

Daily News

TUESDAY 17 NOVEMBER 2015

CONVENORS' WELCOME

On behalf of the 2015 ASM Local Organising Committee, we are delighted to welcome you all to Hobart and COSA's 42nd Annual Scientific Meeting.

We are both medical oncologists at the Royal Hobart Hospital, and we really enjoy living and working in Hobart. We are expecting about 800 delegates to this conference, which is very exciting for us, Hobart and COSA. Being such a small state, as you can imagine most of the delegates here today have travelled from interstate, so we do appreciate the effort you've made.

With the theme of "Rare Cancers: Common Goals", this year's program highlights rare cancers. We're proud to say that the Committee has been very creative interpreting the rare cancers theme, and we hope you'll agree.

The ASM is not just about the presentations – another key feature is the networking opportunities. The social events and breaks are highly regarded by COSA delegates and offer a forum to reinforce professional connections and establish new associations. We hope to see you all at the conference dinner – it's sure to be another great night!

We wish you all an enjoyable and educational meeting and look forward to meeting many of you personally.

Drs Allison Black and Louise Nott
COSA 2015 ASM Co-Convenors

THERE'S AN APP FOR THAT!

The conference web based app is accessible via the following link; cosa-2015.m.asnevents.com.au. The app provides access to the most up-to-date version of the program as well as other information such as abstracts.

FIRST DAY HIGHLIGHTS

- **Opening plenary: What are rare cancers?**
9:00-10:30am Concert Hall
Chair: Ray Lowenthal
- **Super dooper rare cancers**
11:00-12:30pm Concert Hall
Chair: David Goldstein
- **Cancer clusters**
11:00am-12:30pm Grand Ballroom 2
Chair: Claire Vajdic
- **Plenary: Common rare cancers**
1:30-3:00pm Concert Hall
Chair: Clare Scott
- Don't forget to visit the posters during the breaks
- Welcome function drinks & canapés
5:30pm Federation Ballroom

A FUNNY THING HAPPENED ON THE WAY TO CHEMO

Luke Ryan will be signing and selling copies of his book at the Rego Desk.

CONFERENCE DINNER – WEDNESDAY

Grand Chancellor Hotel
7:00pm drinks and dinner commences at 7:30pm

Places are still available for the Conference Dinner on Wednesday night. Chat to the ASN Events staff at the registration desk to reserve your tickets.

If you have a group of 10 people you can reserve a table to ensure you sit together.

COSA GROUP MEETINGS

Some of the COSA Groups will be holding their AGMs during lunchtime **12:30 to 1:30pm on Tuesday 17 November**.

If you are a member of one of these Groups it is an ideal time to hear what has been achieved in the last 12 months and plans for the coming year. Make sure you grab some lunch before heading in.

- **COSA Exercise & Cancer Group**
Grand Ballroom 1
- **COSA Psycho-oncology Group**
Grand Ballroom 2
- **COSA Cancer Pharmacists Group**
Grand Ballroom 3
- **COSA Cancer Care Coordination Group**
Harbour View 1

All COSA members with an interest in the **Developing Nations Group** activities are welcome to join an informal gathering during the Welcome Function at 6pm today.

Meet at the COSA booth (located at the entrance to the function area). This group is looking for support from motivated members with the capacity to help guide the future strategic directions of COSA's developing nations activities.

MEET THE COSA TEAM

Swing by the COSA booth at the entrance to the Exhibition Hall to meet the COSA staff throughout the breaks. Come along and chat with the team to find out more about how COSA can help you.

Not a COSA member? Sign up today for your chance to win a yummy gourmet hamper and a one year free membership!

WIFI

There is complimentary wifi available for COSA delegates within the conferencing centre of the Hotel Grand Chancellor.

Network Name/SSID: COSA_Wireless

Password: cosa2015

COSA PUBLIC FORUM

Each year COSA hosts a free information forum for people who have been affected by cancer on the Sunday prior to the ASM.

Last Sunday we had over 70 people from the general public attend the forum here at the Hotel Grand Chancellor. Guest speakers included Poulam Patel on new cancer therapies; Prue Cormie on the role of exercise in the management of cancer; Jeremy Couper on using mindfulness during cancer treatment; Angelica Pearce talking about oral chemotherapy medication safety; and Christine Edwards discussing communication between GPs and oncologists.

We thank the Grand Chancellor for their support of the event, and our partners Cancer Council Tasmania who helped to develop and promote the program.

Feedback from the day was excellent. It's not often that the public have an opportunity like this to hear from leading experts.

PRE CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS

Yesterday we hosted a number of pre-conference workshops which all received great feedback from delegates and most were sold out!

- Multi-disciplinary Supportive and Survivorship Care: models, methods, and more
- Molecular Pathology Workshop: Precision Medicine starts here
- Cancer Pharmacists Clinical Development Workshop
- Clinical Trials Research Professionals Group Clinical Development Workshop

DEVIL BREAKFAST SESSION PLACES STILL AVAILABLE!

Wednesday 18 November: 7:00-8:45am.

Sign up on your online profile.

TWEET TWEET

Follow COSA on Twitter **@COSAoncology**.

Contribute to the conversation by using **#COSAASM**.

The screens will be showing a scroll of tweets, including announcements of Best of the Best winners as well as your own tweets.