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*Our next meeting is the half day Education Seminar at Canberra Surgicentre on May 16th 2009 See you there !*

**In your envelope:**

- Newsletter.
- Flyer for 1/2 Day Seminar ACT

## President's Message

Dear Members,

I would say Happy New Year, but as it is now mid April, I will say hope you had a Happy Easter. Time is moving along very quickly and we have an exciting year ahead.



Our first educational meeting for 2009 was held on 9 March at the Sydney Adventist Hospital. We thank Glenys and her staff in the DOSA unit for their hospitality, and for organising such an interesting education evening and open forum.

On 16 May we will be heading to Canberra for our country half-day education meeting at the Canberra Surgicentre. It's a great opportunity to enjoy a weekend away and network with your country colleagues, so write this date in your diary.

Bariatrics is an emerging and relevant topic, one we are all interested in learning about. Concord Hospital is hosting the Bariatrics education evening on 1 June from 7 – 9 p.m., so take this opportunity to keep up to date.

The big event for 2009 is the IAAS World Congress in Brisbane 3 – 7 July. All of our members should have received the program and registration information. The theme of the Congress is the Destiny of Day Surgery, and the program has been designed for surgeons, anaesthetists, nurses, managers and other health professionals.

This is a great opportunity to bring your team to network and expand your knowledge. Nurses have been represented on the organising committee by Celia Leary and Wendy Adams, who have ensured the Congress will be relevant to nurses.

The early bird registration has been extended until 22 May, and this includes the social events, welcome cocktail reception and Congress dinner. For online registration go to [www.iaascongress2009.org](http://www.iaascongress2009.org). Don't miss this chance to attend an international congress in Australia.

Each year the DSNA allocate funds for scholarships to assist our members attending country, interstate and international education meetings and conferences. This year, with the international congress in Australia, we have promoted this scholarship to encourage our members to attend the Brisbane congress. We received 4 applications and we are proud to present scholarships to all 4 members who applied. Congratulations to Rosemary Stagg, Lydia De Costa, Rennie Woodman and Alison Anderson. We look forward to reading about your IAAS World Congress experience.

The DSNA and ADSNA committees will be attending and we look forward to meeting our state, interstate and international colleagues. Mary Little from the Sydney Adventist Hospital was the winner of our lucky draw at the last AGM for free registration to the IAAS World Congress, and she will also join us in Brisbane.

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Our national body ADSNA is working with the states to update the Best Practice Guidelines. These will be launched at the IAAS World Congress and then will be available from [www.adsna.info](http://www.adsna.info). ADSNA is also working on a nurses' discussion forum. This initiative will enable you to speak with colleagues around the country and will be available through the website.

I would also like to remind everyone that we are always on the lookout for articles for our journal 'Day Surgery Australia'. This is a great way to feature your facility using the showcasing template on the website or to share any innovations you may be proud of with your colleagues. More information can be found on the website, or contact Patricia Goh or Lillian Stibbs.

I look forward to seeing you at one of our education events or at the International Association of Ambulatory Surgery Congress in Brisbane in July.

Yours sincerely, Patricia Goh - Email: [pgoh@aestheticdaysurgery.com.au](mailto:pgoh@aestheticdaysurgery.com.au)

## ★ Dates for your Diary

<b>Saturday 16th May 2009</b> 8.30 am to 12.30 pm	Half Day Education Seminar at Canberra Surgicentre Topic: <b>MAXILLOFACIAL SURGERY</b>
<b>Monday 1st June 2009</b> 6.30 for 7.00pm	Evening Education at Concord Hospital Topic: BARIATRIC SURGERY

Flyer to follow

### Hello, from the Editor's desk

Hi All,

I guess we all hit the ground running in January and now a quarter of the year has slipped away so quickly.

The calendar for the year is now on the website, so take a look and plan to come to some educational sessions. This year the AGM in August will be held at the Independent Theatre in Miller Street, North Sydney. This is a very accessible and pleasant venue. An interesting 1/2 day program is already in the planning stages, so mark Saturday the 22nd of August in your diaries now.

The first educational session for the year at the Sydney Adventist Hospital in Wahroonga on the 9th of March was a great success. Over 40 day surgery nurses enjoyed supper and networking on arrival. Thank you to medical company CH2. A representative was on hand to support the meeting. Thank you also to Medical company Novartis for their support for the meeting.

Lymphoscintigraphy is a such an interesting topic and our two speakers Dr McHarg and Dr Hughes presented the radiological and surgical aspects in clear and easy to follow presentations. We also had time to offer an abbreviated open forum and questions flowed until it was time to wend our way home.

I have just returned from Brisbane where I was on family business. I managed to check out the venue for the IAAS Congress in July. Brisbane is a beautiful city and the weather in July should be perfect, so I urge you all to consider going. You should all have received your programs and would agree that the topics and speakers are first class. This is indeed a great opportunity to attend a world congress at home in Australia. The good news is that you now have until the 22nd of May to get your early bird rego in. So encourage your employer to sponsor you to the congress. The benefit to your employer will be tenfold. [ i.e. current practice and innovations ]. Meanwhile, I hope to see you in Canberra for the 1/2 day seminar [ flyer is included with this newsletter ] or at the Congress in 'Brissy' in July.

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Cheers for now, Christine Crooks.

