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President's Message



Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to 2018 as we kick off the year with our 2018 Annual Conference! We look forward to welcoming you at the Masonic Centre, 16-17 March. This means we have less than 2 weeks remaining before this exciting event starts.

The OTA executive team involved in organising this year's Conference has worked long and hard to present speakers with topics of interest to all perioperative nurses. We need you, perioperative nurses to register, bring along one of your colleagues to learn what is taking place in the perioperative nursing world.

A summary of the speakers' topics and bios for both days are included in this newsletter. A full description can be found on the OTA website <https://www.ota.org.au/pages/conference.html>. As in previous years' delegates registering for the conference dinner on Friday night are encouraged to dress-up and enjoy the evening.

The trade exhibition is a sell out! Their representatives will be more than happy to discuss their products.

This will be a busy year for perioperative nurses, as the joint biennial conference with ACORN and ASIORNA will follow in Adelaide this May.... The possible dilemma for many perioperative nurses will be which one to attend! Why not say 'yes' to both! The Operating Theatre Association of NSW and the ACT Annual Conference is a great event every year and provides opportunities for all perioperative nurses to meet new people, catch up with old friends, look at new equipment that is available, and worthy presentations with lots of information to take away from the conference.

Our professional education day (PED) dates for 2018 can be found at the end of the newsletter. The teams involved in organising these PED days in Sydney and Zones work hard to make the day educational, interesting and relevant. Take a note of the dates, and remember, they are open to all perioperative nurses, as well as nurses' who have an interest in this specialist area.

We are looking for OTA members who can contribute some of their time to assist with specific tasks. As a non-Executive Member you can accept tasks, such as assisting with the professional education days. Please do not hesitate to ask, tasks/responsibilities are containable within the time you have available.

In 2017 we had our members' survey, thank you to everyone who responded and provided their feedback. We are currently reviewing the results and have some plans to implement changes based on these results. One of the main points from the survey is the role of the OTA Executive and how to involve members from across the state and territory. We are reviewing how we hold our monthly executive meetings to be able to include members who may not be able to attend these meetings in person.

2018 will see changes for the association and we will keep you up to date. I hope to see you all at conference.

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