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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2011 – 2012

It is with pleasure that I present this report on behalf of the Australian Resuscitation Council. The ARC remains Australia's peak resuscitation body and recognised internationally as a founding member of the International Liaison Committee on Resuscitation (ILCOR).

During the past 12 months the ARC has continued to engage the resuscitation community, review and develop national resuscitation guidelines, contribute to the international resuscitation world through ILCOR and provide high quality Advanced Life Support (ALS) courses. Importantly our relationship with the New Zealand Resuscitation Council (NZRC) continues to strengthen with resuscitation guidelines being co-badged by both the ARC and NZRC

The international resuscitation community is once again gearing up for the science evaluation process leading to the release of Guidelines 2015. Unlike previous science reviews, ILCOR is developing a process of continuous evidence evaluation in preference to a "batch and queue" process. This is seen to be a much more sustainable approach in evaluating the resuscitation science and translating the evidence to guidelines. Interestingly, this is the approach that the ARC has had in place for decades in revising and developing resuscitation guidelines.

The year also saw continued growth in our ALS provider and instructor courses. Over the period covered by this report there were 104 ALS-1 courses, 75 ALS-2 courses, 3 ALS-1 instructor courses and 7 ALS-2 instructor courses. This is an outstanding effort and council acknowledges the significant, and often personal contribution, made by the many instructors and course centres. A further initiative during 2011-2012 is the development of a Neonatal Resuscitation Course to be administered by the ARC. This course will be offered in early 2013 and has been a collaborative effort from a number of individuals from both Australia and New Zealand under the stewardship of Dr Helen Liley.



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It is pleasing to report that the ARC remains financially sound mainly due to the various course activities, subscriptions and Spark of Life conferences every second year. However, as our activities grow so does the cost of doing business and accordingly we have increased the staffing to meet demand. The ARC will need to ensure that further increases in demand for services are underpinned by a sound business case.

The Spark of Life conference will be next held in April 2013 returning to the site of our first conference – Hilton on the Park Hotel in Melbourne. The conference promises to deliver the very best and latest information relating to resuscitation. Keynote speakers include Dr Dana Edelson (USA), Professor Mads Gilbert (Norway), Dr Swee Han Lim (Singapore) and Professor Laurie Morrison (Canada). Professor Stephen Bernard from Victoria will be the Australasian Visitor. In addition to the conference, ILCOR will be holding a two day meeting immediately following the Spark of Life in Melbourne and many of the ILCOR delegates will be attending the Spark of Life.

As always the running of the ARC relies heavily on the goodwill and hard work of its council representatives who give freely of their time and expertise. I wish to specifically acknowledge the members of the executive committee who are responsible for the day-to-day activities of the Council. I particularly wish to thank our Executive Officer – Mrs Carol Carey – who provides tremendous support to council, Mr Mike Gale who co-ordinates our courses and Suzie Davies, our Research Officer. On behalf of council please accept our sincere thanks for a job well done.

I look forward to seeing you at the Spark of Life Conference in April 2013.

Professor Ian Jacobs
 Chairman