

ANZSBT Ruth Sanger Oration

Professor Albert Farrugia, USA



Albert Farrugia is the Senior Director, Global Access of the Plasma Protein Therapeutics Association, a position he took up in September 2008. Before that he was in the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) since 1994, and served as the Head of Blood and Tissue Services in the that agency between 2003-08. Prior to which he had worked for 15 years in blood systems in Malta, the UK and Australia. Albert Farrugia received his BSc from the University of Malta in 1978 and his PhD from the Department of Transfusion Medicine in the University of Edinburgh in 1984. In 1988 he was elected a Fellow of the British Institute of Biomedical Sciences. He has had an active research career and has over ninety publications to his credit. He has served on the WHO Global Blood Safety Collaboration, the European Pharmacopeia Commission and the Council of Europe Committee Quality Assurance in Blood Transfusion, as well as being a member of the WHO's Expert Advisory Panel on Biological Standardisation. He has been a senior adviser on blood and tissues to the governments and non-government agencies, including the Medical Advisory Board of the World Federation of Haemophilia with responsibility for blood safety issues. He is also a Visiting Professor in the University of Western Australia and the University of Canberra.

ASTH Barry Firkin Oration

Professor John Fletcher, NSW



John Fletcher is Professor of Surgery and Head of the University of Sydney Department of Surgery, Director of Vascular Surgery at Westmead Hospital and Director of the Westmead Vascular Biology Research Centre. Major clinical interests are the endovascular management of aortic aneurysm, the non-invasive investigation of vascular disease and the prevention and treatment of venous thromboembolism; basic research interests are the cellular mechanisms in atherosclerotic plaque formation, inhibition of intimal hyperplasia following vascular interventions and prevention of prosthetic vascular graft infection.

HSANZ Carl de Gruchy Oration

Professor Luen Bik To, SA



Luen Bik To is the Clinical Director of Haematology at SA Pathology responsible for clinical and laboratory haematology and associated research in South Australia. From the University of Hong Kong, he came to the Royal Adelaide Hospital/Institute of Medical and Veterinary Science campus. There he pioneered peripheral blood stem cell mobilisation and transplantation and is interested in normal and leukaemic haemopoiesis, multiple myeloma, regenerative medicine, providing a world class haematology service and attracting top graduates to haematology.