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It is with pleasure that I present the Chairman's Report for 2009 /2010. The past 12 months has seen continued growth in a range of activities undertaken by the ARC. The demand for the Advanced Life Support and Immediate Life Support courses is encouraging with courses running for the first time in a number of locations. We are also pleased to be part of an international study co-ordinated Resuscitation Council (UK) in assessing the teaching outcomes of an ALS e-learning program. The ARC Instructors Course continues to be popular in meeting the teaching needs of ALS instructors.

The ILCOR evidence evaluation process for 2010 is nearing completion after almost 5 years of international efforts in evaluating the resuscitation science. The ARC played a key role in this international process and I wish to thank all those council members, and other interested individuals, who gave of their time to complete worksheets. The Consensus on Science and Treatment Recommendations will be published in the journals *Circulation* and *Resuscitation* on October 18th 2010. The ARC will release its revised guidelines in late November.

In April 2010 a number of ARC council members were invited to the New Zealand Resuscitation Council conference. During this meeting both the ARC and New Zealand Resuscitation Council took the opportunity to meet. It was agreed that the two councils should aim to work closer under the ANZCOR umbrella. It was agreed that where possible the ARC and NZRC should co-badge the resuscitation algorithms. This is an excellent initiative and I thank my New Zealand counterpart – Dr Richard Aickin – for his support in having common resuscitation guidelines. Such collaboration augers well for ongoing relationships between our two councils.

The ARC remains in sound financial position and this has allowed the appointment of an ARC Course co-ordinator and research officer – both to support the important activities of council. I thank the two appointees in these positions who have taken to the role with enthusiasm and skill.

The next 12 months should see continued growth in ARC activities. Some of the things we have traditionally done in the past now require revision and the publication of CoSTR later this year provides a natural point for this to occur. In April 2011 the Spark of Life conference will be held in Perth. Keynote speakers include Dr Jerry Nolan (UK), Dr Gavin Perkins (UK), Dr Bob Hickey (UWA) Dr Jeff Pearlman (USA), Professor Graham Nichol (USA) and Professor Ken Hillman (Aust). Details are on the ARC website (www.resus.org.au) and I look forward seeing you in Perth.

Finally I would like to thank my colleagues on the ARC executive and council who willingly give of their time in meeting the objectives of Council. In addition the ARC could not be effective without the presence functioning secretariat and thus would like to acknowledge the outstanding and long contribution of our Executive Officer Carol Carey.



Professor Ian Jacobs
Chairman
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