



Communication Committee Report

(Formerly Social & Information Technology Committee)

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Chair: Dr Tino Mercado

Committee Members: Dr Charles Snyman, Prof Ivan Darby, Prof Louise Brown, Dr Raymond Chan, Dr Ehsan Mellati

For 2022-2023, my roles as Chair of the Communication Committee and Vice President of ANZAP have kept me busy.

The Information Committee was created to cater for the different social and information technology needs of ANZAP members. There are currently six IT platforms where information can be disseminated among ANZAP members and members of the public: Website, Facebook, LinkedIn MSN chat page, ANZAP Perio-Postgrad WhatsApp page and Instagram. The WhatsApp platform for all post-graduate dentists had been particularly useful during the review period, where ANZAP Council members have tips on how to answer exam questions and viva voce examinations. The ANZAP msn chat is still proving to be a useful tool for immediate communication between members. Our new Instagram account is proving to be popular among younger ANZAP members. Our LinkedIn profile is making ANZAP very visible to other Periodontal societies in the world.

Website:

www.anzap.org.au - main information avenue for ANZAP members, particularly the Council Reports, Membership renewals, ANZAP documents and archive and classified ads for members seeking employees.

The revamp of our website is ready to be launched, particularly the Patients Component. There are 19 manuscripts collated from our members discussing different relevant topics on periodontology and implants. Most of the images needed in the manuscripts were provided by ADA-Federal. In return, our manuscript/link will be shared to ADA Patient Information Website.

Website Topics and Authors

- What is Periodontitis – Saso Ivanovski
- Management of Periodontitis – Leticia Algarves Miranda
- Anti-microbials in Periodontal Diseases – Valerie Woodford
- Importance of Good Oral Hygiene – Tasha Mackie

- Periodontal Diseases and Systemic Inflammation – Mark Bartold
- Periodontitis and Link to CVD, Diabetes Mellitus, Rheumatoid Arthritis – Ivan Darby
- Periodontitis and Smoking – Rod Marshall
- Periodontal Diseases and Halitosis. Kaye Kendall and Rachel Garraway
- Crown Lengthening Surgeries – David Grossberg and Vincent Liew
- “Gummy Smile” – Ray Chan and Dr. Charles Snyman
- Regeneration on teeth – Wendy Gill
- Gum Graft on teeth – Tino Mercado
- Perio-Ortho Relationships – Poppy Horne
- Dental Implants Explained – Stephen Chen
- Bone Regeneration on Implants – Chris Waalkens
- Peri-implant Mucositis and Peri-implantitis - Lisa Heitz-Mayfield
- Peri-implant Plastic Surgeries – Mehdi Valizadeh
- Cosmetic and Bite Problems with Dental Implants – Greg Peake
- Radiographic Use in Periodontics and Dental Implants – Louise Brown

Facebook:

Our social media pages are making ANZAP’s presence to the public more palpable. This is a good avenue to make the members of the public familiar with Periodontology. From the period of Feb 2022– JAN 2023, there were 400 posts. Almost 1200 people are now following ANZAP’s Facebook profile.

ANZAP Biennial Consensus Statement:

The SITC have also been busy with the initiation of a Biennial release of ANZAP Consensus Statement, to be presented at our 3-Day meetings and hopefully published in a reputable Journal.

These are the updates of our two Consensus Groups:

The ANZAP Consensus Statement was an initiative of A/Prof. Tino Mercado, Prof. Ivan Darby, and Dr. David Drew to encourage younger ANZAP members (graduated within 5 years) to participate more in our ANZAP conferences. The plan is for the ANZAP Council members to choose relevant topics and the ANZAP members who will write and research about the assigned topic and present it at our 3-day ANZAP meetings and ultimately submit and hopefully publish the Consensus in relevant journals depending on the quality of the manuscript produced.

Our first Consensus Statements will be ready to present at our next 3-Day Meeting:

"When to treat periodontally involved teeth and when to extract?".

Group Supervisor: Prof. Ivan Darby

Group Leader: Dr David Drew

Assistant: Dr. Lizzy Hui,

Members: Dr. Troy McGowan and Dr. Eugene Sheftel.

The purpose of this systematic review is to gather all available empirical evidence to answer the question and provide consensus statements to help clinicians to decide whether to remove a periodontally involved tooth or retain it.

Clinicians rely on experience and clinical criteria along with professional common sense when deciding whether to remove or retain a tooth. Clinical attachment loss, mobility, remaining alveolar bone support, endodontic and restorative issues, treatment cost versus benefit and patient preferences are just some of the considerations considered.

We look forward to the presentation of our first ANZAP Consensus Statement.

Dr Tino Mercado

Vice President

Chairman – Communication Committee