



SAC Chair's Report
ALTG Members' Meeting
17th August 2016



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Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC)



- Chair Nick Pavlakis
- President Paul Mitchell
- Past President Michael Millward
- Deputy Chair Ben Solomon
- Consumers Andrew Bowen & Ian Stubbin
- Research Fellow Peey Sei Kok, Annette Tognela & Subo Thavaneswaran
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- Medical Oncology Michael Boyer & Andrew Davidson
- NZ Member Mark McKeage
- Palliative Care Michael Franco
- Psycho-oncology Haryana Dhillon
- Radiation Oncology Michael MacManus & Shankar Siva
- Respiratory Medicine Jeff Bowden & Kwun Fong
- Trials Research Nurse Christine Cocks
- CTC Representatives Ann Livingstone & Martin Stockler
- Statistician Chris Brown & Mark Donoghoe (CTC)
- Translational Research Sonia Yip (CTC)



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Trials – details later

- BR.31
- NIVORAD
- DREAM
- PEARL
- Concepts
- November workshop



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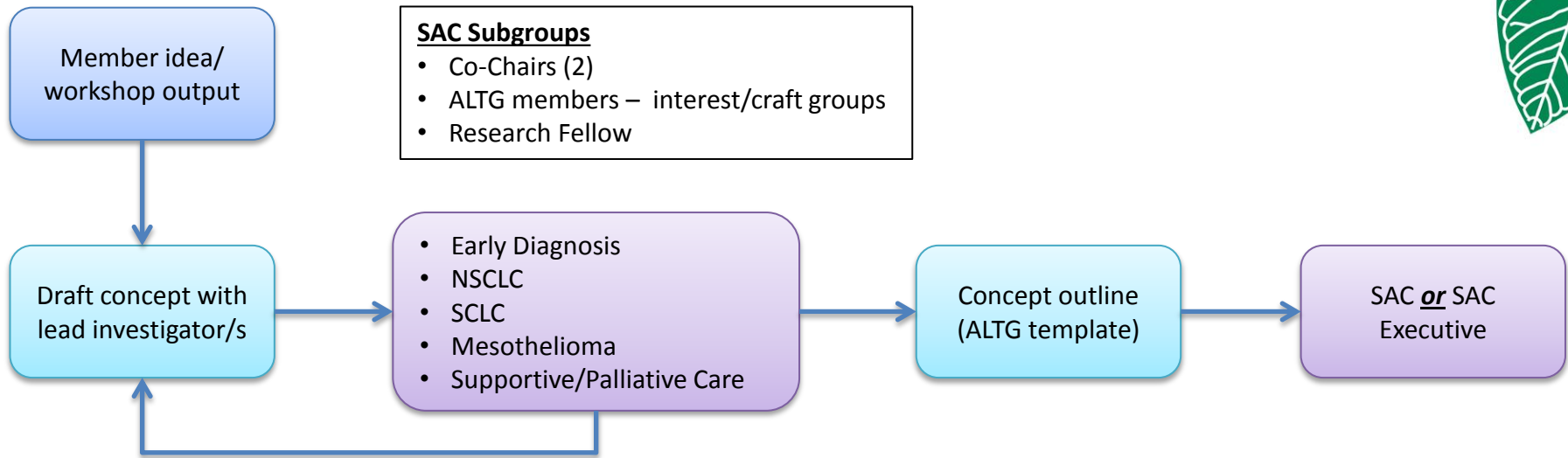
New SAC Structure



- Strengthen ALTG's reputation as a "preferred partner" for investigator-led thoracic oncology clinical research in the region
- Build the ALTG pipeline
 - Increase trial opportunities for members and patients
 - Engage more members in SAC activities
 - Reduce financial dependence on Cancer Australia
- Improve processes for review and development of new trial concepts
 - Quality of feedback
 - Faster turnaround
 - Greater transparency and communication with the investigator



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- SAC Subgroups**
- Co-Chairs (2)
 - ALTG members – interest/craft groups
 - Research Fellow

- Early Diagnosis
- NSCLC
- SCLC
- Mesothelioma
- Supportive/Palliative Care

- SAC**
- SAC Chair
 - SAC Deputy Chair
 - ALTG President
 - ALTG Past-President
 - Subgroup Co-Chairs (at least 1 per subgroup)
 - CAP reps (2)
 - Data centre reps (3) – operations, clinical & stats
 - ALTG Executive Officer
 - Research Fellow

- SAC Executive**
- SAC Chair **AND/OR**
 - Deputy Chair
 - ALTG President **AND/OR**
 - ALTG Past-President
 - Subgroup Co-Chairs (1/subgroup based on agenda)
 - Data centre reps – operations, clinical , stats PRN
 - ALTG Executive Officer
 - Research Fellow



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Roles and Responsibilities



- SAC meetings alternate with SAC Executive meetings
 - Twice as many opportunities for concept review
 - SAC Executive can also be scheduled ad hoc
- SAC Subgroup Co-Chairs
 - Meetings organisation
 - Subgroup review of concepts and feedback to PI



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Membership



- SAC Co-Chairs
 - Early Diagnosis & Screening – Fraser Brims, Annette McWilliams
 - NSCLC – Craig Lewis, Ken O’Byrne
 - SCLC – Matthew Links, Michael Millward
 - Mesothelioma – Steven Kao, Anna Nowak
 - Supportive & Palliative Care – Michael Franco, Haryana Dhillon
- Any ALTG member may participate in one or more subgroups based on their interest and availability
 - Create a pool of potential reviewers from which to draw when new concepts are submitted
 - Share the workload
 - Opportunity to develop research skills
 - Flexibility and more rapid feedback to PI and SAC/SAC Executive



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Next Steps



- Implement for a six month trial period
- ALTG Secretariat will support subgroup formation and meetings
- Evaluate
 - Timeliness
 - Progress of new concepts to SAC/SAC Executive
 - Member engagement
 - PI satisfaction with support provided
- We need your help – join a subgroup/s



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