Position Statement:

Dual Presentations of Papers at ANZSRS & TSANZ Annual Scientific Meetings

Policy:

- ANZSRS members are strongly encouraged to present their work at the ANZSRS Annual Scientific Meeting;
- Dual presentations at ANZSRS and TSANZ Annual Scientific meetings in the same year are allowable;
- Abstracts of such presentations should be endorsed “This paper is also being presented at ANZSRS/TSANZ (as appropriate) meeting”.

Rationale:

- The SCC strongly feels that the position of the ANZSRS Board as expressed in the minutes of the 2006 board meeting, i.e. "The Board agreed that, in principle, ANZSRS should discourage double submission at the ASM and instead encourage a separation of the abstract so that clinical aspects go to TSANZ and physiological aspects go to ANZSRS", would lead to a reduction in the standard of presentations at the ANZSRS meeting. Such a reduction should not be countenanced, given the steady increase in meeting standard, and standing, over the past 25 years;
- TSANZ have no problems with dual presentations;
- The editor of Respirology, Philip Thompson, also has no problems with dual presentations and the subsequent dual publishing of the abstracts;
- Where presenters choose the TSANZ as the best forum for their presentation, this policy will still allow the ANZSRS audience the benefit of the whole paper, rather than an abbreviated "technology/physiology" presentation;
- Possible dual citations of a single paper on curriculum vitae resulting from dual publication of the abstract are a matter for the individual author concerned only. Endorsement of the abstract according to the third policy point will ensure readers & other interested parties, e.g. prospective employers, academic regulators, etc, are well informed & able to make appropriate judgements as to the worth of such citations.

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