



### **Title: APLI forum, 2015. Theme: Mentoring into the Future**

The 2015 annual APLI forum took place on 31 August, at Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre. This year, the AGM was held in conjunction with the forum with some members able to participate by videoconference. The program included presentations about the Leadership Development Initiative, an initiative started by Charles Frank Ferris, Kathy Foley, Mary Calloway and Joe Hartford, USA. The LDI was developed to advance the understanding and practice of palliative care around the world. Dr Mark Boughey has been part of the international leadership mentoring group and spoke about the mutuality of learning that occurs through this program, with mentors extending their skills and understanding of leadership in palliative care, along with the nominated participants from diverse countries. In this capacity, Mark has visited Mongolia on a number of occasions to support the inspirational work of Dr Odontuya Davaasuren and her teams.

Anil Tandon reflected on his recent teaching in Jaipur, on the Pallium India Jaipur 6 week course. Brett Sutton spoke about the need for palliative care standards within humanitarian response guidelines and the work of PCHAS to influence the international organisations involved in providing frontline humanitarian aid in crises. Dr Suharsha Kanathigoda joined us on videoconference with news of the recent Train the Trainer workshop in Sri Lanka and the effective networking taking place across Sri Lanka.