



ACE (Australasian Collaboration in Endocarditis) Newsletter No.2. 27th March 2023.

A HUGE thank you to all those of you who have joined ACE !

We have made significant progress since the previous newsletter.

Our Steering Committee now welcomes Alicia Chan and John Sedgwick, representing cardiology (the first of many!), and Hugh McGann (IDP NZ) to make this collaboration international!

Invitations still open to anyone else interested in joining the Steering Committee (will be expected to attend monthly TEAMS tele-meetings on Wednesdays at 4PM EST), although IDP/micro slots largely filled (with one remaining NZ vacancy for ID/micro). CTS, cardiology and medical imaging most welcome to apply!

Subcommittees

Specialty based subcommittees are expected to evolve during this year as momentum builds. Please ask anyone you feel may be an asset on these subcommittees to please contact us!

Registry Progress.

Data-fields slowly progressing with aspirational target to have provisional fields ready by October.

Detailed descriptions in newsletter No.1

Due to a recent event, there has been a delay in this, with proposal to tweak the data-fields to assist assessment for suitability of particular sites for particular studies (esp RCTs). We apologise for delays but hope the proposed changes will make the final design even more useful.

Society endorsements progressing.

ACE has been endorsed by RCPA, is provisionally endorsed (still in progress) with ASID and preliminary process of requesting endorsements from CSANZ, ANZSCTS and RACP.

Advertising.

ACE was advertised at the recent RCPA Update in Melbourne. It is expected to be advertised at ASID Adelaide next week and potentially ECCMID Copenhagen the following week. We hope it will also be advertised at other national meetings this year. Business cards (at private expense) have been emailed to selected Committee members to help with advertising.

Projects.

Data-fields and increasing our profile are the current priority. As these are nearing completion, we hope to commence working on other collaborative research projects.

Listing on member's page of ACE website.

A reminder to members to check their listing and use generic email to suggest modifications. There are a number of members who haven't indicated yet how they would like to be listed on the member's page.

Affiliations on publications

ACE is requesting that any endocarditis related presentations (eg publications/posters) from our group please have at least one ACE member as author using ACE as an affiliation, as with time, the number of quoted affiliations may assist with future research grant applications. We are happy for ACE logo to be displayed on posters/slides to aid with our advertising. This is NOT a request to change authorship/edit the study, as the role of ACE is to encourage, not discourage research/collaborations. This is merely a request for one (or more) of the authors to request ACE membership.

Until a suitable website can be found, the provisional ACE webpages will be part of the ieQ website. [infective endocarditis Queensland \(ieQ\) - Medical School - University of Queensland \(uq.edu.au\)](http://infectiveendocarditisqueensland.com.au).

Or Google "ace endocarditis " to access it.

Further newsletters will be emailed to ACE members. Please forward to colleagues who may wish to be members