



Perth Convention Bureau teams with College of Surgeons to advance the cause of academic surgery

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The recipients of travel grants made possible by the Perth Convention Bureau were announced today at the 81st Annual Scientific Congress (ASC) of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons.

As part of the Bureau's Aspire program, four \$10,000 grants have been awarded to surgeons or surgical trainees with a demonstrated interest in academic surgery. The funding will enable recipients to attend conferences of value to their professional development anywhere in Australasia or around the world.

Announcing the recipients of the grants, College President Mr Ian Civil said the College's strategic partnership with the Bureau provided a wonderful opportunity for surgeons to pursue their academic interests, and that it was not surprising there had been a significant number of applications.

The successful applicants were:

- Professor Christobel Saunders, the Winthrop Professor in Surgical Oncology at the University of Western Australia;
- Dr Peter D'Alessandro, a specialist orthopaedic registrar at Royal Perth Hospital;
- Dr Jacqueline Allen, a consultant otolaryngologist with the Waitemata District Health Board and honorary senior lecturer at the University of Auckland; and
- Dr Eric Chung, a urological surgeon at the Princess Alexandra Hospital, Brisbane.

Representing the Perth Convention Bureau at the ASC were its chairman, the Hon. Ian Laurance AM, and Chief Executive Officer, Mr Paul Beeson.

This year's ASC, with the theme 'The Making of a Surgeon', runs from 6 to 10 May and is being held at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre. Approximately 2,500 delegates from Australia, New Zealand and around the world are attending.

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