**TSANZ ASM SIG Symposia Submissions**

**Criteria requirements:**

Proposals from SIGs will be reviewed by the Conference Steering Committee, using the following criteria:

* Relevance to meeting theme ‘Lungs Under the Microscope’.
* Relevance to broad interests of attendees / SIGs.
* Quality of proposed content and speakers (maximum of 4).
* Commitment to [TSANZ Diversity and Inclusion Criteria](https://thoracic.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/TSANZ-Diversity-and-Inclusion-Guidelines_April-2024_Final.pdf): diversity of gender, professional groups, career stage and geography.
  + *Proposals with speaker suggestions that do not follow the criteria will be rejected.*
* Chair selection should consider gender, geography and career level – e.g., encouraging an early career member to pair with a senior career member (maximum of 2).

**Instructions:**

A standard session includes 2 chairs and 3-4 speakers allowing for questions after each presentation.

Alternative session submissions such as panels, Meet the Experts, or debates are welcomed.

Total session length is 90 minutes.

Meet the Expert sessions can be submitted as 45-minute lunchtime proposals.

Proposed speakers and chairs should be contacted with a tentative invitation to ensure availability, and to facilitate planning.

Proposals to be endorsed by the SIG Convenors.

Following acceptance of your proposed symposia as part of the meeting program, proposers will be notified and should reconfirm with their speakers, and a formal invitation will be sent from The Conference Company on behalf of the TSANZSRS ASM Organising Committee.

**International and non-member speakers**

Your proposal may include suggested use of the TSANZ invited plenary speakers:

Prof James Chalmers, University of Dundee, UK

A/Prof Lida Hariri, Massachusetts General Hospital, USA

Prof Nathan Bartlett, The University of Newcastle, Australia

If you propose alternative international speakers, you will need to indicate how these speakers would be funded (e.g., self-funded, organisation, or sponsor support). If sponsor support is suggested, you will be asked to assist The Conference Company in securing funding. If funding cannot be secured, the international speaker must fund themselves or you will need to use a domestic speaker for the presentation.

You must indicate clearly if any domestic (Australia/New Zealand) speakers proposed are outside the thoracic field as non-members that will require financial support to attend.

To assist in TSANZ’s climate impact policy, non-members who require travel funding will be assessed based on involvement in educational content – i.e., number/length of presentations.

*\*Please note, funding is not available for invited speakers who are members of TSANZ*

**The closing date for submission is 24th July 2025 at midnight AWST.**

[SUBMISSION PORTAL](https://tcc.eventsair.com/tsanzsrs-annual-scientific-meeting-2026/sig-proposal)

**Proposers:**

**Proposing SIG(s):**

**Symposium Title:**

**Summary (100 words):**

**Objectives for participant learning (include at least 3):**

*At the conclusion of this session, the participant will be able to:*

**Target SIGs:**

**Target Audience (select all that apply):**

* Basic and translational scientists
* Clinicians
* Pulmonologists
* Fellows and trainees
* Nurses
* Physiotherapists
* Pharmaceutical companies

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| **Presentation Title** | **Length of Presentation** | **Speaker** | **Affiliation** | **Email** | **TSANZ Member?** |
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If an international speaker is proposed, please suggest possible sources of funding:

Alternative domestic speaker if funding is not available for the proposed international speaker:

If a non-member domestic speaker is proposed, please list other symposium they have been proposed for (if any)**:**