

2026 ASIA PACIFIC ORTHOPAEDIC ASSOCIATION (AUSTRALIA) NEWSLETTER



2026 Asia Pacific Orthopaedic Association Congress

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From the Editor

Welcome 2026 and best wishes to all members of APOA across 26 member countries!

This is the 25th APOA (Aus) newsletter which started in Adelaide, South Australia in 2000, a remarkable milestone for the Australian Chapter of APOA before Australian Orthopaedic Association (AOA) joined in 2016 to become a Federation APOA member.

For the last 25 years the newsletter has highlighted some important meetings and activities of AOA and APOA, both locally and abroad, with emphasis on collaboration, social engagement and camaraderie.

In this edition I hope readers will enjoy reading the experiences of the contributors at various national and international meetings; and I hope that will encourage further membership participations in future APOA related meetings and events.

We look forward to the new APOA Executive team to guide and drive APOA into a brighter, more cohesive, collaborative and respectful association.

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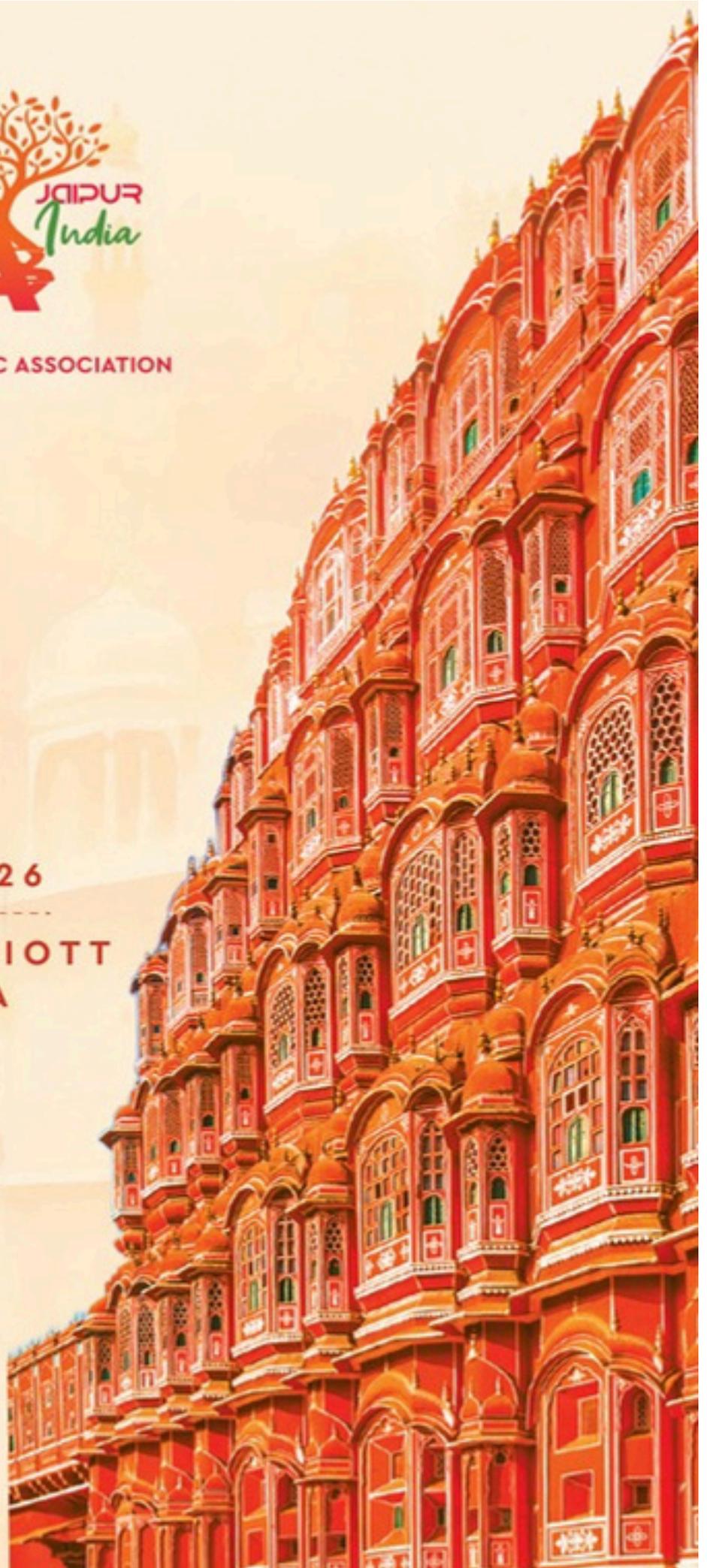
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THEME:
HONOURING THE PAST,
TREASURING THE PRESENT,
SHAPING THE FUTURE



Message from APOA President



Dear Colleagues and Friends,

As we step into 2026, it is with great pride and gratitude that I extend my warmest season's greetings to the members of APOA (Australia). The past year has been marked by remarkable collaboration, innovation, and continued dedication to advancing orthopaedic care across our region.

APOA remains committed to fostering education, research, and clinical excellence. In 2025, we successfully expanded our online learning programs, hosted impactful conferences, and strengthened our international partnerships to ensure the dissemination of the latest orthopaedic knowledge. These initiatives continue to create meaningful opportunities for professional growth and collaboration among our members.

Looking ahead to 2026, we aim to build upon these successes with renewed energy and focus. Our goals include enhancing access to advanced training, promoting cutting-edge research in arthroplasty and sports medicine, and supporting the next generation of orthopaedic surgeons across the Asian Pacific region and beyond. Together, we will continue to elevate standards of care and contribute to the global orthopaedic community.

I wish all of you a productive and inspiring year ahead and look forward to your continued participation in APOA's initiatives and programmes.

With warm regards,

Professor Nicolaas C. Budhiparama, MD, PhD

President, Asia Pacific Orthopaedic Association (APOA) 2025 – 2026



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Message from the President of Australian Orthopaedic Association



Happy New Year to you all!!

I hope this newsletter finds you and your families in good health and spirit for what will be an exciting 2026. Since the AOA ASM in Hobart in October, the Presidential line of the Australian Orthopaedic Association (AOA) along with many of our members have been continuing our engagement with our Asia-Pacific neighbours where we have attended meetings in Taiwan, Singapore, Hong Kong and Indonesia. I am certainly looking forward to attending the APOA Congress in Jaipur in February.

2026 represents the AOA's 90th Anniversary with the theme for the ASM to be held in Cairns from the 11-15th October "Celebrating 90 years of Clinical Excellence and Global Engagement" recognising how far we have come as an organisation whilst also acknowledging our close ties with kindred orthopaedic organisations in our region. It will also be the first time the AOA has hosted a Guest Nation with RCOST (Thailand) being invited to send a delegation to Cairns. We look forward to welcoming our Thai colleagues along with those from all parts of the Asia-Pacific to Tropical Far North Queensland.

I would like to acknowledge Prof Ton Tran's contribution to the Asia Pacific Committee (APC) of the AOA at the completion of his term as chair, and welcome Dr Arvind Puri as new chair of the APC.

If you have any suggestions regarding the ASM or any other matters please don't hesitate to contact me at mark.moroney@aoa.org.au

Best wishes

Mark Moroney

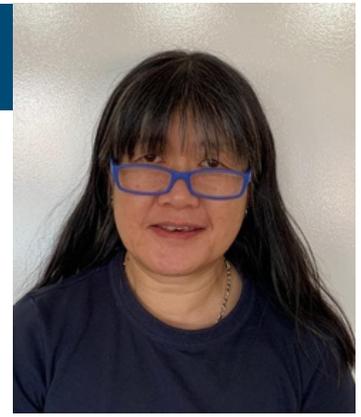
President, Australian Orthopaedic Association

23 & 24 JANUARY 2026
AOPA HULS ELBOW CADAVERIC COURSE 2026
Venue: Arthrex lab
Registration Limited to 14 participants
AOPA HULS Member: SGD2000
Non-Member: SGD2500

AGENDA
Inaugural AOPA HULS Elbow Cadaveric Course devoting one full day to elbow arthroscopy and half a day of elbow ligament repair

Course Chairman	Faculty		
 Dr Ken Lee Pua Singapore	 Dr Margaret Fok Hong Kong	 Prof In-ho Jeon South Korea	 Prof Cholawish Chantalit Thailand
 Dr Andy Wee Singapore	 Dr Erica Kholinne Indonesia	 Dr Iman Widya Aminata Indonesia	

APOA (Aus) Chief Delegate Report



Thank you to Ted Mah and Nick Russell, and to the executive committee for their support of our Chapter.

For Australia, April 2025 was the highlight of the year with the hosting of the APOA Congress in Cairns. Thank you to our Congress Chair, Marinis Pirpiris, and all the section heads who worked hard to make it a successful one.

The APOA(Aus) committee has met virtually three times this year. The APOA(Aus) team has consisted of:

- Two Federation councillors: Dr Scott Fletcher (President AOA), and Prof Ton Tran (Chair of APC)
- Three Chapter councillors: Dr Marinis Pirpiris, Dr Nick Russell, and myself
- Honorary secretary and Webmaster: Dr Nick Russell
- Honorary treasurer: Dr Ted Mah
- APOA (Federal) Executives: Prof Peter Choong (President MSK), A/Prof Leo Donnan (President Paed), Prof Ted Mah (Chair Ethics), and Dr Arvind Puri (President F&A)
- General committee members: Dr Sam Adie, Prof Zsolt Balogh, Dr Mark Blackney, Dr Tanya Burgess, Prof Richard de Steiger, Dr Arvind Jain, Dr Michael A Johnson, Dr Andreas Loeffler, Dr Andrew Wines (2nd VP AOA), Dr Mark Maroney (1st VP AOA), A/Prof John North, Dr Sunil Reddy, Dr Phil Rowell, Prof Bogdan Soloman, Dr Andrew Wines (2nd VP AOA)
- Ex officio: Dr John Bartlett and Dr Graeme Mercer

Activities during the year included:

- The April 2025 APOA congress in Cairns
- Planning for the October 2025 APOA AusCh session in Hobart
- Looking forward to the February 2026 APOA congress in Jaipur
- Contribution for the APOA 65th Anniversary (1962-2027) and 25th Congress commemorative book, and compilation of the upcoming APOA AusCh newsletter by Ted Mah (huge thanks!)

We wish you all a safe and happy festive season and look forward to seeing everyone in 2026!

A/Prof Susan Liew

Chief Delegate APOA (Aus)

2025 APOA CAIRNS CONGRESS REPORT

Nick Russell



Spending a few days in tropical Far North Queensland (FNQ) at the highly anticipated APOA Cairns congress was a delightful, sociable and unforgettable experience.

The pre-congress workshops were well attended, featuring a variety of talks in the knee session, including valuable tips and tricks on ACL and MPFL reconstruction.

The main congress included inspiring keynote plenaries from several world experts, focussing on artificial intelligence and robotics, current state, and future directions. Standouts included Fares Haddad, Tim Pohlemann, Florian Gebherd, and the ever-inspiring Rajasekaran. The meeting had multiple concurrent scientific sessions, with an outstanding array of local and international faculty discussing a wide variety of subjects.

Council meetings at both the beginning and end of the congress were robust and culturally diverse, focussing on arrangements for future congresses and financial stability.



Industry Hall



Merzer Ozenci (Turkey), Nick Russell, Marinis Pirpiris



A slippery guest at the Welcome Cocktail Party



Congress dinner

Delegates enjoyed a great social program. Ranging from the welcome cocktail party with specially invited Australian wildlife guests, dinners and drinks with friends on the promenade, to the feast and celebration of the Congress Dinner. Many delegates also enjoyed a boat trip to the Great Barrier Reef or the nearby Daintree Forrest.

I would like to thank Jamal Ashraf, Marinis Pirpiris, Nicolaas Budhiparama, Arvind Puri and the entire organising committee for carrying out an exceptional congress. I am eagerly anticipating the 2026 congress in the Pink City, Jaipur, India, and hope you too will consider attending what promises to be a culinary, cultural, and professional experience!

Nick Russell

Hon Secretary, APOA (Aus)

54TH MALAYSIAN ORTHOPAEDIC ASSOCIATION MEETING REPORT

Kuala Lumpur 17-19 May 2025

Mark Moroney

I had the great pleasure of recently attending the Malaysian Orthopaedic Association Meeting with my wife Paula at the invitation of their President, Professor Datuk Dr. Sabarul Afian Mokhtar. The meeting theme was “MOA in Motion: Journey Towards Orthopaedic Excellence”. The meeting mascot was “Orthobot” which highlighted the exponential growth in the use of technology in orthopaedic surgery.

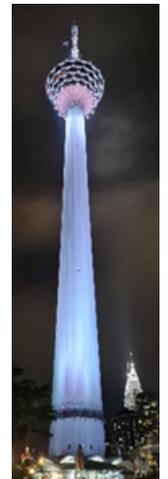
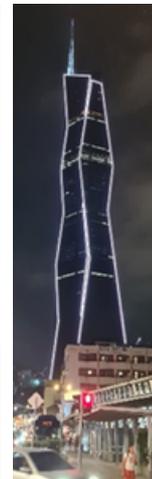


Orthobot at the MOA Meeting

The meeting was held at the Kuala Lumpur (KL) Convention Centre, located in the heart of KL which for any of you have visited recently, will remember the mind-boggling concentrated array of skyscrapers. When you step outside the Convention Centre you are greeted by the imposing Petronas Towers which remain the tallest twin towers in the world at 451.9 meters but amazingly are now dwarfed by the surrounding buildings including the Merdeka 118 which standing at 678.9 meters is 2nd only in the world to the Burg Khalifa in Dubai.



Famous Petronas Towers in Kuala Lumpur



Iconic Kuala Lumpur Tower

The meeting had a significant international presence highlighted by the Guest Nation Indonesia with 20 delegates being invited to present papers at the meeting. Their delegation was proudly led by their President Professor Dr. Ismail Hadisoebroto Djiogo who has since taken over as President of the ASEAN Orthopaedic Association. The now past President of the ASEAN OA (and Philippines OA) Dr. Justinian Aquilino Cyril LL Pimentel IV was also in attendance.

There was a broad cross-section of presentations and formats which made for an interactive meeting. It was refreshing to see significant sessions dedicated to registrar papers. Significant presentations were also delivered by our own Ted Mah.

Innovative sessions included those dedicated to orthopaedic nursing and allied health highlighting the inclusive nature of the meeting.



Another highlight was the President's Cup, an orthopaedic oriented quiz open to year 1 to 3 Masters Trainees which encouraged participation by approximately 30 teams from all over the country.



President's Cup featured 30 participating teams

The President's dinner held on the 18th May saw the inauguration of the MOA's new President Dr. Gandhi Nathan Solayar.



Batu Caves



Merdeka Square



Chow Kit Night Market



Paula and I would sincerely like to thank Sabarul and his delightful wife Wan Rahiza along with their family and the MOA's on ground team for the extraordinary hospitality extended to us during our stay and for the collegiate engagement from the Malaysian and broader Asian Orthopaedic Community. If you are ever in KL, The Batu Caves are a must see.

Mark Moroney
President
Australian Orthopaedic Association

APOA ACTIVITIES AT HOBART

AOA ASM 2025 REFLECTION

Ted Mah



Hobart 12-16 October 2025

2025 AOA ASM was held at the Grand Chancellor Hotel in beautiful Hobart 12th-16th October with lovely sunny spring weather. This is one of the biggest meeting with over 2000 registrants and 13 invited OA presidents from Asia Pacific member countries and 5 carousel presidents. The theme of the meeting was CONNECTIONS and the theme was completely met with such a large numbers of attending OA presidents and their delegates.

The theme of the APOA session was “3D printing of orthopaedic implants to meet unmet surgical needs”. The Asian Pacific Visiting Professor Thipachart Punyaratabandhu gave a detail evolution of the technologies in Thailand, followed by Asso Prof Christian Fang from Hong Kong to discuss the history of such technology development in HK via video link.



Outdoor setting of Grand Chancellor Hotel



The session was followed by presentations by the two ASEAN OA-AOA Travelling fellows. Prof Andris Lubis from Indonesia spoke on “All inside ACL reconstruction” whilst Dr. Peter Quiaoit from Philippines spoke on “Two stage revision surgery for periprosthetic joint infection”.



A Symposium on “Navigating the Logistical, Ethical, Regulatory & Financial realities of Emerging Technology” complemented the session with the involvement of all invited Asia Pacific and carousels presidents. Their focus was to explore the status of such technologies in various member countries and to get some guidance and consensus of the answers and steps needed to embrace such innovations.

All the Asian pacific and carousels presidents and delegates were invited to Tasmanian Government house for a cocktail function following the APOA session. The groups was greeted by her excellency Barbara Baker and her husband Prof Don Chalmers. Everyone was impressed by the graciousness of the Governor, the history and architectural of the Tasmanian Government house.

The APOA (Aus) and AOA executives dinner that followed the governor house visit was attended by 78 people at Suzie Luck's Restaurant in Salamander Place. This is the largest attendance since the inception of the APOA/AOA Executive dinner as we have invited all the Asian Presidents, carousels presidents and their partners in addition to representatives from SICOT and RCOST.



Mark Maroney, incoming President was successful in achieving an MOU with RCOST for the purpose of inviting RCOST as guest nation at the 2026 AOA ASM in Cairns.

In addition to the scientific program, many delegates have also enjoyed the Australian hospitality in many social programs, visiting wineries and tours.

All in all it was a hugely successful and enjoyable meeting and one the truly embraced the theme of Connections!

Ted Mah
Past President, APOA
Founding Chair of Ethics Com., APOA



ASIA PACIFIC VISITING PROFESSOR REPORT ON AUSTRALIAN ORTHOPAEDIC ASSOCIATION ASM 2025

Thipachart Punyaratabandhu

Hobart 12-16 October 2025

I had the honour of attending the 85th Australian Orthopaedic Association (AOA) Annual Scientific Meeting held in Hobart, Tasmania during 12-17 October 2025, in my capacity as an Asia Pacific Visiting Professor. During the meeting, I was invited to deliver a lecture on APOA session and participate in a panel discussion: Answer some difficult questions, during panel discussion, sharing perspectives and experiences in my field with colleagues from around the world.



The conference was held under the theme “Connection”, emphasizing collaboration, knowledge exchange, and the strengthening of professional relationships across regions. I was pleased to meet Dr. Scott Fletcher, the current President of the AOA, and Dr. Edward T Mah, former President of the Asia Pacific Orthopaedic Association (APOA). Our discussions were both insightful and inspiring, reflecting the continued commitment to advancing orthopaedic education and practice within the Asia-Pacific community.

The meeting provided a truly academic atmosphere, with high-quality presentations and interactive discussions. It was also an excellent opportunity to reconnect with friends and colleagues from various countries, exchange ideas on current challenges and innovations, and participate in the social events that fostered collegiality and collaboration.



It was also a great honor to have the opportunity to pay a courtesy visit to Her Excellency the Honourable Barbara Baker AC, Governor of Tasmania, at the Government House. Her Excellency graciously welcomed our delegation in a warm and friendly manner. The visit was made even more memorable as Her Excellency’s consort, Emeritus Professor Don Chalmers AO, kindly acted as an honorary guide, leading us through various rooms of the residence and sharing fascinating stories about its rich history and heritage.



Another highlight of the visit was the President's Dinner, held at a beautiful Frogmore vineyard, where I was deeply honored to be invited to deliver the "Response to the Toast" on behalf of the international guests. It was a wonderful evening of friendship and celebration, reflecting the spirit of connection that defined the entire meeting.



At the gala dinner held on the evening of October 15, 2025, at Glen Albyn Estate, the presidency of the Australian Orthopaedic Association was officially handed over to Dr. Mark Moroney. Next year the 86th AOA ASM will be held in Cairns, with Thailand as the guest nation.

Last but not least, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the Australian Orthopaedic Association for the kind invitation and warm hospitality. It was a rewarding and enriching experience, contributing to professional development and regional cooperation in orthopaedics.

Clinical Professor Thipachart Punyaratabandhu, MD
Senior consultant, Department of Orthopaedics
Phramongkutklao Hospital, Bangkok. Thailand





Introducing the APOA Journal Club

Prof Dr. David Choon Siew Kit

The Asia Pacific Orthopaedic Association (APOA) is proud to announce the launch of the **APOA Journal Club** — a new initiative designed to inspire meaningful discussion, critical thinking, and professional growth among orthopaedic surgeons and trainees across the region.



What is the APOA Journal Club?

Each week, leading orthopaedic experts from APOA will select a compelling research paper from one of our many partner journals. The selected paper will be shared with Journal Club members, accompanied by thought-provoking questions to guide reflection and discussion.

Members will have the opportunity to:

- Evaluate the research
- Share insights
- Engage in discussion with peers
- Respond to expert-led prompts

Journal Clubs will be organized by orthopaedic sub-specialties.

Our inaugural topic focuses on the Knee, featuring this paper:

[“Robotic Assistance Is Not Associated With Decreased Early Revisions in Cementless TKA: An Analysis of the American Joint Replacement Registry”](#)

[Published in *Clinical Orthopaedics and Related Research*](#)

How to Join the Journal Club

Joining is simple and entirely online at apoaonline.com. You'll find **Journal Club** easily from the homepage. We also recommend downloading the **APOA mobile app** to receive instant updates on new discussions.

Open to:

- All APOA members, including federation members
- Orthopaedic trainees (create a free account and apply for access with training details)

We hope to see you in journal club soon. Together we will be able to advance our knowledge base, foster fascinating discourse and connect with colleagues across the Asia Pacific Region.

See you in Journal Club!

Warm regards,

Prof Dr. David Choon Siew Kit
APOA Chair of Education

How It Works

• Access a Discussion

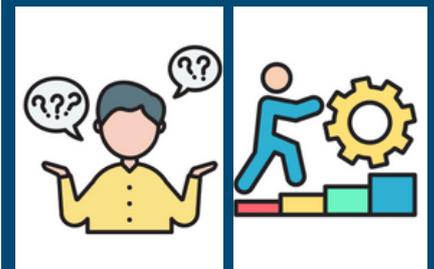
Browse active discussions in your field of interest. Each begins with a summary of the chosen paper, discussion questions, and relevant resources.

• Join the Conversation

Read what others are saying, share your own thoughts, and engage in meaningful dialogue. Support thoughtful your colleagues' contributions with a “LIKE ❤️”.

• Earn Recognition

Active participants can earn digital badges to display on their APOA profile, recognizing their contributions to our learning community



ASEAN TRAVELLING FELLOWSHIP REPORT ON AUSTRALIAN ORTHOPAEDIC ASSOCIATION ASM 2025

Hobart 12-16 October 2025

Andri Maruli Tua Lubis (Indonesia)
Peter Quiaoit (Philippines)

We are delighted to have the opportunity to serve as ASEAN traveling fellows at the AOA (Australian Orthopaedic Association) annual meeting from October 12 to 16, 2025.

We were able to participate in many activities, both scientific and networking, as well as see the beautiful sites of Hobart, Tasmania, which were invaluable.

On October 12, 2025, we had the opportunity to observe a practice oral examination for residents who will be taking the National Board examinations the following year. We were very fortunate to have Professor Ton Tran, Chairman of the Asia Pacific Committee of the AOA, who accompanied us throughout the event in Hobart. We learned a lot during the practice exam. We were allowed to accompany two examiners in the exam room. As observers, we learned how to test effectively and provide appropriate feedback. This was certainly very useful, and we can share the positive things we learned during our observations with our colleagues in our respective countries. The examination committee was also very kind in discussing and sharing information with us, and answered all our questions well.

After the exam, we were invited to a light delicious meal at the Murre's restaurant, including some truly fresh Tasmanian oysters. In the evening, we attended a welcome dinner, where we had the opportunity to meet old friends and make new ones.

On Monday, October 13, 2025, we participated in the full-day AOA meeting. We attended a spectacular opening ceremony. AOA President Dr. Scott Fletcher opened the event and warmly welcomed all participants. We thoroughly enjoyed the sessions. In the evening, we attended a dinner reception at a vineyard, just outside of Hobart. The event was very memorable and elegant.



During the break of the practice exam: Dr. Peter Quiaoit, Prof. Tran, A/Prof. Bryan Ashman (Dean of Education, AOA) and Dr. Andri Lubis

On Tuesday, October 14, 2025, we had the opportunity to participate in another scientific session. In the afternoon, we had the opportunity to present our respective lectures.



In the evening, we had the unique opportunity to visit the Tasmanian Government House and meet the Governor of Tasmania, the honorable Barbara Baker AC and her husband, Emeritus Professor Don Chalmers AO who welcomed us warmly. We even had the opportunity to be taken on a tour of the Governor's residence, and learned many things, including seeing firsthand the tree planted by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II during Her Majesty's visit to Tasmania.



On Wednesday, October 15, 2025, we were able to participate in another scientific session successfully. We learned many interesting things from the presentations. In the afternoon, we briefly visited Kunanyi/Mount Wellington for a short tour. Upon returning to Hobart, we visited the Antarctic model house, a replica of the Mowson's hut which is a museum.



Visit to Kunanyi/Mount Wellington

That evening, we attended a magnificent gala dinner with delicious food. We had the opportunity to network with many colleagues from Australia and other countries. At this gala dinner, we also witnessed the handover of the AOA presidency from Dr. Scott Fletcher to Dr. Mark Moroney.



On Thursday, October 16, 2025, we were able to attend the scientific session at the AOA meeting again.



Receiving our certificates from Dr. Ken Cutbush, the Scientific Secretary of the AOA meeting.



We had a very good and interesting experience by participating in the ASEAN traveling fellowship to the Australian Orthopaedic Association meeting. We express our deepest gratitude to Professor Ton Tran who always accompanied us and was very friendly with us. We also thank Past President AOA Dr. Scott Fletcher and Dr. Mark Moroney who were very friendly and gave us the opportunity to participate in this fellowship. We also thank the secretariat of the Australian Orthopaedic Association, as well as the secretariat of the ASEAN Orthopaedic Association who helped and supported us so that the fellowship could run smoothly. We were very happy to meet old friends and make new friends, both AOA members and meeting participants. We hope that this kind of fellowship will continue, and that there will be an even closer collaboration between the ASEAN Orthopaedic Association and the Australian Orthopaedic Association.

By ASEAN Travelling Fellows:
Andri Maruli Tua Lubis (Indonesia)
Peter Quiaoit (Philippines)

FEMECOT CONGRESS IN GUADALAJARA, MEXICO REPORT 2025

Guadalajara 21-25 October 2025

Ted Mah

Mexican Federation of Orthopaedic and Traumatology (FEMECOT) was founded in 1967, became an affiliate member of APOA in 2025. The XXXV FENECOT congress was held in Guadalajara, second biggest city in Mexico where APOA was invited as a guest association. APOA was represented by Prof Nico Budhiparama, President of APOA, Prof Onder Ardingoz, first VP, Prof Ted Mah, Past President and Prof Merter Ozenci, President of Sports Injury Section of APOA.



The FEMECOT congress was held at the Guadalajara Convention Centre attended by over 6800 delegates from ten national societies and seven international societies. It was held over 5 days involving 17 meeting halls and over 490 poster presentations. A total of 262 hours of clinical activities involving 354 faculty members including 64 international faculty members. There was 146 trade exhibits covering over 5000 square meters of exhibition supporting such a large meeting.



The opening ceremony involved a parade of the Mexican military followed by speeches from various invited international presidents and awards ceremony. The cocktail reception afterwards was full given the large number of delegates.

The meetings were conducted in Spanish with the exception of international speakers. There was real time translation from Spanish to English in certain sessions but the quality of translation was poor, so was the headsets. I found it easier to use Google Translate on my phone to follow the presentations and Q&A afterwards. Interestingly at Q&A, the audients will ask questions to local presenters in Spanish whist using English for the visitors.

The organiser provided a breakfast meeting for the invited spouses and a day tour for all invited international guests.

The Presidential dinner was held at beautiful historic Institute Cultural Cabanas.



Our Mexican colleagues were gracious hosts and most helpful in providing information and directions regarding local tours and shopping. I was very impressed by the high quality and variety of Mexican food culture as well as their excellent ceramics and exquisite handmade silver and gold jewellery. We explored the Tequila town and sampled many different tequila with great enjoyment.



Mexican Halloween costumes

Despite a long journey for the APOA delegates from Australia, Indonesia and Turkey to attend this meeting, it was a very memorable experience and we all learned a great deal about the Mexican culture and custom.

I thank our members of FEMECOT for their hospitality, camaraderie and friendship.

Prof Ted Mah
Past President, APOA
Founding President of APOA H&UL Society



• Faculties

- 290 National Faculties
- 64 International Faculties
- 354 Total Number of Faculties
- 10 Invited National Societies
- 7 Invited International Societies

• Conferences

- 892 Lectures
- 92 Q&A Sessions
- 32 Modules
- 3 Keynote Lectures
- 262 Hours of Academic Activity
- 45 Clinical Cases
- 8 Interactive Sessions
- 9 Workshops
- 12 Hours of Activity for Residents
- 26 Industry Symposia
- 7 Hours of Activity for Nursing
- 5267.50 m² Total Commercial Exhibition Area
- 146 Total Number of Booths
- 6,818 Total Attendees



PHOTO GALLERY

Guadalajara 2025



Cairns 2025



PHOTO GALLERY

Kuala Lumpur 2025



Hobart 2025

