Introduction

Since becoming an incorporated Society in March 1999, the Australian Society of Antimicrobials’ (ASA) membership now covers a diverse background of professionals interested in the study of antimicrobials including clinical microbiologists and infectious diseases physicians, respiratory and ICU physicians, medical and non-medical microbiologists, scientists, pharmacists, veterinarians, undergraduate and postgraduate students and industry representatives from pharmaceutical and diagnostic/research biomedical companies.

Major Objectives

- To facilitate the acquisition and dissemination of knowledge in the field of antimicrobials
- To encourage communication and cooperation between those actively engaged in the field of antimicrobials and related disciplines
- To hold meetings and conferences in furtherance of the Society’s objectives
- To demonstrate publicly the need for an educated and considered approach to the use of antimicrobials
- To subscribe to or become a member of and cooperate with any national or international body whose objectives are similar to those of the Society

Current Initiatives

- 2017/2018 national scientific meetings
  - Australian Antimicrobial Resistance Summit II
  - Antimicrobials 2018
- Travel Awards
- ASA travel awards to attend the Society’s annual national scientific meeting
- ASA bioMérieux travel award to attend the Society’s annual national scientific meeting
- ASA International Symposium on Staphylococci and Staphylococcal Infections (ISSSI) to attend the 2018 ISSSI scientific meeting
- ASA webpage (www.asainc.net.au)
- ASA twitter page (@ausAntibiotics)
- ASA newsletter “Breakpoint”
- Overseas speaker’s program
- Australian Group on Antimicrobial Resistance (AGAR)
- National Antimicrobial Susceptibility Testing Advisory Committee
- Representation on the Australian Scientific Technical Advisory Group on Antimicrobial Resistance
- ASA Research Grant
- National and international AMR collaborations and partnerships

ASA Membership

Members: 870
- 820 Full Members
- 8 Associate Members
- 35 Honorary Members
- 7 Foundation Members

Membership Background
- 293 (32%) Medical
- 314 (36%) Scientific
- 166 (19%) Pharmacists
- 75 (9%) Industry
- 22 (3%) Other

Membership Location
- 748 (86%) Australia
- 63 (7%) New Zealand
- 21 (3%) Asia
- 20 (2%) Europe/UK
- 16 (2%) North America

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ASA Committee 2016 – 2018

- President: Prof. Benjamin Howden
- Past President: Dr. Thomas Gottlieb
- Vice President: Prof. Geoffrey Coombs
- Treasurer: Dr. Keryn Christiansen
- Secretary: Ms. Denise Daley

- Elected Committee Members:
  - Dr. David Kong
  - Dr. Sally Partridge
  - Dr. Benjamin Rogers
  - Dr. Deborah Williamson

- AGAR Representative:
  - Prof. Graeme Nimmo

- ELCAST/QLSI Representative:
  - Prof. John Turnidge

- ASI Representative:
  - Dr. David Looke

Affiliates

- APJA-Australia
- ESCMID
- AWAAR
- APUG
- ARA
- PSMC

ASA Annual Scientific Meeting 2018

22nd – 24th Feb 2018
International Convention Centre
Sydney, Australia.

ASA Foundation Members

www.asainc.net.au