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New society for Breast Surgeons

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A new specialist medical society, Breast Surgeons' Society of Australia and New Zealand (BreastSurgANZ) has been launched in Perth at the Annual Scientific Congress (ASC) of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons.

Dr James Kollias, President of BreastSurgANZ, said it will strive to ensure the highest standards in the practice of breast surgery in Australia and New Zealand through surgical collaboration, and a commitment to the National Breast Cancer Audit.

“The Society aims to guide the delivery of education and training in breast surgery and to advocate for strategies for the implementation of breast cancer education, research, management and prevention,” Dr Kollias said.

“BreastSurgANZ will assist with curriculum development for post-fellowship training in breast surgery in Australia and New Zealand. With several hundred members, the Society hopes to become a strong voice for surgeons on issues affecting the treatment of breast disease. Members are represented through government and intersocietal dialogue.

“We look forward to fostering closer working relationships between breast surgeons and the National Breast and Ovarian Cancer Centre, Breast Screen Australia, Breast Screen Aotearoa and Breast Cancer Network Australia.

“The incorporation of BreastSurgANZ is a fundamental development in the subspecialty of breast surgery in Australia and New Zealand,” Dr Kollias said.

The first Annual General Meeting of BreastSurgANZ was convened last night, with more than 200 surgeons endorsing the Society's aims.

Nearly 2,000 delegates are expected to attend the ASC, which runs from 4 to 7 May and is being held at the Perth Convention Exhibition Centre. The ASC program is available online at www.surgeons.org

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