

**A joint statement from Australasian set registrars conference convenors 2023
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We were both very privileged and excited to be convening the Australasian SET Registrars Conference 2023 in Sydney. This was the first conference in many years since the start of the pandemic to have a non-virtual, all in-person attendance and this was certainly appreciated by all the trainees from Australia and New Zealand. We formed an education program for the curriculum modules of Skin, Facial Aesthetics and Craniomaxillofacial, and this was prefaced by a Trial Fellowship Examination on Saturday/Sunday. Many thanks go out to all the examiners, patients and registrar facilitators who made this event run as smoothly as it did. Furthermore, we extend our gratitude to all the judges of the Emmett Prize on Monday, as well as the speakers who presented the educational lectures and tutorial programs on the Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday sessions. We give special thanks to Jeremy Hunt and Steven Liew who contributed a great amount of their time to their respective sessions on Facial Aesthetics.

This year we were extremely fortunate to have Professor Chris Forrest present the Craniofacial program lectures and tutorials. He is currently on sabbatical in the Sydney Children's Hospital Network, and is the immediate past Chief of the Division of Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery at The Hospital for Sick Children (Toronto, Canada). As a world leader and expert in Craniofacial Surgery, he was one of the most qualified people to deliver this program for our registrars.

The trainees also enjoyed a social program including The Amazing Race around Sydney city, a Welcome Reception and Conference Dinner overlooking the most iconic sites of Sydney. This was a great opportunity for them to network and form interstate/international relationships, discuss issues in training and overall relax from the intense education program. The conference would not have been possible without the support of National Education & Training Manager, Greg Eliovson, and (especially) Events Manager Letitia Knight. We'd like to thank them again for their time and diligent execution of the whole conference.

We embarked on this project to give all trainees the best learning environment possible, and to prepare the senior trainees for their upcoming Fellowship Examinations. Being on the other side of this conference gave us a newfound appreciation for the dedication and commitment given by ASPS members to provide high quality education to their trainees. We were also able to network with trainees and receive feedback on the strong points of the conference structure, whilst also reflecting on what would make an even better education program next time. We hope that everyone involved with the conference, whether as an examiner, speaker, facilitator or trainee had a positive experience and we look forward to the next Australasian SET Registrars Conference 2024 in Brisbane.

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