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Tomorrow, The Australasian College of Dermatologists (ACD) will open its 50th Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM) at the new International Convention Centre, Sydney.

The meeting will include a special Graduation Oration and Conferring of Diplomas and Awards at the Great Hall, University of Sydney on Sunday 7 May as this was where the ACD was inaugurated 50 years ago.

President of the ACD, Associate Professor Chris Baker says: “This is an important year for the College as we celebrate 50 years since our inception. It is a significant milestone for dermatology in Australia. Although many fundamentals of dermatological practice remain unchanged from when Dr John Belisario gave his address at the Inauguration of College, much has changed with treatments and technologies, education programs, communication platforms and modern governance.”

The meeting program will feature international dermatologist speakers Professor Alex Anstey from North Wales, Doctor Ashfaq Marghoob from Long Island, Professor Ronald P Rapini from Texas and Doctor Scott Fosko from Saint Louis. The event will cover what’s new in dermatology, emerging technology in the health profession and new treatments for skin conditions.

Tim Wills, Chief Executive Officer of the ACD says: “The ACD 2017 ASM is the principal scientific meeting for dermatologists in Australia, New Zealand and South-East Asia. The objectives of the meeting are the sharing of knowledge and the professional development of dermatologists, nurses and other medical practitioners. The meeting offers a national forum to highlight new research and treatments for skin diseases.”

For the first time, a patient support group forum will be held at the ASM to ascertain how the ACD can partner better with organisations, such as the Eczema Association, to advance skin health and dermatology in Australia.

Cheryl Talent, President of the Eczema Association of Australasia Inc says: “We are excited to be a part of this, the ACD’s 50th ASM, to look towards how we can work with the ACD for eczema patients.”

A history of the ACD will also be released at the event written by historians Jill Barnard and Sonia Jennings from Living Histories. Entitled, *It started from scratch*, the publication covers the history of the ACD and dermatology in Australia.

A/Prof Baker says: “The College’s leadership in matters of skin disease, prevention and patient advocacy, which began 50 years ago, continues now and will do so into the future.”

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