



## Strong attendance at Queensland Branch meeting



A/Prof Tim Sullivan

*The Queensland Branch Annual Scientific Meeting in Cairns from 9-12 August, attracted more than 150 ophthalmologists from around Australia and New Zealand.*

With its theme of Cataract and Anterior Surgery Update, the meeting featured three high calibre speakers in Dr David Rootman, Dr Sheraz Daya and Dr Bob Cionni.

Dr Rootman is an Associate Professor of Ophthalmology at the University of Toronto in Canada and Director of the Eye Bank in Canada.

Dr Daya, of the Queen Victoria Hospital, East Grinstead, United Kingdom, specialises in corneal, anterior segment and keratorefractive surgery, has particular expertise in problems following refractive surgery, high risk corneal transplants and stem cell deficiency. Dr Cionni is Medical Director of the Cincinnati Eye Institute, Ohio, USA.

The organising group for the meeting comprised A/Prof Tim Sullivan and Drs Mark Dal Pra and Peter Cranstoun, with Ms Shan Fleming of Event Solutions again having the role of congress manager. There was a strong support from the ophthalmic industry and interested groups, with 31 booth spaces occupied by 20 companies. Major sponsors were Advanced Medical Optics, Alcon Australia, Bausch and Lomb, Novartis Ophthalmics and Pfizer Australia. Allergan Australia were a key sponsor.

The meeting, at the Cairns International Hotel, had a social program which included a welcome reception and an informal, poolside buffet dinner.

A number of aspects of the scientific program received strong interest from the local media, with Russell Bach, Mark Dal Pra, Brian Todd, Graham Lee and College President Allan Rosenberg being interviewed by Win TV, Channel 7 and the Cairns Post.



Dr Peter Cranstoun (left) and Dr Mark Dal Pra



Guest speakers Dr Robert Cionni, A/Prof David Rootman and Dr Sheraz Daya

The Branch Annual General Meeting was held, with Dr Cranstoun, Dr Bred Horsburgh and A/Prof Glen Gole elected as Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer respectively. The outgoing Chair, Dr Russell Bach, received strong thanks for his commitment to the role.



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