



13th Australasian Cleft Lip and Palate Association Conference

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

**Second Announcement
and Registration**

President's Welcome



On behalf of the Australasian Cleft Lip and Palate Association (ACLAPA) Executive, I would like to invite you to attend the 13th ACLAPA Conference, to be held at the Pan Pacific Hotel in Melbourne's Southbank from May 8-10, 2020. Melbourne is undoubtedly one of Australia's most vibrant, exciting and cosmopolitan cities, and visitors from all over Australia, New Zealand, Asia, and the rest of the globe can look forward to having an unforgettable Australian experience in this truly global city.

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Who nose?

Your Australian experience begins with the theme for this year's meeting: *who nose?* Australians love a good play on words and with this year's conference including a particular focus on primary and secondary nasal surgery, coupled with our ongoing efforts to assess and treat nasal-sounding speech, we will be asking ourselves the very important question - who knows?

Who knows what the most effective cleft lip and palate surgical protocol is? Who knows the best techniques for improving speech outcomes? Who knows how to best look after our patients' psychosocial needs? And most importantly, who knows what we are missing in our current cleft and craniofacial care provision and who knows what we could do better?

Come to Melbourne in 2020 as we work together to find out the answers to these questions, and much more.



Scientific Programme

The ACLAPA Executive has invited a number of highly regarded international and Australasian speakers to participate in the conference, and coupled with a call for abstracts for oral and poster presentation submissions (opening August 21, 2019), the programme promises to be a rich and rewarding educational experience.

Abstracts open August 21, 2019

Abstracts close January 21, 2020

As is now standard for all ACLAPA conferences, a Speech Pathology Preconference day will be held on May 7, where our Australian and New Zealand Speech Pathologists will come together to work on specific projects. All regional and international Speech Pathologists are welcome to attend this day.

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



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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 rates below. These rates apply to Deluxe Twin Bed, Deluxe King, or Family Queen (1 Queen + 1 Single) Rooms.

Room	Rates
Reservations made <u>before</u> June 7, 2019	AUD \$ 229* *Non-refundable, non-cancellable rate
Reservations made <u>after</u> June 7, 2019	AUD \$ 299** **Changes permitted

To access these special accommodation rates, please follow the link below or scan the QR code:

www.panpacific.com/aclapa



Thursday May 7, 2020	Friday May 8, 2020	Saturday May 9, 2020	Sunday May 10, 2020
Speech Pathology Preconference Meeting	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 Mr Sid Jones-McCallum from Travel Counsellors Pty Ltd at the details below:



Address: Level 4, 34 Queen Street,
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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;
- Talk to your team and your colleagues about your participation in what will be a great conference;
- Please add the abstract opening (August 21, 2019) and closing (January 21, 2020) dates to your diary;
- Please consider reserving a room now at the Pan Pacific Melbourne at the reduced rates 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
Wendy: wendy.nicholls@health.wa.gov.au

I look forward to seeing you in Melbourne.

Dr David Chong
Plastic Surgeon / ACLAPA President



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. His practice is entirely paediatric with a focus in Cleft Lip and Palate and Ear Reconstruction.

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. He is also an emerging fine artist.

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.



View of Yarra River and Melbourne from Birrarung Marr

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.



Key Dates	
Discounted Early Bird Accommodation Rate Ends	June 7, 2019
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Abstracts Close	January 21, 2019
Speech Pathology Preconference	May 7, 2020
ACLAPA Conference	May 8-10, 2020

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