

Ian Jacobs is the Winthrop Professor of Resuscitation and Prehospital Care at the University of Western Australia and Clinical Services Director for St John Ambulance in Western Australia.

Ian's background is in nursing, although he also served 3 years as a paramedic.

He gained his PhD in 1994 with a thesis on *the contribution of ambulance services to the fall in mortality from ischaemic heart disease in Perth*.

Ian has developed particular expertise in clinical epidemiology, which makes him a highly valued contributor to the International Liaison Committee on Resuscitation (ILCOR) cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) science review process.



For almost two decades, Ian has made substantial contributions to resuscitation science and education at national and international levels. Ian was Deputy Chairman of the Australian Resuscitation Council from 1994 to 2000, at which time he became Chairman - a position he still holds. He has been an ILCOR delegate since 2000 and he was ILCOR Secretary from 2006 until last year, when he took over from me as ILCOR Co-Chair. In this position, Ian has demonstrated his exceptional qualities as a leader who is highly respected for his well-informed and balanced opinions and his knowledge of evidence-based medicine in general, and CPR in particular. These qualities are surpassed by his Australian sense of humour, an attribute that, in my experience, is essential if one is to survive as an ILCOR Co-chair!

Ian has been making major contributions to the international CPR science review process since 1998 and has been an Editorial Board Member of *Resuscitation* throughout this time.

Since 2002, Ian has been the driving force behind the highly successful Australian Resuscitation Council Spark of Life Conferences. He was also Co-convenor for the AUstein Meeting in Melbourne in 2002; he then co-led the authorship of the updated Utstein template that followed. He has also this week led the most recent Utstein update meeting.

Ian has contributed not just to the review of resuscitation science but has also published over 100 peer-reviewed papers himself. He has led several key studies and, notably, was chief investigator for the PACA trial, the first placebo-controlled trial of adrenaline in out-of-hospital cardiac arrest. Most recently, he and his colleagues have obtained a substantial grant to set up the Australian Resuscitation Outcomes Consortium (AUS-ROC).

There are few people in the world as committed to resuscitation as Ian Jacobs and I am absolutely delighted that he becomes only the second Australian to be awarded Honorary Membership of the European Resuscitation Council.

Jerry Nolan