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### Anaesthetists and pain medicine specialists to meet in Sydney for keynote meeting

More than 2000 anaesthetists and specialist pain medicine physicians are meeting in Sydney for the Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists (ANZCA) Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM).

In the first face-to-face meeting since 2019 without COVID-19 restrictions, delegates from Australia, New Zealand, the US, UK, Ireland, Hong Kong, Canada, and Israel will gather at the International Convention Centre to 9 May.

With dozens of sessions and workshops on perioperative care, advances in anaesthesia and pain medicine research, obstetric anaesthesia, environmental sustainability and doctors' wellbeing the 2023 scientific program will encourage delegates to "#BeConnected."

ASM Scientific Convenor, Sydney anaesthetist Associate Professor Stefan Dieleman, and Co-Convenors Wollongong anaesthetist Dr Tanya Selak and Sydney anaesthetist Dr Shanel Cameron, said the program catered for a broad range of interests and sub-specialties of anaesthesia and pain medicine.

"After the many challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, we're excited to present an in-person meeting that is a celebration of science, excellence in patient care, collaboration and human connection. The ASM promises to be a vibrant, informative and thought-provoking scientific meeting."

A highlight of the meeting will be the ANZCA College Ceremony on Saturday 6 May when 260 anaesthetists and specialist pain medicine physicians are admitted as fellows of the college and its Faculty of Pain Medicine after completing years of advanced medical training.

The 2023 College Ceremony Oration will be presented by anaesthetist and expeditionist Dr Gareth Andrews who late last year started a gruelling unsupported ski crossing of Antarctica. After a 1400km, 66-day journey Dr Andrews and teammate Dr Richard Stephenson reached the South Pole on 18 January this year.

Other highlights of the 2023 meeting include the launch of ANZCA's new qualification for anaesthetists and other specialists, the Diploma of Perioperative Medicine, a COVID-19 oral archive project for the college's award-winning Geoffrey Kaye Museum of Anaesthetic History, and sessions on pain management in children and gender equity in the medical profession.

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