



2024

ASIA PACIFIC ASSOCIATION
OF MEDICAL JOURNAL EDITORS

CONFERENCE

Hunter Medical Research Institute, Newcastle, Australia



28 - 30
August
2024



THE UNIVERSITY OF
NEWCASTLE
AUSTRALIA



Hunter
**Medical
Research**
Institute



2024

ASIA PACIFIC ASSOCIATION
OF MEDICAL JOURNAL EDITORS

CONFERENCE SPONSORS



**INTRINSIC
MEDICINE**



GLUTAGEN



**DOUGLASS HANLY MOIR
PATHOLOGY**

A Sonic Healthcare Practice



THE UNIVERSITY OF
NEWCASTLE
AUSTRALIA



**Hunter
Medical
Research
Institute**



NHMRC
Centre of Research Excellence
in Digestive Health



Table of Contents

Page 5	Welcome from the President, APAME
Page 6	Hunter Medical Research Institute (HMRI) Layout
Page 7	General Conference Information
Page 8	Pre-Conference Meetings
Page 9	Day 1 Morning Presentations
Page 10	Day 1 Afternoon Presentations
Page 11	Day 2 Morning Presentations
Page 12	Day 2 Afternoon Presentations
Pages 13 - 23	Conference Speakers

Welcome from President, APAME Laureate Professor Nicholas (Nick) Talley

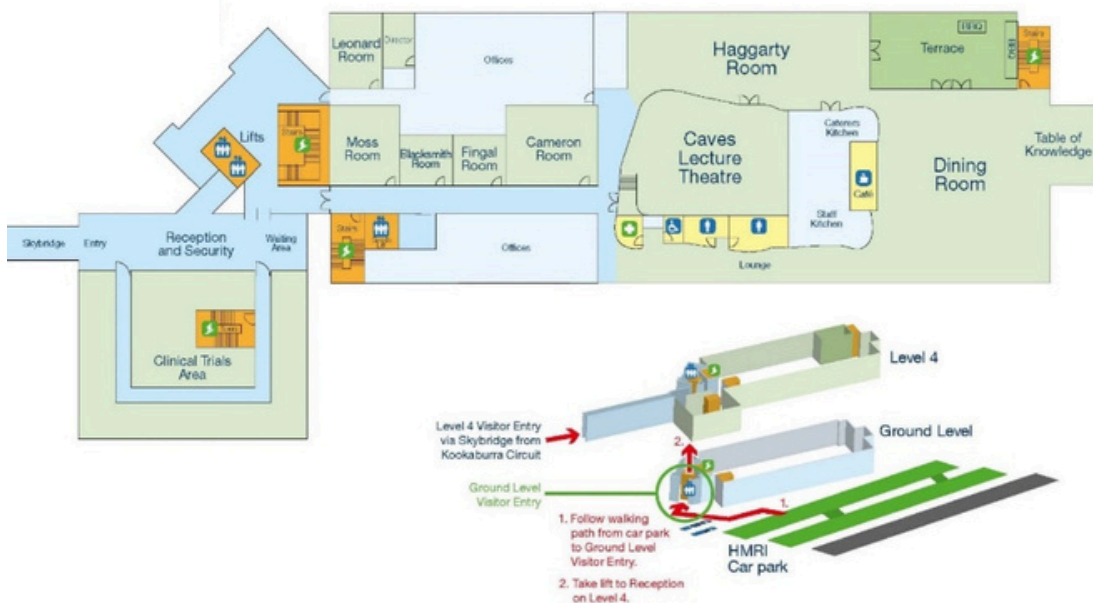


On behalf of the Asian Pacific Association of Medical Editors (APAME), we are thrilled to welcome you to the beautiful city of Newcastle, Australia for our upcoming APAME conference August 29-30, 2024. This year, we are excited to bring together medical journal editors, reviewers, authors, and academics from Australasia and around the world to collaborate, share knowledge, and advance the field of medical journal publishing. As the first time hosting our conference in Australia, we are eager to explore the unique perspectives and insights that this diverse and dynamic region has to offer. We look forward to engaging with you in stimulating discussions, thought-provoking presentations, and valuable networking opportunities. We hope that this conference will not only deepen your understanding of the latest trends and best practices in medical editing, but also inspire you to continue making a meaningful impact in the field of healthcare and research. Thank you for joining us, and we look forward to a successful conference together. Welcome to Newcastle!

Distinguished Laureate Professor Nicholas J. Talley AC, MD, PhD
*President, APAME, School of Medicine and Public Health, University of Newcastle,
Australia*

Hunter Medical Research Centre (HMRI) Layout

HMRI Building – Level 4, East Wing



1. All presentations will be in the Caves Lecture theatre (centre of figure)
2. All catering and break times will be in the Haggarty Room (top middle of figure)
3. The Cameron Room will be available for the duration of the conference for quiet and workspace if needed.

General Conference Information

- Registration will be in the Cameron Room, programs and name lanyards will be provided.
- Tea, coffee and cold drinks will be available in the Haggarty Space where you can meet other delegates.
- Please see the program for the presentation schedule, all sessions will be held in Caves Theatre (no food or drinks please).
- Cameron Room will be available as a break out or quiet space for your use throughout the conference.
- Buses to and from City Hotels – free.
- Taxis and Ubers are at your own expense, address for Hunter Medical Research Institute is:

Lot 1 Kookaburra Circuit
New Lambton NSW 2305

If you need any assistance while at the conference look for Eszter or Leanne and they will advise and assist.



Program

Wednesday 28th August, 2024

Pre Conference Meetings (By Invitation Only)

**8:00 AM -
12:00 PM**

2024 Meeting of the
Western Pacific Region
Index Medicus (WPRIM)
Regional Journal
Selection Committee

**10:00 AM -
10:30 AM**

*Group Photo and
Morning Tea*

**12:00 PM -
1:00 PM**

Lunch

**1:00 PM -
5:00 PM**

Asia Pacific Association
of Medical Journal
Editors (APAME) General
Assembly

**3:00 PM -
3:30 PM**

Coffee Break



Day 1 Morning Presentations

08:30am		Haggarty Space-Registration, Meet and Greet Tea/Coffee upon arrival.	
9:00am	Opening	Introductions, safety and facilities announcements	Nick Talley, President of APAME
9:05am		Cultural Experience	Perry Fuller
9:20am	Official Conference Opening	HMRI Director	Frances Kay-Lambkin
9:35am	Plenary 1	Medical journals in the 21st Century: where are we in 2024 and where are we going?	Virginia Barbour
10:00am	Plenary 2	How to publish your work in high impact journals	Emad El Omar
10:30am	<i>Morning Tea</i>	<i>Tea/coffee and light snack</i>	
11:00am	Plenary 3	Tricky Questions in the Publication Supply Chain	Mark Hooper
11:30am	Plenary 4	Applying a first nation lens to publishing and the editorial process	Rhonda Wilson
11:50 am	Panel discussion 1	Will medical journals survive, even thrive in the 21st century?	Chair: Nick Talley Virginia Barbour; Emad El Omar; Vanessa McDonald; Gerald Holtmann
12:20pm	Plenary 5	Mega Trends in Medical Journals (pre-recorded)	Richard Horton
12:45pm – 1:30pm	<i>Lunch</i>	<i>Haggarty Space – lunch will be served.</i>	

Thursday 29th August, 2024

Program



Program

Thursday 29th August, 2024

Day 1 Afternoon Presentations

1:30pm	Plenary 6	Documenting search strategies for publication: A Librarian's perspective.	Nicole Faull-Brown; Gemma Milton
1:45pm	Plenary 7	Peer review in that age of preprints and predatory journals	Paul Moayyedi
2:15pm	Plenary 8	Medical journal editors, leadership and the climate emergency: What can YOU do?	Nick Talley
2:45 pm	<i>Afternoon Break</i>		
3:05pm	Oral Poster Presentation	Harnessing Artificial Intelligence in Medical Journal Editing: Opportunities, Challenges, and Ethical Considerations	Muhammad Sarwar
3:15pm	Workshop 1	Peer Review Updates for Reviewers and Editors (Improving the quality of peer review journals and peer reviewing) 1. Peer Review: Concepts, Process, Models and Variants (Wilfred C. G. Peh) 2. Roles and Responsibilities of Reviewers (Cecilia Maramba-Lazarte) 3. The Structured Review (Peter L. Munk) 4. Current Developments and Future Issues in Peer Review (Jose Florencio Lapena Jr.) 5. Q&A/ Open Forum	Wilfred CG Peh; Peter L Munk; Jose Florencio F Lapeña Jr; Cecilia Maramba - Lazarte
5:15 - 5:20pm	Cocktail Event	All registrants and speakers invited. Wine/Beer/Soft Drinks and Nibbles.	
8:30pm	End Cocktail Event	Buses to return to City Hotels.	



Friday 30th August, 2024

Program

Day 2 Morning Presentations

8:30am	Workshop 2	Frank and Real discussion - challenging facing society journals	Jenny Martin; Megan Howe; Jeff Szer; Ju-Lee Oei
9:45am	Plenary 9	How journals can advance equity in research and health	Chair: Mabel Chew
	Plenary 10	Regional health challenges and the role of medical journals	Jashelle Caga-Meller
	Plenary 11	Collaboration with research and health communities to improve gender equity	Diana Jones
	Plenary 12	How to avoid perpetuating racist assumptions when translating research into practice and education	Mabel Chew
10:50am	<i>Morning Tea</i>	<i>Tea/coffee and light snack</i>	
11:15am	Workshop 3 + Panel discussion	Impact of AI on Academic Writing and Publishing: An Exploration of Challenges, Tools, and Technologies	Chair: Sam Mathews Jose Florencio F Lapeña Jr; Nick Talley; Young Yoo; Saw Aik
12:30pm	Plenary 13	Inconsistent standards & information equity for medical education.	Alice Anderson
12:45 pm - 1:15pm	<i>Lunch</i>		



Day 2 Afternoon Presentations

1:15 pm	Oral poster presentations	Top abstract/poster presentations Anandani Difratia Pr. "Indonesia and Its Dependency on Free Platform for Journal's Website" Dr. Mohammad Mahbub Ur Rahim, "Artificial Intelligence in Journal Editing: Expanding Horizons for Scholarly Publications"	Chair: Nick Talley
1:35pm	Oral Presentation	Introducing AI for quality medical Journals in Bangladesh : stakeholders views	Shamima Lasker
1:45pm	APAME Declaration 2024	The Sydney Declaration on Predatory or Pseudo-Journals and Publishers	Jose Florencio F Lapeña Jr
2:00pm	Workshop 4	How to get published in a quality peer-reviewed journal: the fundamentals. Topics: 1. Selecting an appropriate journal: attributes to consider (PM) 2. Making your paper appealing, relevant and well-constructed (WP) 3. Dealing with editor and review comments effectively and successfully (JFL)	Chair: Jose Florencio F Lapeña Jr. Wilfred CG Peh; Peter L Munk
3:45pm	<i>Afternoon break</i>		
4:00pm	Panel discussion 2	Editors secrets everyone would like to know: Open floor discussion	Nick Talley; Ginny Barbour; Emad El Omar; Paul Moayyedi; Mabel Chew; Frank Frizelle
5:00pm	Presidential concluding remarks	Announcements – 2025 conference location Moving forward in 2024 and beyond	President APAME, Nick Talley
5:15 – 5:30pm	Buses return to City Hotels		

Program

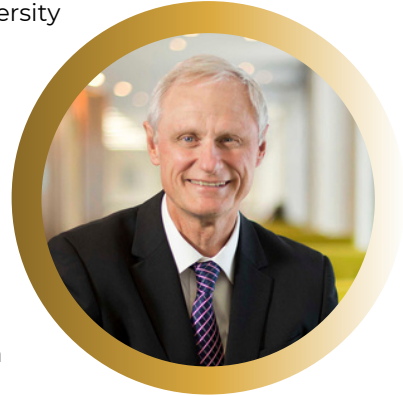
Friday 30th August, 2024

Conference Speakers

Laureate Professor Nick Talley AC, MD, PhD at University of Newcastle is an NHMRC Leadership Fellow and Director, CRE in Digestive Health.

He is the current President of the Asia Pacific Association of Medical Journal Editors and a past Editor-in-Chief of the Medical Journal of Australia. Nick Talley is a neurogastroenterologist who is considered a preeminent international authority.

Nick's research interests include the pathophysiology of neuro-gastrointestinal disorders (microbiome, biomarkers, genetics, pathology) and therapeutics (new drug development). Nick has an outstanding academic track record. He is currently among the most highly cited researchers in medicine in Australia (ranked #1 2024, and #171 worldwide) with more than 136,000 citations and over 1000 publications in high impact peer-reviewed journals



Jose Florencio Fabella Lapeña, Jr., AB (Honours), MA, MD, FPCS, FPSOHS, FPAHNS.

Joey is a Clinical Professor and former Vice Chancellor, University of the Philippines Manila; Senior Health Advisor, Ayala Healthcare Holdings Inc. (AC Health); and Member, Board of Directors, Healthway Medical Network Philippines Inc.

He is Editor-in-Chief, Philippine Journal of Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery; Charter President, Philippine Association of Medical Journal Editors (PAMJE); Past President, Asia-Pacific Association of Medical Editors (APAME); and Secretary, World Association of Medical Editors (WAME).

He is on the Editorial Board of 6 journals; International Advisory/Editorial Board of the Medical Journal of Australia and 4 others; and Reviewer for 6 more.

He is on the Advisory Board and served/s as a Reviewer for the 8th (2017), 9th (2022) and 10th (2025) International Congress on Peer Review and Scientific Publication, Chicago Illinois (JAMA Network, BMJ, METRICS). He is Star Reviewer Emeritus of the American Academy of Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery Foundation and received the Publons (UK) Inaugural Certified Sentinel of Science Award 2016 for "handling the highest number of manuscripts across all the world's journals," the Publons Top Handling Editors Awards 2017 "for placing 5th on Publons' global editor database," and the Publons Peer Review Awards 2018 "for placing in the top 1% of reviewers in Clinical Medicine on Publons' global reviewer database."



Conference Speakers

Professor Wilfred Peh is a Senior Consultant and former Head, Department of Diagnostic Radiology at Khoo Teck Puat Hospital, Singapore. He is also a Clinical Professor and former Chief Examiner, Master of Medicine (Diagnostic Radiology) at the National University of Singapore.

He was former Chief Editor and is currently Advisor of the Singapore Medical Journal. He is a Senior Editor of the British Journal of Radiology and is serving/has served on editorial boards of more than 30 journals. He was a former President of the Asia Pacific Association of Medical Journal Editors.



Professor Virginia (Ginny) Barbour is the Editor-in-Chief of the Medical Journal of Australia. She is an Adjunct Professor at QUT and was previously co-lead of the Office for Scholarly Communication at QUT and Director of Open Access Australasia.

She trained in the UK in medicine at Cambridge University and University College and Middlesex Hospital medical schools, specialising in haematology. She went on to do a DPhil at Oxford University and post-doctoral research in the US on globin gene regulation. She joined The Lancet in 1999, leaving in 2004 to be one of the three founding editors of PLOS Medicine. In 2015 she joined Open Access Australasia (previously the Australian Open Access Strategy Group) and led its growth from nine university members to 32 university members and seven affiliate organisations.



She has been involved in many international open access, innovative scholarly communication and publication and research integrity initiatives. She was involved in the final drafting of the UNESCO Open Science Recommendation in 2021. She was previously Chair of the Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE). She is currently Co-Chair of the Declaration on Research Assessment (DORA), a Plan S Ambassador, and a member of the Australian NHMRC's Research Quality Steering Committee. She was an editorial advisor to medRxiv in the first two years of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Conference Speakers

Professor Emad El-Omar graduated in Medicine from Glasgow University, Scotland, and trained as a gastroenterologist. He was a Visiting Scholar/Scientist at Vanderbilt University, TN, and National Cancer Institute, MD, USA, and Chair of Gastroenterology at Aberdeen University, Scotland, for 16 years before taking up the Chair of Medicine at University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia. He is the Editor in Chief of the journal Gut. His research interests include all aspects of the microbiome, inflammation driven GI cancer and IBD. He is the Director of the UNSW Microbiome Research Centre at St George Hospital, Sydney, and currently oversees over 100 collaborative research projects.



Professor Saw Aik is an Honorary Professor, Paediatric Orthopaedic unit / Limb Lengthening and Reconstruction Surgery unit, Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, University Malaya Medical Centre (UMMC). Head, Unit of Silent Mentor Program (SMP), Faculty of Medicine, University of Malaya. Consultant, University Malaya Specialist Centre (UMSC).



Professor Gerald Holtmann, MD, PhD, MBA is Director of the Department of Gastroenterology and Hepatology at the Princess Alexandra Hospital and Director of Clinical Innovation at the University of Queensland. He also serves on the Boards of the West Moreton Hospital and Health Service and UQ Health Care, and Gastroenterological Society of Australia (GESA). In addition, he chairs the Multicultural Committee of the Rome Foundation. With approximately 400 peer reviewed PubMed listed publications he is an internationally recognized specialist in the field of Gastroenterology and Health Service Innovation.



Conference Speakers

Dr Mabel Chew qualified in medicine with honours from The University of Sydney (Australia) and is a Fellow of the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners. Before joining The Lancet as Senior Editor, she was Practice Editor at The BMJ for 10 years, following 8 years as Deputy Editor at the Medical Journal of Australia. She is a Council Member of COPE (Committee of Publishing Ethics) and co-Chair of the Lancet's Group for Racial Equity (GRaCE), which advocates for the opportunities and resources needed to achieve racial and ethnic equity within and outside The Lancet Group. She has been working as a part time general practitioner in Sydney, Australia since 1995, with an interest in chronic pain, mental health, and women's health, and previous experience in palliative medicine, care of older people, and microbiology. She has also been a Lecturer in the Department of General Practice, The University of Sydney (Australia).

Professor Jennifer Martin (FRACP, PhD) is a practicing general physician and clinical pharmacologist for the Hunter New England Local Health District and Chair of Clinical Pharmacology at the University of Newcastle. She holds an MA in politics and economics from Oxford University, a basic science PhD from Monash University and a postdoctoral fellowship at the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute. She is President of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians and Chair of the Board of Directors, elected Councillor for the University of Newcastle, and elected Councillor on the NSW Council of Australian Institute of Company Directors. She is the Editor of the ASPET-BPS Journal Pharmacology Research and Perspectives.



Dr Paul Moayyedi qualified from Bristol University and obtained a PhD and Masters in Public Health from the University of Leeds. He moved to McMaster University in 2004 and was Director of the Division of Gastroenterology at McMaster in 2006-2017. He holds the Audrey Campbell Chair of Ulcerative Colitis Research and is the Assistant Dean of Research at McMaster University. He has published over 475 peer-reviewed articles that have been cited over 81,500 times with an h index of 1140. He was a previous co-Editor in Chief of the American Journal of Gastroenterology. He is the current Co-Editor in Chief of Gastroenterology with David Weinberg and a Sign-off Editor for the Cochrane library.



Conference Speakers

Professor Peter L Munk, MDCM, FRCPC, FSIR, FFRCSI (Hon) Professor of Radiology, Orthopaedics and Palliative Care at the University of British Columbia and former Section Head Musculoskeletal Imaging at the Vancouver General Hospital in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada and previous Fellowship Program Director. A medical graduate of McGill University in Montreal, Canada. Completed a Fellowship in musculoskeletal radiology at the University of California San Francisco with Prof Clyde Helms.

Previous Editor in Chief of the Canadian Association of Radiologists Journal (2009-2019) and currently Associate Editor of the British Journal of Radiology, Advisor to the Editor Medical Journal of Australia. North American Liaison for the Asian Pacific Association of Medical Journal Editors.

Author of 490 published papers, 200 abstracts, 120 scientific exhibits, 5 books and 40 book chapters. Trained 90 post graduate fellows in musculoskeletal imaging. Member of the International Skeletal Society, Fellow of the Society of Interventional Radiology and Honorary Fellow of the Faculty of Radiology of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland.

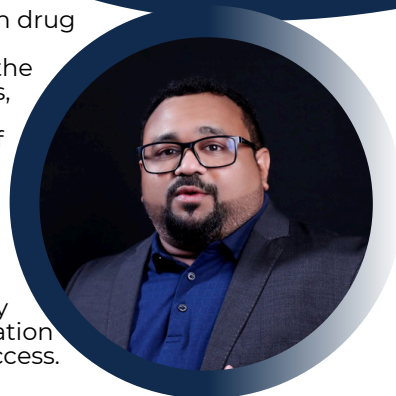


Dr Richard Horton is Editor-in-Chief of *The Lancet*. He qualified in physiology and medicine with honours from the University of Birmingham in 1986. He joined *The Lancet* in 1990, moving to New York as North American Editor in 1993. In 2016, he chaired the Expert Group for the High Level Commission on Health Employment and Economic Growth, convened by Presidents Hollande of France and Zuma of South Africa. From 2011 to 2015, he was co-chair of the UN's independent Expert Review Group on Information and Accountability for Women's and Children's Health. In 2011, he was elected a Foreign Associate of the US Institute of Medicine and, in 2015, he received the Friendship Award from the Government of China. In 2019, he was awarded the WHO Director-General's Health Leaders Award for outstanding leadership in global health and the Roux Prize in recognition of innovation in the application of global health evidence. In 2021, he received the Physicians for Human Rights Award in recognition of extraordinary leadership in advancing health and human rights. He now works to develop the idea of planetary health – the health of human civilizations and the ecosystems on which they depend. In 2020, he published *The COVID-19 Catastrophe: What's Gone Wrong and How to Stop It Happening Again*. A revised, updated, and expanded second edition was published in 2021. As part of the UK's 2023 Honours, Dr Horton was awarded the Order of the British Empire (OBE) in recognition for services to Health and Medical Journalism



Conference Speakers

Sam T Mathew has over two decades of experience in drug development, Sam has established and stabilized high-performing global medical writing teams from the ground up for GBS, CROs, pharmaceutical companies, and writing agencies. As one of the few professionals who combine substantial experience in both forms of Medical Writing - scientific writing (publications, medical information, and medical communications) and clinical regulatory writing, he has progressively taken on diverse roles and responsibilities within this domain. Sam's business acumen is marked by a metrics-driven and results- focused approach, contributing to his success over the years. He strongly advocates for DE&I, patient-centricity, and the integration of digital, AI, and automation to achieve business success.



Professor Frank Frizelle, ONZM MBChB, MMedSc, FRACS, FACS, FASCRS, FNZMA, FASA(hon), FRCSI(hon), FRCSEd(hon).

Frank is Professor of Surgery at the University of Otago and has been Editor-in-Chief of the New Zealand Medical Journal (NZMJ) and on the International Committee of Medical Journal Editors since 2022. Besides editing the New Zealand medical journal his active in clinical practise as a colorectal surgeon, and undertakes surgical outcome-based research across a range of colorectal disease processes, as well as laboratory-based research into the aetiology of bowel cancer. He is a member of the New Zealand Institute of Directors and on the board of a number of companies in areas of medical services, as well as farming, insurance, finance and superannuation. He is also a trustee for a number of trusts including the Canterbury Charity Hospital, the Cotter Medical History Trust, and Chair of the Christchurch Cancer Foundation, and Chairman of the ANZ National Prostate Cancer Register and Deputy Chair of the ANZ Bowel Cancer Register.



Ms Gemma Milton is a Research and Scholarly Communication Advisor, Academic Engagement, University Library, University of Newcastle, Australia.



Conference Speakers

Ms Diana Jones is Executive Publisher in Elsevier's health and medical sciences journal publishing team. She currently oversees the management of a portfolio of Australian and European society owned research journals. She holds a Masters' degree in Organisational Psychology, and has over 30 years' experience of working in editorial, marketing, and business development roles in the STM journal publishing industry. She is currently Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DEI) Lead for Elsevier in Australia and worked as Co-Lead on Elsevier's Editorial Board Gender Diversity Project between 2022 and 2024.



Professor Jeff Szer was the foundation Professor/Director of the Department of Clinical Haematology at Royal Melbourne Hospital and established bone marrow transplant services in Victoria, Australia in 1984. He is an integral member of the BMT team as well as the Classical Haematology group of the Department of Clinical Haematology at Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre and The Royal Melbourne Hospital established in 2016. He has research interests in stem cell transplantation and several non-malignant haematologic disorders. He has authored over 420 papers in peer-reviewed journals and is the Editor-in-Chief of the Internal Medicine Journal and on the Editorial Boards of Blood Reviews, Blood Cell Therapy, BMC Haematology, Blood Cells Molecules and Diseases and Bone Marrow Transplantation. He is a past President of the World Marrow Donor Association and the Worldwide Network for Blood and Marrow Transplantation. Jeff co-founded the Australasian Bone Marrow Transplant Recipient Registry in 1992 and the Bone Marrow Transplant Society of Australia and New Zealand (now the ANZCTC) in 1996. He is a member of the Board of Management and chairs the Scientific Expert Advisory Committee of the Australian Bone Marrow Donor Registry.



Dr Young Yoo, MD, PhD from the Republic of Korea Professor, Department of Pediatrics, Korea University College of Medicine; Director of Committee for International Affairs, The Korean Association of Medical Journal Editors and Editor, Allergy Asthma Immunology Research.



Conference Speakers

Dr Mark Hooper is a Council Member of the Committee on Publication Ethics and the Director of Tricky Goose Training — a small Australian company that develops training courses to promote research quality, ethics, and integrity. He obtained his PhD in the subject of philosophy from the University of Queensland. He also works for the Queensland University of Technology.



Ms Ju Lee Oei is the Editor in Chief of the Journal of Paediatrics and Child Health, the official journal for the Royal Australasian College of Physicians. She is also an editor in several other journals including Neonatology, Early Human Development and Seminars in Fetal and Neonatal Medicine. She is a senior neonatologist and conjoint professor of Paediatrics at the University of New South Wales, a Visiting Medical Officer in Addiction Medicine at the Murrumbidgee Local Health District and a research affiliate at the NHMRC Clinical Trials Centre at the University of Sydney. Her research interests are in the use of oxygen for newborn infant resuscitation and in the impact of drugs of dependency and addiction on the infant and family.



Ms Jashelle Caga-Meller is Deputy Editor of The Lancet Regional Health – Western Pacific, based in Sydney, Australia. Jashelle completed her Masters degree and clinical training in Health Psychology and primarily worked with people diagnosed with both mental and physical health conditions. She was awarded a NHMRC Postgraduate Scholarship to undertake her PhD (Medicine) on neuropsychiatric symptoms in neurodegenerative diseases at the University of Sydney. Prior to joining the Lancet Group, she worked as a Health Psychologist and postdoctoral fellow at the University of Sydney. Her research focused on biopsychosocial factors relevant to the diagnosis and clinical management of neuropsychiatric symptoms in motor neurone disease.



Conference Speakers

Professor Rhonda Wilson is an internationally recognised mental health nursing scientist with a research focus on digital health interventions. She is Professor of Mental Health Nursing at RMIT University Australia and RMIT Europe in Spain, where she leads mental health nursing and an innovative digital mental health nursing laboratory. As a Wiradjuri (First Nation) descendent, and member of CATSINaM (Congress of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Nurses and Midwives) she is a vigorous advocate and activist for the promotion of cultural safety and decolonisation in our education and health institutions. She has published extensively in international journals, books and conferences. She has a track record of leading national and international mental health mixed methods research programs, including using methods suited to priority populations, and First Nations peoples. Professor Wilson has worked in a wide range of rural and regional clinical registered nursing roles throughout Northern Queensland, North-western Victoria, South-western Queensland and the New England region of NSW and academic roles in Australia, Denmark and New Zealand. During lockdown restrictions at the height of a Covid-19 outbreak in Walgett, NSW 2021, she partnered with Walgett Aboriginal Medical Service and her university colleagues, to go to Walgett to undertake an early humanitarian vaccination campaign to provide urgent protection for the Walgett community. Professor Wilson continues with a wide international and national network and program of research based flexibly on the traditional Darkinjung Country, Central Coast NSW, Australia. She is the current President of the peak body, Australian College of Mental Health Nurses.



Ms Alice Anderson is the Director of Library Services at Monash Health. Alice leads the library department, which has provides digital resources, online services and five physical libraries across the Monash Health network in South-East Melbourne. The library team provides supportive services focused on evidence based clinical care, access to high quality information, world class research, and education for lifelong learning. After attaining a Bachelor of Information Management and Systems from Monash University, Alice has enjoyed a career working in the special library sector spanning health, law and corporate libraries. This included managing the library at Lander & Rogers law firm and working as a librarian at the Law Institute of Victoria and at TABCORP. Alice has also completed a Graduate Certificate in Digital Education at the University of South Australia. Alice is a member of numerous interest groups and contributes to Committees in the health library sector in Australia.



Conference Speakers

Professor Vanessa McDonald is a Professor of Nursing in the School of Nursing and Midwifery at the University of Newcastle, Australia and an honorary clinical nurse consultant in the Department of Respiratory and Sleep Medicine at John Hunter Hospital. She is Co-Director of the Centres of Excellence in Severe Asthma and in Treatable Traits. Vanessa holds an honorary professorial appointment with the University of Manchester. Her research interests are centred around the development of innovative approaches to the management of chronic airway diseases. She is passionate about the development and implementation of personalised medicine strategies that place the person at the centre of health care delivery. Over >25 years Vanessa has developed expertise in in respiratory clinical nursing practice and education, has contributed extensively to respiratory health advocacy and health policy and, has developed as an internationally recognised respiratory researcher. She is committed to improving the health and quality of life of people with lung disease in our region and internationally, and to the mission of lung health.



Dr. Cecilia Nelia C. Maramba-Lazarte is the current Director of the Institute of Herbal Medicine, National Institutes of Health, University of the Philippines. Dr. Maramba is a full professor of Pharmacology who instructs medical, nursing, dental, and graduate students in antimicrobial pharmacology and herbal medicine. She holds cross-appointments as a Clinical Professor in the Infectious and Tropical Diseases Section of the Department of Paediatrics. In addition, she is the president of the Philippine Association of Medical Journal Editors. She was the editor-in-chief of the Pediatric Infectious Diseases Society of the Philippines from 2002-2016. She is on the editorial board of the Journal of Basic and Applied Pharmacology and the Indonesian Journal of Applied Research. Her research interests include herbal medicine drug development, antimicrobials, infectious diseases, and Bioequivalence Studies. She received her medical degree from the University of the Philippines College of Medicine. She completed her Pediatric residency and clinical fellowship in Pediatric infectious diseases at the UPCM-Philippine General Hospital. She earned a Master of Science degree in Infectious Diseases and a Master of Science degree in Clinical Trials from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, University College London.



Conference Speakers

Ms Megan Howe is former Editor of Public Health Research & Practice (PHRP), an open-access, peer-reviewed journal published by the Sax Institute. PHRP, which has a strong focus on the connection between research, policy and practice, is ranked the No 1. journal in Australia for health policy, as well as in the field of public health, environmental and occupational health (Scimago Journal Rankings, 2022). Megan has been a journalist and editor for more than 30 years, specialising in medical publishing and communications for most of that time. She has worked for medical publications in the UK and Australia, including as Editor of Australia's leading GP publication, Australian Doctor. She has a BA (Communications) from UTS and is currently completing a Master of Public Health degree at the University of Newcastle.



Mrs Nicole Faull-Brown is a Research Liaison Librarian at the University Library, Academic Division, University of Newcastle.





2024

ASIA PACIFIC ASSOCIATION
OF MEDICAL JOURNAL EDITORS



**To view the online
conference program, please
scan the QR code.**



THE UNIVERSITY OF
NEWCASTLE
AUSTRALIA



Hunter
**Medical
Research**
Institute