



### A Message from the President

"No burden is too heavy when shared with a friend" (Anonymous)

It is with great pleasure that I accept the role of President of this society at this time. The society is in a great position, thanks to the efforts of its past presidents. We have a strong constitution, a sound financial base and have now enjoyed several successive, successful Scientific meetings. This allows the executive and I to both consolidate and advance the course of the society in its ambitions to promote education, research and support for the various disciplines caring for our patients with Head and Neck malignancy both within Australia and New Zealand as well as our Pacific neighbours.

I hope to report regularly

on our executive meetings and progress on a range of visions for our future. These include our intentions to develop an "easy to access" and interactive data base, funding to promote travelling lectureships within Australia and New Zealand, funding to promote visits from colleagues from the Pacific and collaborative research between centres in Australia and New Zealand.

I look forward to working with your executive, June Corry (Vice President), David Wiesenfeld (Secretary), Garry Morgan (Treasurer), Del Hinckley (Past President), Chris Milross, Ben Panizza, Alison Perry, Guy Rees, Swee Tan and welcome Lyndall Kelly to the executive.

I wish to thank and congratulate Swee Tan and his or-

ganising committee, Charles Davis, Francis Hall, David Hamilton, Craig MacKinnon, Karen Williamson and Greg Sharp for an outstanding 8th Annual Scientific Meeting in Wellington, New Zealand. We all look forward to the 9th Annual Scientific Meeting to be convened by Ben Panizza, Del Hinckley and Sandro Porceddu in Brisbane in July 2007.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our immediate past president Del Hinckley for her significant contribution to the society over the last twelve months and to Bob Smee, her predecessor for their efforts in establishing an administrative home for the society and for their ongoing support.

*Suren Krishnan*



Dr Suren Krishnan  
President

#### Executive Committee Members

Dr Suren Krishnan  
*President*

Dr June Corry  
*Vice President*

Dr Gary Morgan  
*Treasurer*

Dr David Wiesenfeld  
*Secretary*

Dr Chris Milross  
Dr Ben Panizza  
Prof Alison Perry  
Dr Guy Rees  
Dr Swee Tan  
Dr Lyndell Kelly

Dr Del Hinckley  
Chair Membership Committee

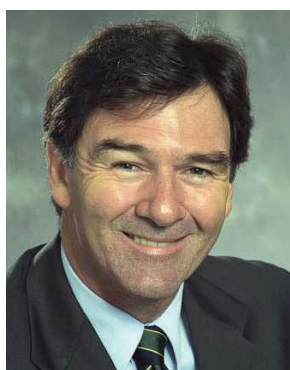
Dr Bob Smee  
Chair Nominating Committee

### Upcoming Conferences

- ☞ 1st World Congress of the International Academy of Oral Oncology (IAOO) May 17-20, 2007, Amsterdam The Netherlands [www.iaoo2007.com](http://www.iaoo2007.com)
- ☞ 7th International Conference on Head and Neck Cancer July 19 - July 23, 2008, San Francisco Marriott, San Francisco, CA, USA Website: [www.ahns.info/meetings/](http://www.ahns.info/meetings/)
- ☞ ANZHNS 9th Annual Scientific Conference, July 26-28, 2007. Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre, QLD. Enquiries: [anzheadandneck@pharmaevents.com.au](mailto:anzheadandneck@pharmaevents.com.au) or (+61 2) 9280 0577
- ☞ East-West Symposium on Nasopharyngeal Carcinoma 30 July-2 August 2007. Sunshine Coast, Australia. <http://npc2007.qimr.edu.au/index.html>
- ☞ 4th World Congress of the International Federation of Head & Neck Oncologic Societies (IFHNOS) June 15- 19, 2010 Seoul Korea [www.ifhnos2010.org](http://www.ifhnos2010.org)

The Society wishes to acknowledge the great contribution of Professor Chris O'Brien, founding member of the Society, who is being treated for a serious illness.

We wish him and his family the very best.



### Head and Neck 2007 Thurs 26th-Sat 28th July

The 9th Annual Scientific Meeting of the ANZHNS is to be held next year at the Brisbane Convention Centre in Queensland.

Invited speakers include: Dr Gary Clayman, surgeon-scientist, MD Anderson, & Dr David Brizel, radiation oncologist, Duke University.

**Mark this date in your diary now!**

Address correspondence to:

**ANZHNS**  
PO Box 329  
St Leonards NSW 1590

Ph: +61 2 9902 8135  
Fax: +61 2 9438 3760  
Website: [www.anzhns.org](http://www.anzhns.org)  
Email: [enquiries@anzhns.org](mailto:enquiries@anzhns.org)

# Head and Neck 2006—Wellington NZ

170 delegates from Australian, New Zealand and further afield attended the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting of the Australian & New Zealand Head and Neck Society in Wellington, New Zealand – the first time the Society held its annual meeting outside Australia. This meeting, convened by Dr Swee Tan, was held jointly with the New Zealand Association of Plastic Surgeons. This provided wonderful opportunities for cross-fertilisation and interaction between members of the two Organisations in the area of common interest.

The multidisciplinary Meeting covered a wide range of topics in head and neck oncology, reflecting the theme of *Improving Outcomes*. The scientific programme featured oral presentations combined with panel discussions, case conferences, poster sessions and keynote addresses from eminent world leaders involved in the management of head and neck cancer. It provided those working in diverse clinical specialties (including otolaryngology, plastic surgery, general surgery, oral surgery, radiation oncology, medical oncology and pathology), allied health areas (including speech therapy, dietetics, nursing, radiation therapy and

dental specialists) and scientific disciplines, a forum to share, discuss and to learn from one another, the management, clinical and basic science research, as well as controversies on head and neck cancer.

The exceptional array of keynote speakers included Dr Louis Harrison (New York), Dr David Soutar (Glasgow), Dr Wayne Morrison (Melbourne) and Dr Michael Poole (Sydney). Unfortunately, due to personal circumstances, Dr Jeremy Freeman (Toronto) withdrew his participation at short notice. His absence was ably covered by Dr Christopher O'Brien (Sydney), Dr Theo Gregor (Hamilton) and Dr John Chaplin (Auckland). These guest speakers gave varied and stimulating presentations in their areas of interest and expertise. The state-of-the-art data presented by these guests were complimented by 36 invited lectures on topics of interest by experts from within Australia and New Zealand.

Consistent with the trend witnessed over the previous seven meetings, the Organising Committee received 56 abstracts of superb quality. 29 of these were accepted for oral presentations at the free

paper sessions and 20 for poster presentation. The Society's Young Investigator's Award went to Dr Mark Smith who presented "Immunotherapy for NPC – A Potential Adjuvant Therapy" while the Prize for the Best Poster was awarded to Dr Hans Stegehuis on "Osteoradionecrosis of the Ear Canal".

While the informative and interactive scientific programme had something in store for everyone, the social programme provided a forum for the attendees and their partners to interact and network in a more relaxed environment. The Trade Exhibition was one of the highlights of the Meeting, providing the delegates an opportunity to witness what latest technology has to offer.

The Meeting's great success both for its scientific content and financial aspect confirms the Society's commitment of extending its presence throughout its geographic boundaries.

The Organising Committee is grateful to the presenters, most of whom have kindly agreed to have their presentations published on the Society's Website – to be accessible by the Society Members shortly.

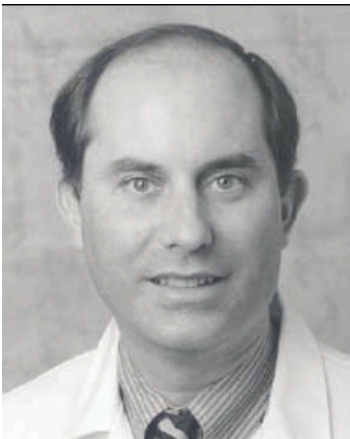


*Left:* In her Presidential Address Del Hinckley took the delegates through a moving personal journey of "The Clinician with Cancer". She receives a commemorative plaque from Suren Krishnan for her contribution to the Society.



*Right:* Dr David Soutar being thanked by Del Hinckley & Swee Tan, convenor of 2006 Meeting.

## Guest Speakers



*Left:* Professor Louis Harrison MD, Professor of Radiation Oncology, Albert Einstein College of Medicine



*Right:* Dr David Soutar, Senior Lecturer, Uni of Glasgow Scotland



*Left:* Prof Wayne Morrison, Professor of Surgery and Head of Department of Surgery, Melbourne University.



*Right:* Professor Michael Poole, Professor of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, University of NSW