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It is with pleasure that I present the Chairman's Report for 2010/2011. The previous 12 months has seen continued growth in the activities of the ARC and maintains its prominent role as Australia's peak advisory body on resuscitation.

Internationally we continue to actively participate with our colleagues from the New Zealand Resuscitation Council within the International Liaison Committee of Resuscitation (ILCOR). November 2010 saw the publication of the International Consensus of Resuscitation Science and Treatment recommendations and the subsequent updating of resuscitation guidelines. Of significance was the co-badging of the revised guidelines as joint ARC and NZRC guidelines. This is a major step forward in ensuring uniform guidelines across the two countries and I am indebted to my NZRC colleagues for their outstanding support in making this happen. While the international consensus on science 2010 is now completed planning is now through ILCOR as to the process for future updates.

The 8th International Spark of Life Conference was held in Perth on 7-9 April. The conference once again was a highly successful with just on 500 registered delegates and 50 plus trade representatives in attendance. The focus of the conference was to explore the new or revised guidelines and associated science. The international and national invited speakers were tremendous in delivering this information and I thank them for their contribution to what some say "was the best Spark of Life to date". I warmly extend an invitation to all to attend the 9th International Spark of Life to be held in Melbourne in April 2013.

A major focus of the ARC is the Advanced, Immediate and Instructor courses. Demand for these courses continues to grow and we have now held courses in all states and territories in Australia. In addition we have now updated all the training materials following revisions to the resuscitation guidelines. It is most gratifying to see an increase in the number of professional colleges (Medical and Nursing) endorsing the ARC courses for continuing professional education.

The success of the ARC is very much dependent on the support of the member organisations and their representatives. The efforts of council members in reviewing guideline material, deliberations and discussion at the numerous council meetings and disseminating this information to their organisations are acknowledged greatly appreciated. This remains a core function of the ARC. During this year we see several members complete their term on Council. Of significant note I would like to sincerely thank and acknowledge the outstanding contribution of Jennifer Dennett (convenor of the Basic Life Support group), John Hall (Treasurer) and Peter Warfe (St John Ambulance representative) who collectively have given over 40 years service to the ARC.

I would like to thank my colleagues on the ARC and in particular the members of the Executive who continue to provide tremendous support to the functioning and growth of the ARC. Finally, my sincere thanks to Carol Carey – our Executive Officer – who is the glue that holds it all together and makes chairing the Council a privilege.



Professor Ian Jacobs
Chairman
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