

# Prof Frank Thien, MD, FRACP, FCCP

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Professor Frank Thien is current President of APAAACI 2016-2018, having been Secretary-General from 2000 to 2013, and President-Elect 2013-2016. He is the inaugural Director of the Department of Respiratory Medicine at Eastern Health, Box Hill Hospital, Monash University, Eastern Health Clinical School, Melbourne, Australia. He was born in Malaysia, but had his secondary and tertiary education in Australia, graduating from Monash Medical School, in Melbourne in 1983. He did initial research towards his Doctor of Medicine thesis at Guy's Hospital, London, on "Eosinophils, n-3 Fatty Acids and Asthma" between 1989 and 1992 resulting in publications in top-ranked international journals of allergy, immunology and respiratory medicine. On his return to Australia, he was awarded the Australian Lung Foundation Fellowship in 1994 by the Thoracic Society of Australia and New Zealand to develop bronchoscopic techniques in studying airway inflammation in asthmatic subjects. He was also awarded a traveling fellowship by the Royal Australasian College of Physicians in 1994 to study mechanisms of aspirin induced asthma at the Jagellonian University in Cracow, Poland. From 1995, he worked as a physician in respiratory medicine and allergy at the Alfred Hospital in Melbourne, until his appointment to his current position in 2008.

He has strong research interests in severe asthma, drug allergy, interstitial lung disease, and functional pulmonary imaging. This includes Australian National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) research grant income in excess of AUD\$2.75 million in the last 5 years. His productivity in research is reflected in his strong and consistent publication record showing 128 papers listed on PubMed including 26 papers since 2012. The significance of this publication record is also highlighted by with 7007 citations of his publications overall, including 2472 since 2012, and an overall h-index of 39, including 23 since 2012. Prof. Thien's work is recognised internationally and he has been invited speaker to a number of international meetings including the lectureships at at the 2013 Milan and 2015 Seoul World Allergy Congresses, and the 2013 Taiwan, and 2016 Kuala Lumpur APAAACI Congresses.