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AMPA Conference Highlights (an Oz perspective)

Having traveled to our nearest loveable overseas destination (NZ) to attend AMPA's 1st conference, ASEM attendees received red carpet treatment as West Island VIPs. ASEM attendees were not only formally welcomed but enthusiastically included in the program. Whilst AMPA remained humble in appraisal of their own achievements, ASEM Councilors felt that they had "come a long way" in defining their own training program, attaining local recognition by other specialists and running a great first conference event.

Brenda Evitt (CEO-AMPA) and organizing committee members are to be commended on the outcome of their efforts. **The Emergence of Urgent Care conference** focused on the learning needs of doctors providing urgent care, with significant and appropriate attention to the definition of urgent care and clinical conditions treated by their practitioners.

The keynote speaker- Dr Lee Resnick, from USA, served as president and chair of academics for the Urgent Care Association

of America (comprising 9000 centres and practitioners nationwide) & helped develop the first fellowship in urgent care. representing over .

Other excellent talks by NZ specialists covered topics including: Orthopaedics; Eyes; Metabolic; medicine; Radiology; Oncology; Procedural sedation; Dive Medicine; O & G; Acute Paediatrics; Acute Psychiatry; Abdominal pain; Resuscitation; ENT; Anaphylaxis as well as Errors in Urgent Care Management. ACT EM specialist, Sashi Kumar also lectured on difficult airway management and Vic ED Director, Adam Janson participated in an international panel discussion on Urgent Care.

It was felt a non specialist diploma/ second tier qualification of EM in Aus-

tralia could be revisited, particularly since the NSW government has been seeking certification for its CMOs, who provide emergency care, through IMET (see Page 2 article) . Informal discussions on this matter were informative and shared knowledge regarding the AMPA and other Uni post grad diploma programs in EM.

The conference venue at the Langham in Auckland was outstanding and the social program was enthusiastically supported into the late hours by the Australian at least. Opportunities to network with our New Zealand colleagues were most worthwhile, as were contacts With ASCMO members (the Australian Career Medical Officers Organization) establishing future links.

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A good number of AMPA doctors joined ASEM from our conference Booth there, (ably manned by Gayle and other Councilors) which also promoted the EMA and Australian EM conferences. I would commend future AMPA seminars to Oz EM doctors as a welcomed addition to the Australasian EM conference landscape.

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