



AOASO Report 2017

1. 9th. AOCO in conjunction with ANZOS/OSSANZ/AOCO 2017, 4-6 October 2017 in Adelaide, Australia

This meeting bringing together the Australian and New Zealand Obesity Society, the Obesity Surgery Society of Australia and New Zealand (now ANZMOS) and the Asia-Oceania Congress on Obesity was the most successful meeting yet sponsored by ANZOS. The following details testify to its success in terms of scientific content, integration of disparate views on the ways to tackle obesity and social interactions bringing together members of 3 important Societies in the region.

Registration & Abstracts:

A total of 603 registrations were received, a record attendance for ANZOS. There were 314 abstract submissions made in total: 157 from the ANZOS program, 42 from the OSSANZ program, 35 from the AOCO program. There were 80 invited speakers in all

Travel support for AOASO members:

There was a total of **AUD\$48,174** provided for travel and other support for AOASO members at the meeting that was primarily directed to student travel and also supported representatives of the different Societies presenting in the regional update.

Regional Update:

The regional update was a great success, Chaired by Professors Ismail Noor and Tim Gill. It was well attended and there was lively and constructive discussion that helped provide an insight into the obesity – related issues confronting the different member countries.

Appreciation:

On behalf of AOASO, Prof Ismail thanked Prof Brian President ANZOS and Prof Ahmad Aly President OSSANZ for organizing a scientifically stimulating conference and kind hospitality.



2) Host for the 10th. AOCO

Prof Ismail received two letters “expression of interest” from:

- i) Korean Society for Studies of Obesity - KSSO and ii) All India Association for Advancing Research for Obesity – AIAARO.

Both Associations were given a slot to present their proposal at the meeting and the Council returned a majority vote for KSSO hence, the **10th. AOCO will be held in Seoul, Korea tentatively on 29th August to 1st September 2019.**

3) AOASO Editor Journal (Obesity Research Clinical Practice) Report

Prof. Gary Wittert reported that the 2016 Impact Factor for the journal is **2.606**, an impressive 24% increase over the 2015 figure. The journal is ranked 80/138 in the Clarivate (Thomson Reuters) subject category “Endocrinology and Metabolism” and 38/81 within the “Nutrition and Dietetics” category. Note the healthy increase of citations each year.

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
IF	0.324	0.506	0.697	1.177	2.094	2.606
Cites	61	103	149	277	472	794
Articles		37	59	68	73	90

4) Membership applications from VINUTAS (Vietnam) and BARSO (Thailand)

Prof Ismail have received letters “expression of interest” to be member of AOASO from two (2) countries namely:

- 1) Vietnam Nutrition Association (VINUTAS), Vietnam
- 2) Bangkok Association of Regenerative Health and the Study of Obesity (BARSO) Thailand

(The AOASO Council unanimously accepted both VINUTAS and BARSO applications to be a member of AOASO)

5) 20th. AOASO Council and AGM

The AOASO Council meeting and AGM will be held on 24 May 2018 during ECO 2018 in Vienna, Austria.



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Dated: 17 May 2018

