



**DATE: 17 April 2020**

**SUBJECT: POSTPONEMENT OF SSA 2020 CONFERENCE**

On behalf of the Stroke Society of Australasia, we are announcing today the postponement of the SSA 2020 Conference which was scheduled to take place in Perth, 8 – 11 September 2020.

This has been a challenging decision, made by the SSA Executive Committee Members and the Conference Organising Committee after reviewing all available information from Governments and health authorities, in response to the current COVID-19 situation and the risk to the wider community stemming from the virus.

We've also taken into account the concerns of speakers, sponsors, exhibitors, stakeholders and potential attendees to commit to the conference. We feel taking the approach to postpone the conference is a responsible and appropriate response to this crisis.

We realise that many of you have prepared research in anticipation of abstract submission and regret that your research will not be able to be presented in person at the SSA ASM this year.

We are currently considering whether a series of eConference sessions may be useful and the format these may take; we will be in contact regarding these in due course. However, we wanted to inform you of the conference postponement as soon as possible to avoid any further abstract preparation efforts at this time.

We are working with the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre to move the conference to 2021, a time when we are confident the current situation will have stabilised and all attendees will be able to make definitive plans to attend the conference. We will be in touch with more information in the coming weeks.

The SSA would also like to formally acknowledge the immense effort put into 2020 ASM planning by Darshan Ghia and the Organising committees.

If you have any queries or concerns, please contact our Conference Organiser;  
[stroke2020@theassociationsspecialists.com.au](mailto:stroke2020@theassociationsspecialists.com.au).

We thank you for your support and patience at this time and we look forward to welcoming you to Perth in 2021.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bernard Yan", is written over a light grey rectangular background.

Bernard Yan  
SSA President