

# ACP 2021

## CONFERENCE WRAP UP

The initial feedback from the first virtual conference held by the ACP has been overwhelmingly positive and we are very pleased that the virtual format was so well received. Thank you to our many invited speakers and to all the faculty for preparing varied and interesting talks. We hope you all left the conference educated and inspired to advance Phlebology and achieve the best outcomes for our patients.

Our planning for the next conference has already begun and it will be taking place in Coogee, Sydney which was the planned destination for our 2021 meeting before being thrust into lockdown.

In order to provide the best and most relevant content for our delegates we look forward to receiving your feedback by completing the survey which has been sent out to you.

We know that many of you are looking forward to reconnecting with everyone face-to-face and we are certainly going to try to deliver that to you in 2022.

We hope to see you in Coogee from 20-23 May 2022!



**50**  
Presentations



**129**  
Delegates



**9**  
Exhibitors



**12**  
Countries



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# THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING OUR FIRST VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

With our first fully virtual conference now safely under our belt, I'd like to take the time to thank every one of our speakers, delegates, and exhibitors who made this year's event a success.

For well over a year now COVID-19 has forced us all to adapt and innovate. Moving forward with events it is now common for us to have many scenarios ready to deploy to cater for the constantly changing conditions of the world we live in at the moment. Our team redesigned the delivery of the meeting to ensure we could safely bring a quality program directly to you and to reconnect with the phlebology community, even if only virtually.

I am delighted that the almost 150 participants embraced the new format and provided constructive and positive feedback on the event. It certainly was a surprise for us at how engaged everybody was after a possibility of video conferencing 'burn out' that many have been suffering over the past year.

A big thank you goes out to all of our fantastic speakers who took the time to come out of their technological comfort zones to bring some amazing content to our delegates. And a special thank you to our international speakers who connected with us despite the unusual times they were logging in from in their respective time zones.

I would also like to say a particular thank you to Dr David Connor, who coordinated the efforts in the conference green room alongside our technology partners Congress Rentals, providing guidance and assistance to our dedicated speakers.

We have uploaded all session recordings to our virtual conference website, which is available to registered participants to view on-demand until December 8, 2020. Simply go to the virtual conference website, enter the session you wish to view and click 'play recording'. These will be available to delegates for 90 days post conference.

Our next event, which we are delivering as a hybrid event, will be held from 20 – 23 May 2022 at the Crowne Plaza Coogee. So many of us are looking forward to reconnecting in person and we hope that our plans to bring you this opportunity come to fruition once we all open back up to enjoy all that we work hard for.

Until we see you again, stay safe and take care of each other!

Warm Regards

Zivka Nicholls  
Executive Manager  
The Australasian College of Phlebology

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*Initially I thought it was going to be another "virtual conference " that can be quite exhausting - death by power point. This was certainly not the case. The entire conference has been interactive, interesting, inclusive. I personally have learnt a lot and have taken a number of pearls down for my practice that I am already in the process of implementing - that's when you know it has been worthwhile!*

*Stefania Roberts*



## WORDS FROM THE CONVENOR

My deepest gratitude to you all for attending the recent ACP conference. The past two years have tested many of us and our Annual Scientific Meeting was no difference. Whilst we had planned for the majority of our delegates to attend a face-to-face conference, the pandemic had other plans. Like our planned conference in 2020, with only 6 weeks remaining, restrictions meant that we had to radically change our plans.

Fortunately, the world on virtual events has evolved rapidly and we are extremely proud of the fact that we were able to put on an event that did not compromise on its scientific quality, or on the experience for the delegates. From all the feedback we have received, it has been most heartening to hear that whilst people were uncertain about the virtual experience before the event, that our delegates felt engaged for the length of the meeting and found it a positive experience and now looked upon virtual events favourably.

Thank you to all the speakers who presented at the meeting, whether they were local or international, all made a significant contribution to the program. I hope this has inspired you all to conduct your own research, submit abstracts and present at our meeting next year.

It was great to see such great discussions at the conclusion of each session, and that it was such a warm and open forum. Many delegates who typically may not have put up their hand to ask a question found themselves asking hard hitting questions to world experts!

Thank you to our sponsors and exhibitors, especially to those who contributed to our sponsored sessions. Our sponsors and exhibitors are all waiting to see you at our conference next year.

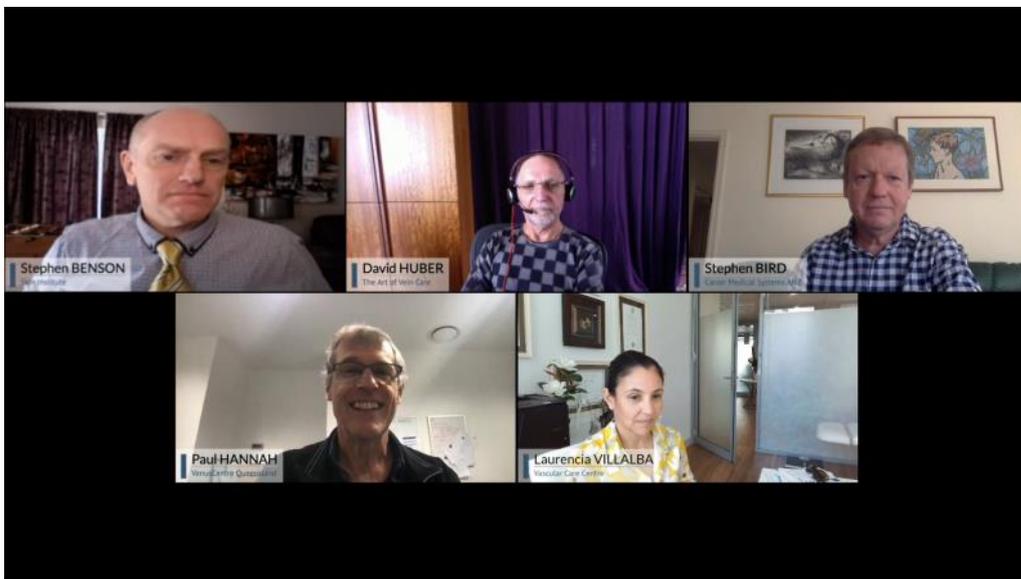
And finally, my personal thanks and hopefully yours too go to Zivka and Jan, who worked tirelessly behind the scenes at the conference. Usually, they would be the face of the conference, welcoming you at the registration desk, ushering you inter sessions, organising the social functions and working behind the scenes. Even though you may not have seen them this year, they were still our event champions and were as busy as ever ensuring the event went off without a hitch.

Next year, we plan to return to Sydney for our conference. We are looking forward to a life without lockdowns and a conference where we can see you all face-to-face. Make sure you submit an abstract, register early and get vaccinated!

David Connor  
Conference Convenor  
ACP2021

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*It was indeed a refreshing change to have met with most of you during the conference over the weekend, albeit online.*

*Numerous delegates and presenters shared with me quite positive comments and remarks about the conference, and their overall experience.*

*So, on behalf of myself and those who made the comments to me, I simply wanted to take this opportunity to personally thank David Connor as Conference Convenor and the conference team for the exemplary effort. I am acutely aware of the time and care that David has contributed to the conference and believe his efforts should be acknowledged accordingly.*

*So, thank you David, for having accepted the daunting task of staging the very first, ACP 2021 online international conference and congratulations on the excellent outcome.*

*Joseph Grace*



## WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT

The 2021 ACP annual conference has now come and gone. Despite all the difficulties posed by the pandemic, a very successful event was achieved. Congratulations must go to the organising team of David Connor, Zivka Nicholls and Jan Cornay for managing to get such a high-quality event completed. A special mention must go to David Connor for the many hours of work he has put into this successful event.

Continuing the tradition of the ACP presenting the cutting edge of Phlebological practice at the annual conference, this year's event covered the important areas of ultrasound, lymphoedema and lipoedema, endothermal treatments, compression, cyanoacrylate closure, sclerotherapy, classification instruments, and thromboembolism. Unusual cases and rare complications were presented. Many thanks go out to all of the esteemed local and international speakers who devoted their time to share their experience with us all. Congratulations also go to the ACP trainees who presented an excellent set of talks. The future of Phlebology in Australia and New Zealand is bright. Thanks also go to the College fellows who participated as chairs and moderators. Finally, I would like to thank our exhibitors for their support which allows us to bring you our conferences each year.

With the necessary input of technology in these times, there were some aspects of the virtual approach that could be considered an advancement on traditional conference proceedings. I would like to point to the Q and A process whereby questions to the panel are logged and upvoted by other attendees, bringing the more pertinent questions to the top of a list which better reflects the interest of the audience as a group. Additionally, the ability to have the highest quality international speakers present talks from their homes has the potential to enable the more effective and rapid transfer of new ideas from presenters who may not be able to travel halfway around the globe at that time.

Medical advancement relies on the honest and open exchange of ideas, experience and opinions. Through this process we all learn and grow together to serve the community to which we belong. That we can be exposed to alternative approaches to our day-to-day practice is an invaluable opportunity to improve the service to our patients.

I hope everyone was able to enjoy and learn from the virtual conference experience during these trying times. I look forward to seeing you all at our planned meeting in Coogee, Sydney in 2022.

Stay safe everyone.

Simon Thibault  
President  
The Australasian College of Phlebology

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*I was surprised how much I enjoyed it, sitting on my own! A lot of good content and stimulating ideas. Great that we will be able to revisit the presentations.*

*Thought it would not be as interactive, presumed lots of slides and prerecordings but was excellent and the panel discussions post the sessions along with the chance to add and see other questions was invaluable.*

*This virtual event had excellent functionality. I loved the Q&A options down the side that could be added to live.*



## EXHIBITION

Following the Colleges decision to transition the ACP2021 Conference to a completely virtual event, all the exhibitors were very understanding and supportive of the decision and advised that they would still have a presence within the Virtual Exhibition in 2021.

The Virtual Exhibition provided several ways that they could connect with delegates either by sending a message, a live chat, a live meeting, or pre-schedule a meeting. Delegates could also have access to promotional materials, articles and videos that the exhibitors uploaded.

From an exhibitor's perspective a virtual event is never the same as a face-to-face event, but we value their support and interaction online.

We look forward to being able to meet up with those exhibitors who committed to supporting our virtual meeting and have a presence in Coogee in May 2022.

Jan Cornay  
Events Coordinator  
The Australasian College of Phlebology

*Firstly, congratulations on a successful (first ever virtual) ACP conference. I had quite a few of our existing Dr's check in to say hi during the conference which was great.*

*I really enjoyed being able to sit in on the presentations as normally we are juggling manning the stand, so that was great as there is always such valuable information presented and much of it is relevant to our product that we distribute.*

*We are hopeful that ACP 2022 is a face-to-face event.*

Suzi Trajkovski - AMSL



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On behalf of the organising committee we hope you enjoyed our virtual meeting. We enjoyed being able to deliver it to you and look forward to seeing you all next year!

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