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**The ASEM Council meeting** in November 2009 shows that the Society remains in a healthy financial position and membership is increasing. Councillors encourage existing member of the Society to introduce ASEM to their colleagues in EM.

The Directory of Australasian Emergency Departments has now been distributed and has been well received by all those requesting a copy. Rick Lowen was instrumental in assisting the difficult birth. A revised edition is planned for the second half of 2011.

The Spring Seminar on Emergency Medicine in 2011 will be held at Coffs Harbour in NSW. ASEM members will be offered a \$100 discount towards registration. The Society is taking an active role in the Safety and Quality Commission chaired by Dr Chris Baggoley.

The Commission hopes to develop national strategic and operational safety and quality plans. The proposed framework would be patient focused, driven by information and organized for safety.

**ACTION 09** was the ACEM 26th annual scientific meeting in Melbourne in November. Controversial topics included the management of stroke, legal issues and the use of CT coronary angiograms. It was well attended and a link to the conference papers can be found on page 12.

Dr McCarthy, ACEM president, confirmed that the College was developing a certificate and diploma course for non-specialist doctors in 2010. ASEM will contribute to this enterprise. An invitation was issued to all delegates to attend the 13th ICEM in Singapore 9-12 June 2010.

### Contributions

Contributions are actively sought from all ASEM members. These could encompass talks attended, significant issues both on local or national scale, worthwhile websites and can be in any form from a letter to the editor to a more formal article. Failing that, emails to the editor would also be gratefully accepted for inclusion in the Society News.

### Victorian ED Triathlon 2010

Now in its eighth year, the Victorian ED Team Triathlon is on again on Sunday 21st March 2010. Posters are going up in ED's around Victoria seeking members to represent their hospital. The event comprises a 300 metre swim, followed by a 10km ride, finishing with a 3km run.

Epworth was the convincing winner in 2009 and they are seeking to maintain their place on the podium. However, expect keen competition from the others. The Austin is looking to better their second place performance and Frankston is looking hungry. Details can be found on [supersprint.com.au](http://supersprint.com.au) or contact Dr Tim Baker: [tim.baker@deakin.edu.au](mailto:tim.baker@deakin.edu.au) The event is again sponsored by ASEM, Bed Brokers and Medic On Call.



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