

Australian and New Zealand Society of Nephrology

Policy in relation to Funding and Sponsorship

Background

Sponsorship, grants and donations from pharmaceutical and other corporate companies allow the ANZSN to pursue its activities in accordance with its stated goals. This document outlines a set of principles by which the ANZSN as an organization will follow in its dealings with members of the corporate sector in order that perceived or real conflict of interests might be minimised.

Basic Principles

1. The ANZSN aims to have a transparent and consistent approach in its relationships with commercial industries.
2. All members of the ANZSN Council, Standing Committees and other members or individuals in contributing to ANZSN activity, policy, public statements or guidelines must adhere to the sponsorship policy.
3. All funding will be fully disclosed in annual reports of the ANZSN.

Sponsorship of the Annual Scientific Meeting

General sponsorship

1. The ANZSN solicits and accepts sponsorship for its ASM
2. Sponsorship will be acknowledged in published proceedings of the ASM
3. Sponsorship may be qualitatively graded and described accordingly in meeting materials
4. Sponsorship packages may include advertising space, exhibition space and named sponsorship if functions integral to the meeting, as specified in the sponsorship document for the meeting.
5. All sponsorship opportunities will be limited to that permissible by Medicines Australia Guidelines.

Exhibition Space

The ASM brings together many of the opinion leaders in Renal Medicine and Science. The opportunity to access individual members of the renal community has a commercial value and is reflected in the charges that are applied to exhibition space.

Satellite Meetings

The ANZSN does not hold industry sponsored satellite meetings in association with the ASM.

Stand Alone Meeting sponsorship

Stand alone meetings staged by the Society of any of its branches may be sponsored by an entity under the following terms;

1. The ANZSN will have exclusive editorial control over all materials and the meeting program.
2. Invitations and other materials in relation to such a meeting will identify it as an ANZSN activity.
3. The sponsor's logo will not be used, but there will be an agreed credit or acknowledgement.
4. The sponsoring entity may have a product or material display and would, by agreement, be entitled to have a reasonable number of its employees attend the meeting.

Unrestricted Educational Grants

1. The sponsoring entity will have no involvement in the educational activity course for which the grant is used.
2. The grant will be acknowledged but the company's logo will not be used
3. Acceptance of such a grant will not be considered as endorsement of any or all of the sponsoring entity's products or activities
4. There will be no display of commercial product or materials

Fellowships, Awards and Prizes

1. Sponsorship for fellowships, awards and prizes is considered appropriate by the ANZSN
2. All will be advertised within the Society Newsletters, other publications, website and/or in meeting materials
3. The selection process for each award will be determined by the Society
4. The award will be announced or conferred at a mutually agreed time

Other united Donations

In general, the ANZSN does not seek or encourage donations outside the framework describe above from commercial entities.