

## **Bangkok meeting promises an exciting 88th Annual Scientific Congress**

**Monday 8 April, 2019**

The Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (RACS) will host the 88th Annual Scientific Congress (ASC) at the Centara Grand & Bangkok Convention Centre, Bangkok, Thailand, from 6-10 May this year for a series of workshops, discussions, plenaries and masterclasses.

With the theme *The complete surgeon: backing the future*, it's time to register your attendance at the Congress which will help to address many of the competing interests in the delivery of surgical care in our community.

Prominent highlights of the Congress program include high profile speakers delivering named lectures as well as keynote lectures on head and neck surgery, craniomaxillofacial neurosurgery and plastic and reconstructive surgery.

Professor Sir Malcolm Grant, honorary Chancellor of the University of York in the UK, will deliver this year's Syme Oration, the RACS's most prestigious lecture.

Dr Heather Logghe, a surgical research fellow from Thomas Jefferson University, USA, will present on the strategic use of social media. She will examine the role of social media surgical education, research dissemination, and patient care. Dr Logghe is also a trailblazer in the use of social media at the intersection of patients, practitioners, research, and medicine. In 2015 she founded the #ILookLikeASurgeon social media movement, which has united surgeons on issues of diversity, inclusion, and work-life- integration.

Professor Papaarangi Reid of Auckland, New Zealand will present on indigenous health and discuss how unconscious bias affects indigenous trainees and surgeons. Her research interests include analysing disparities between indigenous and non-indigenous citizens as a means of monitoring government commitment to indigenous rights. Professor Reid is a specialist in public health medicine and has been influential in Indigenous health education development.

International visitor for Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary (HPB) Surgery, Dr Fabian Johnston from the United States, is another interesting speaker to look forward to.

Dr Fabian Johnston is an Associate Professor in the Department of Surgery at Johns Hopkins University where he also serves as the Director of the Peritoneal Surface Malignancy Program and Associate Program Director of the Complex General Surgical Oncology Program.

His research interest includes utilisation of highly innovative and novel strategies for the implementation of patient-centred models of care to improve utilisation of palliative care amongst patients with advanced gastrointestinal malignancies.

With a wide array of speakers, workshops and topics, along with exciting international visitors, this Congress is certainly not one to miss. Register now at: <https://asc.surgeons.org/registration/>

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