

**Course Title:**

**Young Leadership Forum 2024 in conjunction with the 21st UAA Congress, Bali, Indonesia**

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**A) Background**

The Young Leadership Forum 2024 was held in conjunction with the 21st Urological Association of Asia (UAA) Congress in Bali, Indonesia. The forum brought together emerging leaders in urology from across Asia and beyond. I had the honour of representing Australia alongside my colleagues Sandra Elmer and Jodi Hirst. This was an invaluable opportunity for young professionals to engage in discussions on leadership, technology, and future directions in urology.

**B) Programme Objectives**

The leadership forum aimed to:

1. Equip young urologists with leadership skills.
2. Facilitate discussions on emerging technologies in urology, especially AI.
3. Provide a platform for networking and collaboration with peers and mentors.
4. Address challenges in research, publishing, and clinical practice from a leadership perspective.

**C) Lessons Learnt**

Key takeaways from the forum included:

1. Navigating Research and Publishing: Practical insights into submitting to high-quality urology journals.
2. AI in Urology: The growing role of AI in clinical practice and research was a focal point. My group participated in a rapid-fire research project on AI technologies in urology, and we aim to collaborate further to publish the study shortly.
3. Leadership Development: Sessions on building 'executive presence' and growing as leaders within the field provided essential insights into leadership styles and personal growth.

#### **D) Networking**

The forum was an excellent platform for networking. I connected with leaders in research, academia, and governance from both Asia and Europe. There was also ample opportunity to engage with emerging leaders and these interactions were mutually beneficial. These interactions opened doors for future research collaborations and further career development.

#### **E) Benefits**

1. **Personal Growth:** The leadership training sessions were beneficial in shaping my approach to professional challenges.
2. **Professional Connections:** The event allowed for meaningful engagement with peers and mentors, enhancing future career and research prospects.
3. **Research Opportunities:** Participation in a collaborative AI research project offers the opportunity for future collaboration.

#### **F) Recommendations**

I highly recommend young urologists attend future leadership forums. The blend of leadership training, networking, and engagement in this vibrant forum, provides invaluable opportunities for both personal and professional growth.

#### **G) Photographs with Captions**

#### **H) Any other Comments**

This was my first time in Bali, and I thoroughly enjoyed the experience. The warm weather, local cuisine, and opportunity to reconnect with old friends made the event even more enjoyable.