



## **ACE (Australasian Collaboration in Endocarditis) Newsletter No.3. 30<sup>th</sup> November 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 has expanded with a more multi-disciplinary composition, to reflect the multi-disciplinary nature of this complex condition.

The Steering Committee is currently, (with welcome to new members in italics):

**ID-Micro** : Eugene Athan, Sharon Chen, Robert Horvath, Siong Hui, Alison Keed, Hugh McGann, Renjy Nelson, Veronica Playle, Chris Robson, Indy Sandaradura and Emily Tucker.

**Cardiology**: John Sedgwick, Alicia Chan, *Julie Bradley*, and *Mitra Shirazi*

**CTS**: Jayme Bennetts, *Livia Williams*, *Lachlan Marshall*, and *Ash Hardikar*

**Stroke**: *Kathryn Colebourne* and *Joshua Mahadevan*.

The Steering Committee has representatives from every Australian State and New Zealand, to reflect the “A” in ACE.

*EOIs still welcome for those wishing to join the Steering Committee with emphasis on the under-represented specialties such as medical imaging.*

### **Registry Progress.**

Data-fields are progressing with aspirational target to have provisional fields ready by early 2024.

Detailed descriptions in newsletter No.1

### **Society endorsements progressing.**

ACE has been endorsed by RCPA and ASID. We are in the process of requesting endorsements from CSANZ and ANZSCTS amongst others.

### **Advertising.**

ACE was advertised at CSANZ Adelaide and ECCMID Copenhagen.

We expect advertising especially at RCPA Update Adelaide (March 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> 2024) *where there is a dedicated endocarditis session!* Business cards (at private expense) have been emailed to selected Committee members to help with advertising.

### **Webinars**

We hope to commence webinars during 2024, with the pilot session likely to be discussion of new ESC IE guidelines and updated eTG. News as this develops!



## **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.

## **ISCVID**

*Reminder that the web-portal for abstracts and enrolment for ISCVID Malmö (June 16-18, 2024) will open in January. Excellent opportunity to present studies or interesting cases as a poster at an international conference. Some may get selected for oral presentations! Rules are that one co-author must be present at the meeting, and it can't already be published or submitted to a journal for publication, and can't have been presented at another *international* conference (eg ECCMID).*

Please read affiliations section below if considering submitting abstracts.

Australasian posters at the two previous ISCVIDs were > 10% of displayed posters, lets improve on that next year!!!

*This is also a call to write the date in your diary and attempt to attend or encourage others who may be interested to attend. At ISCVID Lausanne 2019, Australasians were the largest attendance group after USA, to the surprise of several European countries! 2024 is an opportunity to improve on that!*

Malmö is adjacent to Copenhagen, the travel hub of Scandinavia. Consider extending your stay to explore the area (or elsewhere in Europe).

## **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.

## **Reminder ACE generic email: [ieq@health.qld.gov.au](mailto:ieq@health.qld.gov.au)**

Either contact a representative of ACE Committee listed on prior page (and on website) if you have ACE queries or use the generic email.

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.ieq.edu.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 of ACE

