



# 13th Australasian Cleft Lip and Palate Association Conference

**May 8-10, 2020  
Melbourne, Australia**

**Call for Abstracts  
and Registration**



## President's Welcome

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the Australasian Cleft Lip and Palate Association (ACLAPA) Executive, I am excited to let you know that abstract submissions and registrations are now being accepted for the 13th ACLAPA Conference, to be held at the Pan Pacific Hotel in Melbourne's Southbank from May 8-10, 2020. The scientific program already includes a long list of invited international and national speaker presentations, and with the expected high quality free paper submissions, the conference promises to be a truly exceptional educational experience.



The scientific committee is currently planning a number of expert panel presentations and early bird sessions to ensure that attendees have the best opportunity to interact with our invited guests from the cleft

and craniofacial fields. Also, in addition to the Speech Pathology Preconference meeting that is held prior to each year's ACLAPA conference, in Melbourne we will also run a concurrent Nursing Preconference. This will be a unique opportunity for Nurses, Care Coordinators and other interested professionals to come together to discuss issues related to growth, nutrition and both inpatient and outpatient nursing care for infants and children with cleft and craniofacial conditions.

I would encourage you to please take the time to read through this brochure, discuss your abstract submission ideas with your colleagues and mark Melbourne 2020 firmly in your diary!



## Social Programme

In addition to a comprehensive scientific programme, we also have two social events planned for attendees - a Welcome Reception BBQ on Friday, May 8, and an 80's themed conference dinner on Saturday, May 9. I would encourage all attendees to join us for these two events to meet new friends and colleagues and to catch up with old friends.

## Conference Venue

The Pan Pacific Melbourne is located in the heart of the city's Southbank precinct, only one minute away from the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre; 10 minutes' drive from Melbourne's Flinders Street Railway Station; and 30 minutes' drive from Melbourne International Airport.



The hotel's contact details are included below:

Address: 2 Convention Centre Place South Wharf, Melbourne, Victoria, 3006, Australia

Telephone: + 61 3 9027 2000

Email: [enquiry.ppmel@panpacific.com](mailto:enquiry.ppmel@panpacific.com)

## Accommodation

The Pan Pacific Melbourne has provided a very generous accommodation package for our conference and I would encourage all ACLAPA members and our international attendees to consider reserving a room at the discounted accommodation rate of \$299 for night. This rate applies to Deluxe Twin Bed, Deluxe King, or Family Queen (1 Queen + 1 Single) Rooms.

To access this special accommodation rate, please follow the link below or scan the QR code:

[www.panpacific.com/aclapa](http://www.panpacific.com/aclapa)



Thursday May 7, 2020	Friday May 8, 2020	Saturday May 9, 2020	Sunday May 10, 2020
Speech Pathology & Nursing Preconferences	ACLAPA Conference Day 1	ACLAPA Conference Day 2	ACLAPA Conference Day 3
	Welcome Reception BBQ	Conference Dinner	

## Conference Registration

Registration for the conference is now open for ACLAPA members and non-members at the following online ticketing site and QR code links:

<https://www.stickytickets.com.au/85982>



Registration Type	ACLAPA Members	Non-Members
Surgeons / Clinicians Medical Practitioners	AUD \$ 650	AUD \$ 750
Allied Health Professionals	AUD \$ 350	AUD \$ 450
Registrars / Trainees	AUD \$ 200	AUD \$ 300
Welcome Reception BBQ	AUD \$ 45	AUD \$ 50
Conference Dinner	AUD \$ 110	AUD \$ 120



## Travel

For attendees requiring assistance with their travel plans, I would urge you to contact Ms Sid Jones-McCallum from Travel Counsellors Pty Ltd at the details below:

Address: Level 4, 34 Queen Street,  
Melbourne VIC 3000  
Telephone: + 61 1300 292 743  
Mobile/Cell: + 61 415 242 629  
Email: [sid@travelcounsellors.com.au](mailto:sid@travelcounsellors.com.au)  
Web: <http://www.travelcounsellors.com.au>



ATAS Accreditation A10764, IATA 02 3 6297 5, ABN 46 125 068 448, AFTA 03751



For international attendees, Melbourne International Airport's airport code is MEL.

## Next Steps

- Please review the profiles of our international invited speakers in the next few pages of this flyer and share this brochure with your professional colleagues;
- Talk to your team and your colleagues about your participation in what will be a great conference. Remember, for teams in Australia and New Zealand, this is our local meeting!
- Please discuss and plan your abstract submissions with your team members and colleagues and review the abstract submission instructions on the next page;
- Please submit all abstracts by the closing date of December 31, 2019.
- Please consider reserving a room now at the Pan Pacific Melbourne at the reduced rate on offer.

Should you have any enquiries about the conference, please do not hesitate to contact either myself, or Dr Wendy Nicholls, our ACLAPA conference contact, at the emails addresses below:

David: [david@dkcsurgery.com](mailto:david@dkcsurgery.com)  
Wendy: [wendy.nicholls@health.wa.gov.au](mailto:wendy.nicholls@health.wa.gov.au)

I look forward to seeing you in Melbourne.

**Dr David Chong**  
**Plastic Surgeon**  
**ACLAPA President**





# ABSTRACT SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

## Online Abstract Submission

Online submission of abstracts will be accepted at the following link or QR code:

[http://www.conferenceonline.com/abstract/alogin?clear=1&warehouse\\_id=1491](http://www.conferenceonline.com/abstract/alogin?clear=1&warehouse_id=1491)



## Presentation Types

Platform Papers (8-10 minutes' duration)

Pearl of Wisdom Presentation (5 minutes' duration)

Poster presentation (1m x 0.9m)

## Abstract Submission Requirements

Abstract submissions for all presentation types must:

- Be written in English.
- Be a maximum of 250 words (excluding title, authors names and affiliation details)
- Must include first person language as appropriate e.g. rather than "cleft child", use "child with a cleft"

Late abstracts will not be considered.

## Abstract Submission Conditions

- The acceptance of an abstract for the 2020 ACLAPA Conference does not imply provision of travel, accommodation or registration for the conference, or any other costs associated with conference attendance.
- The presenting author must register to attend to conference prior to 8 March 2020.
- Accepted abstracts will be published in the conference program.
- Successful authors will be notified by February 1, 2020.
- Where possible, a copy of accepted presentations will be requested to be forwarded to the conference contact prior to the commencement of the Conference.



City Skyline, Yarra River

## International Invited Speakers

### Dr Maria Costanza Meazzini

Orthodontist (Milan, Italy)

Dr Meazzini specialized in Orthodontics and Craniofacial biology at Harvard University (Boston, USA, 1995) and in Facial Orthopaedics for Craniofacial Malformations at University of Illinois at Chicago, (Chicago, USA, 1997). She is Scientific Director, Cleft Lip and Palate Regional Center, Smile House, Operation Smile, San Paolo Hospital, Milano and Consultant for Craniofacial Anomalies, Department of Maxillo-Facial Surgery at San Gerardo Hospital, Monza. Dr Meazzini is also Adjunct Professor in Craniofacial Anomalies at University of Milano and the Italian Representative for the European Society for Cleft Lip and Palate and Craniofacial Anomalies.



### Dr Steve Byrd

Plastic Surgeon (Dallas, Texas, USA)

Dr Byrd is Board certified by both the American Board of Surgery and the American Board of Plastic Surgery. He is a founding member and past president of the Rhinoplasty Society. He is the Director of the Craniofacial Clinic at the Medical City Children's Hospital, is past president of the Dallas County Society of Plastic Surgery, and a former officer on the board of the Plastic Surgery Educational Foundation.



Dr Byrd earned his Bachelor's degree in Denton at North Texas State University and continued his studies at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston, to complete his medical degree with Honours. For the next six years, Dr Byrd performed two different residencies: one in general surgery and one in plastic surgery. This length of exposure and experience paved the way for Dr Byrd's career in plastic and reconstructive surgery. In addition to plastic surgery procedures, Dr Byrd is an innovator in infant ear correction and other otoplasties and an authority for cleft palate treatment.

### Dr Jamie Perry

Speech Pathologist (Greenville, North Carolina, USA)

Dr Jamie Perry is a licensed Speech-Language Pathologist and speech scientist. She is an associate professor at East Carolina University where she conducts research using magnetic resonance imaging and 3D computer technology to study the anatomy, speech, and surgical approaches used to treat cleft palate. Her research is funded through the National Institute of Health. Her current collaborative work aims to examine the variations in pre-surgical anatomy effect postsurgical speech outcomes in children born with cleft palate. Dr Perry serves on the cleft palate craniofacial team at New Hanover Regional Medical Center in Wilmington, NC. She is the director of the Speech Imaging and Visualization Laboratory at East Carolina University. Dr Perry serves as the coordinator for the resonance disorders clinic where she provides speech evaluations and therapy to individuals with errors related to cleft palate and resonance disorders. Dr Perry also provides support and training through surgical mission trips to third world countries.



### Dr David Fisher

Plastic Surgeon (Toronto, Canada)

David Fisher received his Medical Degree from the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland in 1990. He completed residencies in General Surgery and Plastic Surgery in Grand Rapids, Michigan and received American Board of Surgery Accreditation in General Surgery in 1997 and American Board of Plastic Surgery Accreditation in 2001. He became a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeon of Canada in 1998. He undertook Fellowship training in Paris with Dr Daniel Marchac; in Taiwan with Dr. Samuel Noordhoff and Dr. Yu-Ray Chen; and in Toronto at The Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto.

Dr. Fisher is the Medical Director of the Cleft Lip and Palate Program at The Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto.





Dr Fisher is world renowned for his contribution to cleft surgery. His cleft lip repair technique has become widely adopted and caused a paradigm shift in the approach to the reconstruction of the unilateral cleft lip deformity. He has authored numerous landmark articles and chapters in cleft care.

**Dr Kerry Mandulak**

Speech Pathologist (Portland, Oregon, USA)

Dr. Kerry Mandulak's clinical career has been focused on the assessment and treatment of children and families affected by cleft lip and palate, velopharyngeal dysfunction, and other craniofacial disorders. Her clinical interests formed the basis for her research interests pursued during

her doctoral training at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, including applying acoustic analysis techniques for investigation of speech production and speech perception in children with repaired cleft palate. Dr. Mandulak has been active in the American Cleft Palate – Craniofacial Association



(ACPA) and Special Interest Group 5: Craniofacial and Velopharyngeal Disorders through the American Speech Language Hearing Association (ASHA). Locally, Dr Mandulak serves on the Board of Directors for Smile Oregon, a not-for-profit organization committed to facilitating access to care for children affected by cleft lip and palate and other craniofacial conditions in Oregon.

**Dr Magnus Becker**

Plastic Surgeon (Malmo, Sweden)

Dr Jan Magnus Becker is an associate professor at Lunds University and a Senior Consultant in Plastic Surgery at the Skane University Hospital SUS in Malmö, Sweden. Dr Becker has been working with pediatric plastic surgery for 25 years with a special focus on cleft treatment. He has published over 40 papers including surgical and population-based registry studies in cleft and associated areas.

During the last 10 years he has been the head of the national quality register for cleft treatment in Sweden. The register is now nationally certified and regularly delivers data on cleft care in Sweden.



**Dr Gary Parker**

Maxillofacial Surgeon (Mercy Ships)

Dr. Parker earned his dental degree from UCLA School of Dentistry and completed his residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery at UCLA Hospital and Medical Center. After his residency training, he spent five years as senior registrar, North Wales Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Unit, Glan Clywd Hospital in North Wales, United Kingdom.



In 1987, Dr. Parker joined Mercy Ships, an international charity founded in 1978, and

became a ship surgeon on the Anastasis. Thus began his dedication of his life's work to Mercy Ships' humanitarian service. He currently serves as Chief Medical Officer on-board the 16,500-ton Africa Mercy, where he has lived with his wife and children. The Africa Mercy is the largest non-governmental hospital ship in the world, providing free surgical and transformational healthcare. He has confronted the most challenging cases daily, removing enormous tumours from the head and neck region that afflict those who have little to no access to health care. In addition, he has operated on thousands of children affected with cleft conditions. Dr Parker is an inspiration to all who have worked with him.

**Dr Sneha Oberoi**

Orthodontist (California, USA)

Dr. Snehlata (Sneha) Oberoi is a Craniofacial Orthodontist and Director of the Cleft and Craniofacial Orthodontic Program at UCSF. She is also the Director of the pre-doctoral Orthodontic Program and a Professor at the UCSF School of Dentistry.

Dr. Oberoi has published over 60 articles in peer-reviewed scientific journals, as well as published several book chapters. Her research focuses on developing new methods to assess

the outcomes of treatment for cleft lip, cleft palate and other craniofacial anomalies. Dr Oberoi collaborates with her Center's Medical Geneticists on research seeking to identify genetic mutations, and how they affect dental and facial defects in various craniofacial anomalies.







Key Dates	
Abstract Submission Deadline	December 31, 2019
Successful Abstract Notification	February 1, 2020
Presenter Registration Deadline	March 8, 2020
Speech Pathology Preconference	May 7, 2020
Nursing Preconference	May 7, 2020
ACLAPA Conference	May 8-10, 2020

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