

# ACLAPA NEWSLETTER



## President's Message

Dear Members

Christmas is fast approaching and on behalf of the Committee, I would like to wish you the very best for the festive season.

We have had another busy and successful year.

The 12th International Congress on Cleft Lip/Palate and Related Craniofacial Anomalies held May 5-10 in Orlando Florida (see next page) was an impressive and memorable meeting. With 1500 attendees represented by 65 countries, it offered timely and significant task forces and scientific presentations. Seventeen attendees flew the flag for Australia. The Owen Cole Memorial Scholarship for Best Junior Presenter was awarded to Darren Smith, a Junior Surgeon from New York who authored and co-authored ten presentations. Future congresses will be held as follows: 2017 will be held in Chennai, India and 2021 in Edinburgh, Scotland.

In July we held the ANZCleft Multicentre Study at the Children's Hospital Westmead, Sydney with special guests, Ross (Rusty) Long, Orthodontist and Head of the Americleft Group, and Martin Persson from the Centre for Appearance Psychology at Bristol University who assisted with the meeting.

Although there was much enthusiasm at the meeting we still need to commit to the proposed studies in Orthodontics, Speech, Nursing and Plastics as there still

needs to be more of a commitment to make these studies successful. To participate or continue the studies please contact me.

Due to a lack of Hospital psychosocial resources we are planning to undertake Cleft Team psychosocial and counselling training to assist in recognising at-risk children and provide appropriate support. and referral Martin Persson is kindly considering to return in February next year to begin a training course in collaboration with our Hospital psychological services. If any other teams are interested, please contact me for details. Martin will also be involved in a collaborative study with our and other research personnel and co-supervising at one of our Universities.

Other future ACLAPA meetings are as follows:

October 3-5 2014 Professor David David will be hosting a combined meeting of the Asian Pacific Craniofacial Congress and ACLAPA in Adelaide.

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.

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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## Future Conferences

ACPA **71<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting**  
Indianapolis, Indiana March 25-29, 2014  
*Pre-Conference Symposium*  
*Facial Asymmetries...More or Less- Dysplasias, Hyperplasias and Hypoplasias* March 24-25, 2014

Asian Pacific Craniofacial Congress and  
**ACLAPA**  
Adelaide 3-5 October 2014



4th Workshop of the International Cleft Lip and Palate Foundation. Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia September, 2014

## Membership

We thank all members for their continued support of ACLAPA.

## Orlando 2013

