

Local Organising Committee Chair Expression of Interest

The Scientific Conference Committee (SCC) are seeking expressions of interest for the Local Organising Committee (LOC) Chair.

This position is an exciting one that allows a lot of growth and development within the society. The main role of the LOC chair is to be the key facilitator of the annual conference program.

If elected to the LOC Chair role, the first key step in the process is to organise and put together a committee. It is suggested that the committee be no more than 6 people including the chair position. To ensure this process is fair, equitable and open to all, this is usually done via a call out to all local ANZSRS member via the ANZSRS webmaster.

The next step is to organise a meeting with the LOC committee and come up with a proposal for the theme and keynote speakers. The SCC Chair will provide you with an excel spreadsheet that outlines the past 10 years themes and speakers.

Once the SCC have agreed to the proposed theme and speakers, the LOC organises the invitation the keynote speakers. While this is being prepared the SCC and The Conference Committee (TCC) work in the background alongside the LOC Chair organising the abstracts.

The LOC Chair will work closely with the Thoracic Society of Australia and New Zealand (TSANZ) elected representatives to come up with the content for the joint ANZSRS/TSANZ masterclass and plenary. These sessions have always been very well attended and showcases the best of both societies. There are usually two ANZSRS workshops that the LOC plan, these are usually focused on new methods or new guidelines.

The role involves sitting on the TSANZSRS board for a year. This meeting occurs every 6 weeks and reduces in length as the conference gets closer. The other members of the panel include the ANZSRS and TSANZ SCC Chair, ANZSRS/TSANZ LOC Chairs, ANZSRS board member and the TSANZ CEO. This meeting is with TCC and covers timelines, budget progression and sponsorship updates. It allows everyone to be across the planning and organisation of the meeting.

The LOC Chair is also responsible for the organisation of the dinner. This includes helping select the menu and most importantly the theme of the night.

The LOC Chair is responsible for proposing the judges for the abstract presentations and the chairs for each of the sessions.

If you are elected as the LOC Chair you will automatically be elected to the SCC and is a 3-year commitment. The SCC are there to help review grant applications, conference documents and to help ratify proposed judges and speakers.

You can find the current structure below.

To ensure the process is clear and to help guide you through this great opportunity a zoom meeting will occur between the LOC chair and SCC chair to meet one another and to work through the process in detail. The current LOC chair may also reach out to pass on some useful information.

Please don't hesitate to call me if you want to discuss this opportunity.

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ANZSRS President
Current Position: Danny Brazzale

ANZSRS Board
Conference portfolio
Current Position Danny Brazzale

Scientific Conference Committee Chair
Current Position: Lauren Bussell

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LOC Chair 2024
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Scientific Conference Committee
LOC Chair 2023
Current Position: Audrey Quinlan

Scientific Conference Committee
LOC Chair 2022
Current Position: Cathy
Pendergrast

Scientific Conference Committee
Member at Large
Current Position: Tamara Blake