



President's Message

Dear Members

Christmas is fast approaching and I would like to wish you all the very best for the festive season.

We had a Board Meeting of ACLAPA at the end of November. It has been a very busy and successful year. The March meeting was financially successful and the coffers of both ACLAPA and the Research Fund are well stocked.

Between March 10th-12th 2012 we have organised for a Seminar to be held here in Perth run by Dr Martin Persson. Martin was a guest at the March Meeting but due to time constraints, we were unable to run the full psychosocial program and made the decision to invite him back.

Martin has kindly agreed to return in March next year to present a Biopsychosocial workshop in Perth which will offer two days for consultants and staff and a half day for parents and parent groups. We are also planning to video-conference the appropriate sections of the workshop to interested teams across and outside of Australia. Please read further in this newsletter for the program outline. Registration forms will be forwarded once the program has been finalised.

Another psychosocial seminar will be run in Melbourne in February of 2012 by OzCleft and CleftPals. I enclose with this email a Flyer for that symposium.

According to the ACLAPA Constitution

we should try to run a meeting at least every second year. To this end we have decided that in 2013 we will organise a "Seminar".

For reasons of geography this Seminar would I think be best held in either Sydney or Melbourne but we are certainly open to suggestions. I would also be grateful if any member of ACLAPA could email me if they do have any particular topics that they would like to be addressed in the Seminar or any particular speakers that they think would be valuable. Other future ACLAPA meetings are as follows:

In 2014 Professor David David will be running a combined meeting of the Asian Pacific Craniofacial Congress and ACLAPA.

In 2015 Lai Hooi Lim will be hosting the next Asia Pacific Cleft Palate/ Craniofacial Congress meeting which will also be held in conjunction with the ACLAPA meeting for 2015.

We will also be continuing our series of the history and current running of our fellow Cleft Units in our newsletters for 2012.

Best wishes again for the Festive Season.

Kind regards

DAVID GILLETT

ACLAPA President



*On behalf of the Australasian
Cleft Lip And Palate Association*

we wish you a

*Merry Christmas and a safe and
happy New Year.*





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Educational Courses

23rd AUSTRALIAN ORTHODONTIC CONGRESS
“SETTING THINGS STRAIGHT”
Perth Convention Centre 10-14 February 2012

Face Value –

“A Biopsychosocial Workshop”

Princess Margaret Hospital Perth 10-12 March 2012

69th ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ACPA :
Pursuing Excellence – Is There An App For That?
San Jose CA 17–21 April 2012

Membership

We thank all members for their continued support of ACLAPA.

We also invite all who are yet to join or renew their membership to support this Association .

Face Value –A biopsychosocial workshop

Purpose of the Workshop:

To provide information and training concerning the psychosocial issues faced by patients who have an orofacial cleft and other related facial disorders. It will target issues concerning facial appearance including facial clefts, scarring, body image, treatment options and psychology. Guest presenter Dr Martin Persson.

Background and relevance of Workshop:

With the current levels of health funding, the resources required to identify, assess and manage psychosocial issues may be scarce or not available in the team or multi-disciplinary arenas. To provide a multi-disciplinary approach tools are required to identify the need for potential psychological and counselling referrals and interventions. This workshop is a timely and necessary information source for providing care and the resources required by our cleft teams and other professionals to provide care.



Outcomes:

Participants will be able to:

- 1) Understand how individuals with orofacial cleft (OFC) and/ or other related facial disorders may be affected by:
 - a) societal influences
 - b) specific psychosocial issues related to OFC from a life-span perspective and
 - c) how these aspects relate to their provision of care.
- 2) Identify how psychosocial provision of care functions in their department.
- 3) How to implement a psychosocial approach in their department .

Program Topics:

- Appearance/body image
Societal influence
- What are the psychological issues:
For parents/families
Children
Adolescents
Adults
- Long term outcomes in adults from a medical-psychological-social perspective.

