## ***“How fragile we are...” (Sting)***

When I addressed the ASCIA Annual General Meeting (AGM) on taking up the Presidency in Manly (September 2006), I stated that the main themes for my Presidency were to concern the sustainability of our Society and the sustainability of our Specialty.

These themes were brought into sharp focus with the untimely deaths of our valued colleagues John Ruhno and Daniel Castellino in late 2006, two people who fall right in the centre of the age and sex demographic of our small society; and by the untimely death of John Ilhan in 2007; a rare Australian philanthropist who gave back to the community through the Ilhan foundation, which supported research and public advocacy for patients with food allergy.

I referred to Jill Smith during the welcome address as the backbone of our Society and our vulnerability was further demonstrated when Jill herself became unwell in March 2007 with a ruptured appendix. We are all very thankful that she has recovered fully.

One of the first requests I made as President was that Jill seek an assistant to help her with the running of the office and also to facilitate retention of corporate memory. This allows the Society to at least function at a basic level when Jill is not available. We have been fortunate to engage the services of Michelle Haskard and her assistance has been greatly appreciated throughout 2007, especially during Jill's illness.

## **ASCIA REPRESENTATION ON OTHER ORGANISATIONS**

Another request has been to establish processes that encourage greater involvement of members of our Society in various activities. There is a tendency in small Societies for people to be informally invited to take on tasks, and although this can function well for a time, it doesn't allow the entire membership the opportunity to participate in these tasks. It is vital that a small Society such as ASCIA takes full advantage of the range of capabilities available to us from within our Society.

In addition to ASCIA Council, ASCIA has representation on a number of important organisations, for example the World Allergy Organisation, Asia Pacific Association of Allergology, Asthma and Clinical Immunology, National Asthma Council, Internal Medicine Journal, the Joint Specialist Advisory Committee of the RACP/RCPA and the Australian Drug Evaluation Committee (ADEC).

Over the past year a process has been established by which invitations to represent ASCIA on other organizations are made known to all ASCIA members by email and applications are invited. Depending on the circumstance, either the ASCIA Council or the Executive then select the ASCIA representative.

This seems to have worked very well, with almost all positions advertised having attracted more than one excellent candidate. We believe this process will enable a greater number of ASCIA members to take on representative roles in their areas of specific interest and expertise.

## **ASCIA CONSTITUTION**

I have also proposed some changes and updates to our Constitution that were agreed at the ASCIA council meeting in September. Due to a clerical oversight, these proposed changes were not distributed to the membership in time for them to be voted upon at this meeting.

These suggested changes were tabled at the ASCIA 2007 AGM In Fremantle (November 2007) and notice is hereby given that these will be discussed at the next ASCIA AGM in Melbourne in 2008.

The major change that Council has agreed to is to remove the voting rights on Council of the Chairs of committees and working groups (a Constitutional change that was enacted some years ago) as it places just under half of the votes on Council to members in positions for which there is no formal selection process. This is seen as unrepresentative and therefore a risk to the Society. The other changes are to update the constitution to reflect the current operations of the Society's Council and Executive.

## **COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS**

Terms of Reference are being updated or developed for each ASCIA committee and working group. These will define their tasks and operational procedures, with the aim of providing greater transparency and participation from all ASCIA members.

One of the inclusions in each Terms of Reference will be the invitation at the time of the Council Elections (every two years) for members to apply or reapply for the positions of Chair (and deputy Chair where applicable). A limit of three consecutive terms for each Chair will also be introduced.

## **ASCIA ADVOCACY PROJECT**

With regards to sustainability of the specialty, the major activity of your Executive this year has been to develop a project that has been termed the Advocacy Project. This was developed following an appreciation (gained in August 2006 at the meeting of Council with health bureaucrats in Canberra) of the many barriers to providing optimal care for our patients that exist in our health system and the relatively low profile amongst decision makers our specialty currently has, despite the overall importance of the disorders we look after.

This project led to the November 2007 publication and release of an Access Economics report titled the "The Economic Impact of Allergic Disease in Australia". I would like to acknowledge the extraordinary efforts of Ray Mullins in almost single handedly drafting the clinical and scientific aspects of this report and coordinating and guiding the involvement of Access Economics.

In addition, I would like to acknowledge the efforts and enthusiasm of Jill Smith and your Executive (Jo Douglass, Melanie Wong) for their efforts as well as Matthew Cook who kindly agreed to assist in the drafting of the report. I would like to thank Lynne Pezzullo and her team at Access Economics (Scott Mitchell and Laze Pejovski) for delivering the report on time and within budget and Gemma Tognini of GT Media for her assistance in managing the media release. I would also like to thank those members who took the opportunity to review the report prior to its release and who gave detailed feedback, and the generous support of AstraZeneca, whose unrestricted grant defrayed some of the costs of producing the report.

For a long time we have known that our patients who suffer from allergic disorders bear a substantial burden that is under-recognised and not supported by our current health system. Furthermore this burden is not evenly distributed as these patients are clustered in families. We are now able to give a dollar estimate to the financial burden and costs from reduced quality of life borne primarily by our patients.

This report will serve as a valuable tool in our negotiations with politicians and policy makers as we attempt to persuade them to overcome the many barriers to care and establish a policy framework that encourages and supports best practice in the diagnosis and management of allergic disorders from us and the medical profession as a whole.

I acknowledge that this report is not comprehensive, in that it does not address the advocacy needs of our colleagues in New Zealand. To address this a covering letter was developed to provide relevancy to New Zealand and this has been sent out, with a copy of the Report to New Zealand policy makers.

The report also doesn't address the advocacy needs of patients with other immunological disorders and I would hope that the experience that we have gained in developing this project will facilitate similar activities and publications in these areas.

## **PROGRESS IN QLD, WA AND VIC**

While on the subject of advocacy, the Society has been pleased to note the steady progress being achieved in many parts of the country in the area of community care for people who are at risk of anaphylaxis. In 2007 the Queensland government announced the introduction of Consultant and training positions in Paediatric Immunology and Allergy. Congratulations to Jane Peake, Pete Smith and colleagues who have worked hard over a long time to achieve this outcome.

The Western Australian Government has also recently announced funding of a significant program for allergy services and education following a thorough review process over the past few years involving myself and WA colleagues, including Richard Loh.

The Victorian Government has also announced that new legislation will be introduced in 2008, regarding anaphylaxis training in schools and preschools.

Whilst all these initiatives are extremely welcome news, the challenge for ASCIA is to ensure there is a coordinated approach towards allergy education throughout Australia and New Zealand and that an exchange of skills and resources is fostered between the states and New Zealand.

## **WORKFORCE AND TRAINING**

Returning to our theme of sustainability the analysis of our workforce details the substantial challenge we have in front of us with the prediction that we will need to double the number of graduates from our training program in order to simply maintain our current level of clinical workforce over the next 10 years. Over a 3 to 4 year training program, this will require the creation of an additional 18-24 training places across the country.

Although a similar workforce analysis for Immunopathology is yet to be done, I would suggest that, with the ever greater efficiencies that are being achieved in Pathology, the opportunities for these additional trainees may lie primarily in clinical practice.

In 2007 ASCIA successfully negotiated an additional member on JSAC who will represent the needs of trainees undergoing training in the Physician only (3 year) training program.

In May 2007 a successful Asia Pacific Primary Immune Deficiency (APPID) meeting for Registrars and Advanced Trainees was held and thank you to Jo Smart and Karl Bleasel for coordinating this. In May 2008 a Clinical Allergy meeting for Registrars and Advanced Trainees has been organised by ASCIA. The ASCIA training meeting includes a distinguished local faculty to present reviews of clinical allergy topics. As this meeting has been timed to coincide with a face to face Council meeting on 10 May we will also have this additional expertise on hand for the training meeting and this will also assist in containing costs and administration workload.

### THANK YOU...

It has been a very busy and exciting year, I would like to again acknowledge the support and efforts of the Executive (Ray, Melanie, Jo), our Executive Officer Jill Smith, and her assistant Michelle Haskard, all the members of Council and the members of the Society that represent ASCIA in the various Committees and Boards.

I would like to take this opportunity to once again thank and congratulate Tiffany Hughes on her tremendous success as the Chair of the 18th ASCIA Annual Scientific Meeting. Thank you also to the support team from ICMS Australasia who have worked so well with Jill and Michelle as co-Secretariats of this meeting.

Last, but not least, I'd like to thank the Corporate sponsors of our Society and our Annual Scientific Meeting, especially our major sponsors: CSL Bioplasma, CSL Biotherapies, Abacus ALS, Abbott Nutrition, AstraZeneca, Nutricia, Octapharma, Schering Plough, Nestle Nutrition and UCB Pharma. Their continued support enables ASCIA to offer reasonable registration fees, fund annual grants and develop educational resources.

I invite all of the membership to get involved in the activities of our Society whenever an appropriate opportunity presents itself. You'll definitely get out of your Society what you put in and I'm sure that Council and the Executive would all agree that their involvement greatly enhances their professional lives. ■

## TREASURER'S REPORT



*A/Prof Jo Douglass*

The financial position of the society was very strong in the 2006 to 2007 financial year, with equity (net assets) higher than in the previous financial year.

The Macquarie Bank investment strategy returned a good profit which has been retained with the exception of funding of the Sydney Chair in Allergy and withdrawals for funding of grants.

There is good cash flow and total revenue from sponsors was higher than in previous years.

A high profit from the ASCIA 2006 ASM, high returns on our investments and sound management have contributed to an excellent result this year. The profit from the ASCIA ASM is due to using our Executive Officer as the main conference organiser, rather than outsourcing the whole conference organisation.

As a result, there are no increases in annual subscription fees for 2007-2008.

The allocation of grants and endowments since 2004 now totals \$497,000. For a small Society this is a very large commitment to funding. The amount of grants funded in future years will depend on the continuity of a strong stock market and good profit from the ASCIA ASMs.

I wish to express my deepest thanks to Ms Jill Smith for her untiring and dedicated work as Executive Officer, where she continues to manage the many affairs of our growing society with great skill and humour!

<b>FINANCIAL POSITION</b>	<b>(\$AU)</b>	
	<b>06-07</b>	<b>05-06</b>
Total Assets	1,679,829	1,574,988
Liabilities	206,312	268,627
Ret Profit	521,187	387,971
<b>Equity</b>	<b>1,473,517</b>	<b>1,306,361</b>

<b>OPERATING STATEMENT</b>	<b>(\$AU)</b>	
	<b>06-07</b>	<b>05-06</b>
Total Revenues	1,059,725	915,457
Total Expenses	926,509	978,355
<b>Net profit (loss)</b>	<b>133,216</b>	<b>(62,898)</b>

NB - the loss in 05-06 was equivalent to 'break-even' when accounts had been reconciled.

<b>CASH FLOW STATEMENT</b>	<b>(\$AU)</b>	
	<b>06-07</b>	<b>05-06</b>
Cash (start of yr)	567,332	332,321
Cash (end of yr)	582,980	567,332

<b>ASCIA ASM PROFIT (\$AU)</b>
2005 ~ \$85,000
2006 ~ \$110,000
2007 ~ Yet to be finalised

<b>ASCIA / WAC 2000 GRANTS</b>
04-05 \$48,000 to 2 applicants
05-06 \$60,000 to 5 applicants
06-07 \$78,000 to 5 applicants
07-08 \$110,000 to 6 applicants
<b>TOTAL \$296,000 to 18 applicants</b>

Note: The additional \$50,000 in 2007 for anaphylaxis related studies was funded by CSL Biotherapies, with selection by ASCIA.

<b>ASCIA MEDICAL STUDENT GRANTS</b>	
2004	\$13,000 to 4 applicants
2005	\$12,500 to 8 applicants
2006	\$13,500 to 8 applicants
2007	\$12,000 to 4 applicants
<b>TOTAL \$51,000 to 23 applicants (to date)</b>	

<b>CHW CHAIR ENDOWMENT</b>	
05/06	\$50,000
06/07	\$50,000
07/08	\$50,000
<b>TOTAL \$150,000 (to date)</b>	

<b>TOTAL GRANTS &amp; ENDOWMENTS</b>	
<b>2004 - 2007</b>	
ASCIA / WAC 2000	\$296,000
MEDICAL STUD	\$51,000
CHW ENDOWMENT	\$150,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$497,000</b>

**ASCIA ASM SCHEDULE**

<b>2008</b>	VIC – Park Hyatt Hotel 12 to 14 November
<b>2009</b>	SA – Adelaide Convention Ctr September
<b>2010</b>	QLD - TBC September
<b>2011</b>	NZ
<b>2012</b>	NSW or ACT
<b>2013</b>	WA
<b>2014</b>	VIC or TAS
<b>2015</b>	SA
<b>2016</b>	QLD
<b>2017</b>	NZ
<b>2018</b>	NSW or ACT
<b>2019</b>	WA
<b>2020</b>	VIC or TAS

**ASCIA SPONSORS**

ASCIA is extremely grateful to our 2007 sponsors:

<b>DIAMOND</b>	CSL BIOPLASMA CSL BIOTHERAPIES
<b>PLATINUM</b>	ABACUS ALS ABBOTT NUTRITION ASTRA ZENECA NUTRICIA OCTAPHARMA SCHERING PLOUGH
<b>GOLD</b>	NESTLE NUTRITION UCB PHARMA

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**

*Jill Smith*

The year 2007 has been yet another eventful year for ASCIA:

- For the first time I now have a part time Administration Assistant, Michelle Haskard, who commenced working with ASCIA in February 2007.
- Organisation of the very successful ASM 2007 ASM with Dr Tiffany Hughes in conjunction with the team at ICMS Australasia.
- A complete redesign of the ASCIA website, which now looks great, working with the company Impagination.
- The development and highly successful media launch of the Access Economics and ASCIA Report 'The Economic Impact of allergic disease in Australia' with Ray Mullins as Senior author.
- Implementation of the new procedure of advertising all ASCIA representative positions to ASCIA members via the monthly ASCIA News update e-newsletter.
- Representation of ASCIA at the World Allergy Congress 2007 in Bangkok.
- Continued generous support from industry, in the form of educational grants and sponsorship.
- Tremendous support and understanding from the ASCIA Executive, Council and members during a prolonged recovery from a ruptured appendix in March 2007.

**A BRIEF INTRODUCTION TO  
MICHELLE HASKARD -  
ASCIA ADMINISTRATION ASSISTANT**

Michelle is originally from Queensland and has a Bachelor of Arts in Economics, Modern History and English Literature.

She has had a varied career in marketing, communications and business organisation whilst living overseas for 17 years and before raising three sons.

Since February 2007 Michelle Haskard has been working around 8 to 10 hours per week, assisting with the administrative duties of ASCIA, including banking, post, accounts, preparing manuals, creating and updating databases and assisting with the final organization of the ASCIA 2007 ASM.

**ASCIA 2007 ASM**

It was a great pleasure to work with Dr Tiffany Hughes in organizing the ASCIA 2007 ASM held in Fremantle Western Australia. We were fortunate to have warm weather, excellent speakers and great attendance, both from the delegates and industry supporters. Natalie Austin and her team at ICMS Australasia provided us with excellent registration and abstract submission services.

**NEW ASCIA WEBSITE**

After working closely with the Suzanne Grainger and the team at Impagination the new ASCIA website was released in the first week of November 2007, just in time for the launch of the Report 'The Economic Impact of allergic disease in Australia'.

We have now had training in editing the ASCIA website, which will make updating much more efficient in future.

**THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF ALLERGIC  
DISEASE IN AUSTRALIA REPORT**

This report was developed by Access Economics and ASCIA. The report involved several meetings of the ASCIA Executive, analysis of the Allergy and Clinical Immunology Workforce survey and an enormous amount of work by our President Elect and resident author, Ray Mullins.

The highly successful media launch of this report in November 2007 was organized by Gemma Tognini of GT Medica.

This report is available on the public section of the ASCIA website and we expect it will continue to be used as a resource throughout 2008 and beyond.

**WORLD ALLERGY CONGRESS 2007**

Bangkok, Thailand was the venue for the 2007 World Allergy Congress. As it was held in our region ASCIA had excellent representation, including a large number of delegates, an ASCIA Symposium and a Member society village stand, which was provided with the compliments of the World Allergy Organisation. This event was also an ideal opportunity to meet with some of the international representatives from ASCIA sponsors.

**SPONSORSHIP**

The ASCIA ASM continues to be the most important source of sponsorship.

Some sponsoring companies also distribute ASCIA Education Resources brochures and have their education resources reviewed by ASCIA, as part of their sponsorship packages. Another recently included option for ASCIA sponsorship is in the form of ASCIA grant funding, which is now included in the sponsorship policy.



## PRIORITIES FOR 2008

### ASCIA 2008 ASM

ASCIA 2008 (with Dr Jo Smart as Chair) promises to be an excellent event – for details refer to [www.ascia2008.com](http://www.ascia2008.com)

### ASCIA 2009 ASM

Preliminary planning is already taking place, with Dr Patrick Quinn as Chair.

### ASCIA Committees and Working Parties

I will assist the Chairs with organising of regular meetings and communicating any significant progress to the general ASCIA membership via the monthly ASCIA News Update e-newsletter.

### ASCIA 2008 AGM Council Elections

Organisation of the biannual ASCIA Council elections for November 2008.

### ASCIA Allergy Advanced Training Meeting, Blue Mountains 9-10 May 2008

Organisation of this meeting and the coinciding ASCIA Council meeting.

### ASCIA 2008 Workforce Survey

Analysis of the data collected in late 2007 and early 2008.

### Consumer survey on allergies

Assistance with publicity of a Pfizer funded consumer survey on allergies as part of their Health Report series. ■

## ASCIA SPONSORSHIP POLICY

The Australasian Society of Clinical Immunology and Allergy (ASCIA) is a professional specialist medical society and as such, ASCIA cannot endorse products from sponsoring organizations, nor be influenced by sponsoring organisations on the content of its education programs and website, nor advertise any specific products or services on its website.

ASCIA relies on sponsorship income from appropriate organizations to support its:

- Professional educational programs (including the ASCIA website and Annual Scientific Meetings)
- Patient education programs (including ASCIA Education Resources brochures and the ASCIA website)
- Registers (ASCIA Primary Immune Disease Register and ASCIA Anaphylaxis Register).
- Annual Research grants (for projects relating to allergic or immune diseases).

Organisations which are deemed appropriate sponsors (by the ASCIA Council) are categorized as follows:

<b>Diamond:</b>	\$40,000 (AUD) per year
<b>Platinum:</b>	\$25,000 (AUD) per year
<b>Gold:</b>	\$15,000 (AUD) per year

Sponsorship can comprise a combination of support for any of the following items:

- ASCIA Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM) exhibition stand
- ASCIA ASM events, or specific ASM items
- ASCIA Education Resources (AER) brochures (distribution rights)
- ASCIA PID or Anaphylaxis Register
- ASCIA Research Grants – naming rights (selection of research projects is made by a panel of ASCIA members).

All sponsors approved by the ASCIA Council are entitled to have a logo and link to their website on the ASCIA website.

These are updated each year, at 30 June, when sponsorship for the current calendar year is confirmed. ■

## ■ **ASCIA 2008 ASM**

**12 TO 14 NOVEMBER 2008**

**PARK HYATT HOTEL, MELBOURNE**

**[www.ascia2008.com](http://www.ascia2008.com)**



## ■ STATE UPDATES

### NEW ZEALAND

#### DR MARIANNE EMPSON & DR VINCENT CRUMP

Workforce shortages in clinical immunology and allergy in New Zealand have not changed. This and the fact that EpiPens are still not subsidised by Pharmac are our main ongoing concerns.

The New Zealand Clinical Immunology & Allergy Group (NZCIAG) has held day meetings twice in the past year with support from CSL. This has been very worthwhile, allowing sharing and standardisation of protocols and discussion of cases.

### QUEENSLAND

#### DR JANE PEAKE

The State government announced \$500,000 funding, starting in 2008 to develop a paediatric immunology and allergy service at the Royal Children's Hospital. They have also announced a new adult clinical registrar position for the Royal Brisbane Hospital and a paediatric registrar for the Royal Children's Hospital to start in 2008 and it is likely that there will be another registrar position for Royal Children's Hospital to start in 2009.

### SOUTH AUSTRALIA

#### DR PATRICK QUINN

The South Australian branch of ASCIA continued to have monthly dinner meetings in 2007 and these were well attended. Negotiations and planning continued around developing a State-wide Allergy & Immunology Service. This has received interest from government with the appointment of a project officer to look at this issue.

In September 2007 local ASCIA members in association with the University of South Australian ran a one day seminar for primary health care practitioners.

Planning for the ASCIA 2009 ASM in Adelaide has commenced. The venue will be the Adelaide Convention Centre and it will be held in September 2009.

### WESTERN AUSTRALIA

#### DR JOHN BANDOUVAKIS

Planning for the ASCIA 2007 ASM was a major focus for the past year.

Regular meetings were well attended.

There is some additional funding in paediatrics and the WA government has committed significant funding to anaphylaxis education.

### NEW SOUTH WALES REPORT

#### DR LOUISE EVANS

Three successful educational dinner meetings were held for ASCIA NSW members, in March, July and December 2007. The Clinical Grand Rounds dinner meeting in December was a new format and this will be repeated in 2008.

### VICTORIA REPORT

#### DR JO SMART

Planning for the ASCIA 2008 ASM is well underway and details of the meeting are available online at [www.ascia2008.com](http://www.ascia2008.com)

ASCIA educational dinner meetings for Victorian members were well attended in 2007.

In 2007 the Victorian government announced they would introduce new legislation concerning anaphylaxis training in schools, kindergartens and childcare centres, which will come into effect from 14 July 2008. ■

## ■ ASCIA AWARDS & GRANTS 2007

### ASCIA CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION 2007

**Dr Tiffany Hughes**

Chair ASCIA 2007 ASM

**A/Prof Raymond Mullins**

Senior Author of the Economic Report

**Dr Sheryl van Nunen**

ASCIA Newsletter Editor 2001-2007

**Dr Glenn Reeves**

Chair ASCIA Computer Committee 2001 - 2007

**Dr Peter Hollingsworth**

Chair Perth Immunopathology 2007

**Prof Frank Christiansen**

Chair ASEATTA 2007 ASM

**Narissna Weiland**

Chair ASCIA 2007 Nurses Update

**ASCIA 2007 ASM Keynote Speakers:**

Prof Pat Holt

Prof Donald Leung

Prof Phil Lieberman

Prof Bodo Grimbacher

Prof Vanda Lennon

**ASCIA 2007 Invited Speakers:**

Prof Richard Boyd

Dr Michele Grimaldeston

Dr Anne Halbert

A/Prof Geoff Hill

Prof David Kemp

Prof Robin Taylor

### ASCIA MEDIA AWARDS 2007 - 2008

**Lisa Offord**

Article: 'Double Trouble for Airways:

Rhinitis Link to Asthma'

Australian Journal of Pharmacy September 2007

**Liisa Christopher**

Article: 'Hard to swallow'

Sydney Morning Herald February 2007

### ASCIA / WAC 2000 GRANTS 2007

In 2007 CSL Biotherapies provided \$50,000. This was in addition to the \$60,000 (AUD) provided by ASCIA.

The following grant recipients were announced at the ASCIA 2007 AGM:

ESTABLISHMENT OF A NATIONAL FOOD ALLERGY DATABASE

**A/Prof Rohan Ameratunga** et al \$23,259

A STUDY OF THE USE OF INTRAVENOUS PROMETHAZINE FOR ANAPHYLAXIS

**A/Prof Simon Brown** et al \$23,041

IDENTIFICATION OF PATIENTS WITH 18Q21.3 DELETIONS & ANAPHYLAXIS

**A/Prof Pete Smith** \$3,700

EFFECTS OF STATINS ON THE MIGRATION AND APOPTOSIS OF DENDRITIC CELLS

**Prof Philip Thompson** et al \$20,000

THE IMPACT OF COFACTOR AND EFFECTOR CELL FUNCTION IN CVID

**Dr Robert Stirling** et al \$20,000

EVALUATION OF PATIENT ANTIBODY RESPONSES TO B2MICROGLOBULIN IN RELATION TO LUPUS ANTICOAGULANT AND ANTI-CARDIOLIPIN RESULTS

**Dr Christine Bundell** et al \$20,000

### ASCIA MEDICAL STUDENT GRANTS 2007

**Gene Huang** – Melbourne University

The impact of malaria on immunosuppression and HIV transmission

**Daniel Raper** – University of Sydney

The mechanism of the action of IVIg in autoimmune inflammatory neuropathy

**Emily See** – Melbourne University / Oxford  
Tumour Immunology

**Zhenya Welyczho** et al – University of Queensland

The ability of pre-school staff in the use of adrenaline autoinjectors ■

## ■ NEW ASCIA MEMBERS

### FULL

**Dr Ana Dosen** MBBS RACP

St George Public Hospital and Sydney Children's Hospital NSW

**Assoc Prof Angel Lopez** MBBS PhD MRCPA FRCPA IMVS, SA

**Dr Andrew Tulloch** MBBS MRACP FRACP MPH  
Hobart Private Hospital TAS

### ASSOCIATE (TRAINEE)

**Dr Ghsoon Abdulrasool** MD BSc  
Westmead Hospital NSW

**Dr Jalila Al Shekaili** MD BSc  
The Canberra Hospital ACT

**Dr Priscilla Auyeung** MBBS  
Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital WA

**Dr Rani Bhatia** MBBS MD(Paed) FRACP  
John Hunter Children's Hospital NSW

**Dr Julian Bosco** MBBS BSc Med (Hons)  
Royal Melbourne Hospital VIC

**Dr Meilyn Hew** MBBS  
Fremantle Hospital WA

**Dr Pravin Hissara** MBBS MDDM FRCPA  
Royal Adelaide Hospital SA

**Dr Denise Hsu** MBBS BSc  
Campbelltown Hospital NSW

**Dr Miriam Hurst** MBChB  
Royal Prince Alfred Hospital NSW

**Dr Frederick Lee** MBBS BSc  
Westmead Hospital NSW

**Dr Elizabeth Moore** MBBS BA  
Royal Melbourne Hospital VIC

**Dr Mahila Namasivayam** MBBS DCH  
Sydney Childrens Hospital NSW

**Dr Katherine Nicholls** MBBS  
Royal Brisbane Hospital QLD

**Dr Dean Tey** MBBS  
Royal Children's Hospital NSW

**Dr Winnie Tong** MBBS MSc(Med)  
St Vincents Hospital NSW

### ASSOCIATE

**Ms Svetlana Baltic** BSc(Hons) MSc  
QE II Medical Centre WA

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Royal Melbourne Hospital VIC

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Royal Melbourne Hospital VIC

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Otago District Health Board NZ

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PathWest QEIIIMC WA

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Anaphylaxis Educator NSW

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Auckland City Hospital NZ

**Dr Christine Weber-Chrysochoou** MD  
Woolcock Institute of Medical Research NSW

**Ms Nyree Woods** BN  
Royal Children's Hospital VIC ■

## ■ ASCIA COUNCIL 07-08

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**Assoc Prof Jo Douglass**

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### SECRETARY (HON)

**Dr Melanie Wong**

The Children's Hospital at Westmead  
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### AREA REPRESENTATIVES

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