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AUSTRALIA

**9 - 12 MAY 2025**

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# ACP2025 REVIEW

The Australasian College of Phlebology  
25th Annual Scientific Meeting

## THANK YOU

ACP2025 held from the 9–12 May 2025 at the JW Marriott Gold Coast Resort, brought together a vibrant community of professionals, researchers, and thought leaders from across the Asia-Pacific region and beyond. The four-day event featured dynamic keynote presentations, engaging panel discussions, and interactive workshops that explored the latest advancements and challenges in the field.

Although the weather left much to be desired, it set the perfect mood for attendees to take advantage of the conference sessions that offered not only cutting-edge insights but also invaluable networking opportunities, fostering collaboration and innovation across disciplines.

Attendees left inspired, informed, and energised to drive progress within their practices.

A sincere thank you to all our speakers, delegates, sponsors, and partners who made ACP2025 a resounding success.

We look forward to welcoming you to the next Annual Scientific Meeting to be held at the Grand Hyatt Melbourne from the 24 - 27 April 2026.

Join us for what will be another memorable and inspiring event.

**David, Zivka and Jan**  
ACP Conference Organising Committee



**136 MEDICAL DELEGATES**



**38 SPEAKERS**



**70 PRESENTATIONS**



**15 EXHIBITORS**



# MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dr Lisa Marks

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

The Annual Scientific Meeting of The Australasian College of Phlebology, was recently held on the Gold Coast, bringing together leading clinicians, researchers, and practitioners in the field. The conference served as a dynamic platform for the exchange of the latest advances, research findings, and clinical practices related to venous and lymphatic disorders.

This year's event proudly featured distinguished international guest speakers Dr. Eri Fukaya from the USA and Professor Mark Whiteley from the UK. We were also privileged to have Professor Vaughan Keeley from the UK and Dr Johann Chris Ragg from Germany, as well as outstanding local faculty and trainees. Their collective contributions added global perspective and cutting-edge insights to the program. Topics covered ranged from innovations in vein treatment therapies and imaging techniques to advancements in the management of chronic venous insufficiency, lymphedema, and vascular malformations.

Workshops and live demonstrations provided hands-on learning experiences, while expert panels facilitated interactive discussions on complex case studies and emerging treatment modalities. The Live cross lipoedema surgery was a first of its type and demonstrated the complexities of lipoedema management. We thank Dr Chris Lekich for this special program feature and I would like to highlight Dr Lekich's patient advocacy and his upcoming "Ride to Walk with Freedom", as he rides 4800km across the USA in 12 days in an amazing ultracycling event.

Our trainees were presented with awards for their level of education and training attained, and we enjoyed an inspiring Ken Myers Oration from John Devereux Rhodes scholar and Barrister at law during the academic ceremony. Acknowledgement to our wonderful emcee Dr Louis Loizou, the academic procession and members of the board under the Chancellorship of Professor Andre Van Rij.

Our New Zealand faculty continues to perform strongly in the training program. A special mention to Dr Henryk Poczwa for recognition of his excellent service in the supervision of many trainees and supporting four doctors to become Fellows of the College. Dr Paul Dinnen received a lifetime achievement award for his many years of service in Phlebology and to the College. A further award was received by Dr Dr Stefania Roberts in recognition of her humanitarian work, most recently in conjunction with our last meeting in Fiji.

Emeritus Fellowship was conferred to Dr David Jenkins and A/Prof. Stephen Shumack for their years of service to the ACP, and Honorary Fellowship of the ACP was bestowed on Professor Mark Whiteley and Dr Eri Fukaya. The trainee presentations and posters were of an excellent standard and the award for best trainees' presentation was awarded to Dr. Mei-Jo Sung for her presentation relating to Radiofrequency ablation and distance from the Saphenofemoral junction, and best poster was awarded to Dr Marissa Zamora for her "Suspecting PPD" poster.

Attendees benefited from both scientific rigor and practical knowledge, fostering greater collaboration within the phlebology community.

The meeting reaffirmed the importance of multidisciplinary approaches and international cooperation in advancing the care and treatment of venous and lymphatic disease. With a strong focus on evidence-based medicine and patient-centered outcomes, the event underscored the ongoing evolution and promise of this specialised field.

The Australasian College of Phlebology held an EGM during the meeting. All resolutions were passed successfully, paving the way for transition of the College to a Company Limited by Guarantee.

We call on all members to express their interest in committees to further the objectives and aims of the College. Please contact the College office if you would like to contribute.







# A DELEGATES PERSPECTIVE

Dr Louis Loizou

I always look forward to another ACP scientific and workshop conference. Meeting up with interstate friends coupled to the scientific presentations fills me with excited anticipation.

I came from Melbourne, which was experiencing good weather to the Gold Coast which was a bit dreary and cooler than usual. No matter what, I did enjoy the venue which was stylish, and things seemed to happen seamlessly.

Despite having been practicing in phlebology full time for 25 years I still very much enjoy the Basic Training Day. This day is full of practical hints, and I sadistically enjoy seeing the trainees look overwhelmed by what is being presented. I also see excitement as to what is to come for their future.

The workshops are a great system for informal interactions and the trainees really focus on the opportunity to gain further insight into the mind of the phlebologist. This is evidenced by the shy approach they make to ask questions of our more senior colleagues, which is always welcomed.

I love the welcome reception to finally relax from the build up of work prior to the meeting. Drinks and conviviality in abundance. Catching up with friends and guest speakers is such a pleasure.

Several of our more senior phlebologists are retired or in the process of retiring. To me they are all legends, and I will never forget how much they contributed to our college when it was in its infancy. I am certain however they will still be involved in the future of the college as I hope to when I retire.

The main scientific meeting was once again extremely informative. It never ceases to amaze me how much work presenters do to convey knowledge to the audience or at the very least make you think. International speakers always provide different viewpoints based on their country of origin, but it always seems to come together.

I really enjoyed Prof Mark Whiteleys presentations which are both very informative and practical and he seems to make what is complex easy to understand.

Dr Eri Fukaya was delightful, and I really felt we only received the tip of the iceberg with what she has to offer. I do hope we can secure her to come back to share her insights into phlebology.

Dr Chris Ragg always presents ideas that astound me, and it is inspirational how he thinks out of the box that is not the usual mainstream ideology. He challenges us conservatives with innovative ideas.

Vaughan Keely along with our own Prof Neil Piller gave us a practical understanding of lymphoedema and how it relates to phlebology. It really is a symbiotic relationship we need to further develop.

I am not sure whether it was noted that all the international speakers attended every lecture and made themselves available to the delegates to answer questions at question time but also during the meal breaks. They were continuously surrounded and were very gracious in their response. I felt this to be very impressive and professional.

Our own Australian speakers always present great talks that are evidence based, and it was lovely to see many trainees, and particularly the research arm coming from Prof Parsi's and David Connor's guidance. I congratulate Dr Manisha Siriwardene who gave several talks based on many hours of hard work to prepare.

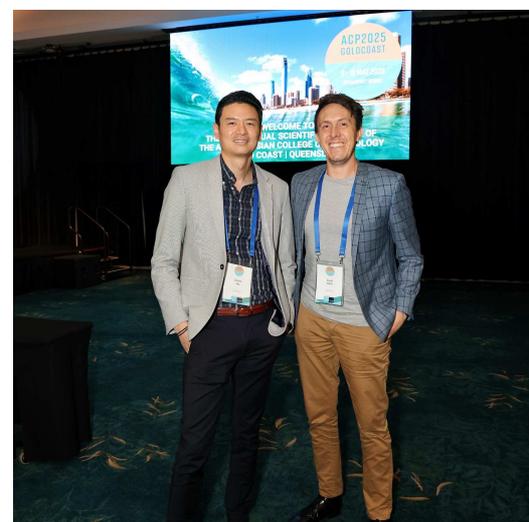
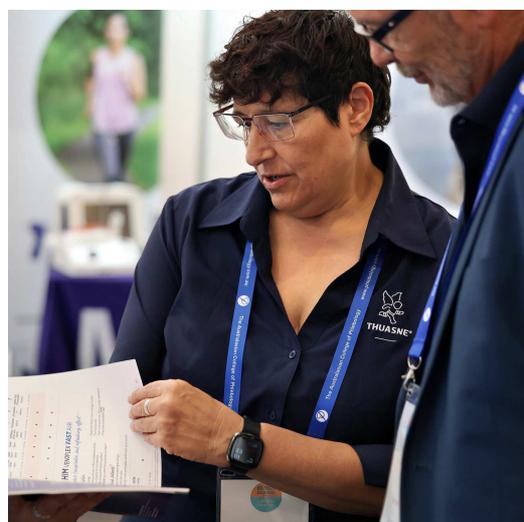
The conferring ceremony for me is a highlight and one of Prof Parsi's great initiatives which started at the Great Hall Sydney University. To honor and respect both local and international speakers with awards for their hard work that has advanced the field of phlebology from which we all benefit is something important. Such recipients never ask for recognition but deserve it. To receive an award or a certificate or fellowship in full regalia and formal protocol makes the achievement that much more a special event and memory.

The themed Gala dinner is always fun, and this year was no exception. Good food, plenty of drink great music and an opportunity to let loose is welcome relief.

Of course, none of this would happen without Zivka, David and Jan who work tirelessly to make everything work. I sincerely congratulate them and the enormity of the work they do cannot be underestimated.

I look forward to next year's meeting in Melbourne and I look forward to seeing you all again.







# A DELEGATES PERSPECTIVE

Dr Nicholas Teo (ACP Trainee Representative)

Attending the 2025 Australasian College of Phlebology conference on the Gold Coast was an incredible experience as a trainee. From the moment it kicked off, the atmosphere felt welcoming, energetic, and full of learning opportunities.

One of the best learning opportunities provided was the hands-on workshops. We were able to practice procedural ultrasound injection techniques in a supervised setting, which really helped us to build confidence. There were also particularly helpful sessions focused on practical tips for exams and patient assessments.

The expert presentations featured a strong lineup of both international and local experts, and were packed with valuable insights. Presentations went beyond theory, with speakers offering real-world clinical insights and discussing evidence and experience based approaches to the management of venous and lymphatic disorders. Sessions on conditions such as varicose veins, lymphoedema, and post-procedural care were delivered in a manner that was both accessible and deeply informative.

Networking opportunities were another key highlight. The conference provided a platform to connect with peers, mentors, and senior clinicians in a relaxed and collegial setting. Informal conversations over coffee breaks and the well-organised social events, including the graduation dinner, helped foster a strong sense of community within the specialty.

Overall, the ACP 2025 conference offered an excellent balance of theoretical knowledge, practical skills, and professional engagement. I left feeling inspired, better equipped for the next stages of training, and grateful to be part of a supportive and forward-thinking professional community. Sincere thanks to the organising committee, faculty, and all involved—I look forward to returning next year!





# CONFERRING CEREMONY

The conferring ceremony is a special evening for our graduates and recognising their achievement in passing the various levels of our training program. The evening also recognises individuals for achievement in the field of Phlebology.



**Dr Paul Dinnen**

Lifetime Achievement  
Award



**Dr Henryk Poczwa**

Award of Excellence for  
Training in Phlebology



**Dr Stefania Roberts**

Award of Excellence for  
Humanitarian Leadership  
in Phlebology



## EMERITUS FELLOWSHIP



**Dr David Jenkins**



**A/Prof. Stephen Shumack**

## HONORARY FELLOWSHIP



**Dr Eri Fukaya**



**Prof. Mark Whiteley**



# ADVANCED TRAINING GRADUATES



**Dr Babak Khanzadi**



**Dr Shivakumar Sethuraman**



**Dr Phoebe Shearman**



**Dr Carlos Tahuil-Ochoa**

# BASIC TRAINING GRADUATES



**Dr Tarun Ahuja**



**Dr Paula England**



**Dr Jamie-lea Whyte**

# Prize for Best Trainee Presentation

A prize of \$1,000 was generously donated by Sigvaris Group to be awarded to the best oral trainee presentation and \$500 for the best trainee poster presentation delivered at the conference.

After much consideration the awards were given to:

Dr Mei-jo Sung

Best Oral Trainee Presentation

"Radiofrequency ablation and distance from the saphenofemoral junction"

Dr Marissa Zamora

Best Trainee Poster Presentation

"Pelvic Pain and Phlebology"

Congratulations to you both!





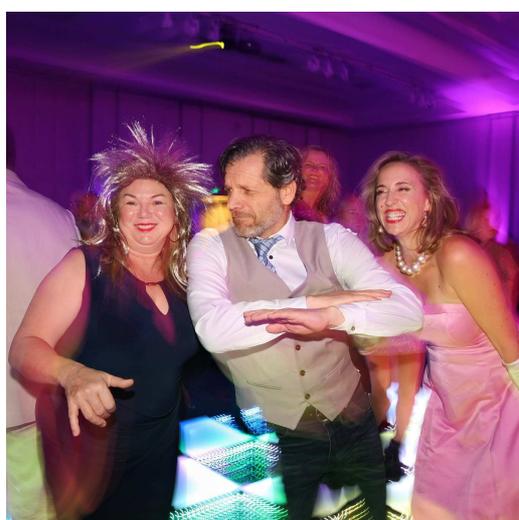
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