

Branch News – August 2004.

Executive Musings.

Updated membership [application forms](#) are now available from the Society Secretary or the [FORMS](#) folder on the website. Membership application processing is an important and often time-consuming duty of the Executive. The updated forms are designed to simplify the process. Ordinary members who propose a membership are asked to read the information supplied by the applicant to ensure that all information is included and accurate. This contributes significantly towards ensuring Society records are current and accurate.

With this in mind it is extremely important for all members to inform the Secretary of any changes to their place of employment or contact details. This can be facilitated in several ways.

- If you have [given permission](#) to publish your contact details in the [membership directory](#), then you can edit the details on-line.
- Details can be changed on your annual fees remittance slip.
- Advise the [Secretary](#) directly of the changes.

Effective communication within the Society is necessary for the Society to function well but we can only act via the information we are given, please update your contact details if necessary. Incorrect details, including e-mail, will result in you failing to receive important updates and information from the Society.

Another form that is now available is the [Expenses Claim form](#). This form is to be used by all members when they require reimbursement for costs incurred whilst undertaking Society business. Costs will not be reimbursed without the submission of this form. Note: There are separate forms for [Travel Grants](#) and [Regional Allowances](#). If you would like more information please contact the Treasurer.

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Perth 2005 Local Organising Committee



ANZSRS Annual Scientific Meeting Perth 18 – 21 March 2005

The 2005 ANZSRS ASM will be held at the Perth Convention Exhibition Centre located on the banks of the Swan River. The Convention Centre, due for completion in July 2004, has state of the art facilities and a stunning view over the river and the Perth city skyline.

Perth, Australia's western gateway, fronts the widest stretch of the meandering Swan River, the city and river make a stunning contrast, especially when the skies and river are a perfect Perth blue. Perth offers an easy-going lifestyle – the beautiful Swan River and inner city parks like Kings Park add to the relaxed, natural feel. There is much to see and do in this part of the State, from swimming in crystal clear ocean waters to enjoying a sunny afternoon sipping a cold beer at an open-air pub.

If you're planning on staying on after the conference, from the city, head to the South-West for world class wineries, luxury accommodation and forests of tall trees. These taper off to a ribbon of coastal hinterlands of sheltered bays and rivers, often lined with massive granite boulders and stunning outlooks.

In 2005 ANZSRS has an exciting program planned with some new features to broaden the scope of activities and opportunities available to delegates attending the meeting. The major theme for 2005 is "Testing your ability to exercise" and we are very pleased to announce that Professor Jerome Dempsey will be our invited speaker for 2005. Professor Dempsey has extensive experience in pulmonary and more recently cardiopulmonary physiology with specific applications to the effects of sleep, exercise, hypoxia, acid-base disturbances and heart failure. ANZSRS is also very fortunate to be able to once again host Professor Robert Crapo and Associate Professor Robert Jensen.

In addition to the usual program of invited presentations and show casing the excellent scientific research being conducted by ANZSRS members, the Perth ASM will for the first time include workshops on CRFS and Laboratory Accreditation. Also for the first time there will be a series of parallel workshops focussing on providing delegates with more detailed information on exercise testing and it's pitfalls and well as aerosol medicine and infection control. The Perth local organising committee, in conjunction with the Executive, is working to allow ANZSRS abstracts to be published in the Respiriology Supplement. As a result abstract submissions will be brought forward to early December so start your planning now.

We look forward to seeing you all in Perth in 2005.

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New South Wales

The NSW Branch had a good meeting at the Woolcock Institute on the 14th July. We all gathered for pizza and drinks after work, and then had a tour of the Institute. This was the first glimpse of the hallowed halls for many of us, and we were very envious of the facilities.

Phillip Munoz then gave us a first report of a study that he is undertaking about airways hyperreactivity in obese people. Jay Flack took the floor and asked for some

ideas about what to do for his postgraduate studies. Both these presenters generated some very lively discussion.

The next meeting will take the form of a mini symposium at CSU in Wagga Wagga, and will piggy back on to the Residential School for post graduate Respiratory Science students. The program is still being worked out but will start at lunchtime on Saturday 11th September, and finish at lunchtime on the following day. Watch this space.

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New Zealand

The NZ ASM is drawing close and with such an interesting programme, I'm sure all who attend will benefit from this excellent event. Speakers will include our very own Associate Professor David Johns, David Schembri and Maureen Swanney, along with Dr Christene Jenkins and Dr Tam Eaton. Topics covered include:

- "What is the difference between asthma and COPD?"
- "Why bother with lung function testing?"
- "Whom and how to ventilate"
- "Fitness for travel and surgery"
- "Rehabilitation in COPD"
- "Pitfalls in interpretation of spirometry"
- "Diagnostic algorithms"
- "Spirometry in clinical practice"
- "Other pulmonary function tests contributing to assessment in COPD"

There will no doubt be interesting and stimulating discussions between members during and after the ANZSRS business meeting with a full agenda which includes items such as 'registration', 'national training guidelines' and 'election year, 2004'.

We will let you know how the meeting goes in the next update, so watch this space

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Queensland

With Christmas in July celebrations over, we are working feverishly in QLD towards the real thing a few short months away. Both Princess Alexandra and The Prince Charles Hospitals have been kept busy in recent times as the Aridol study draws to an end, some days you can almost see clouds of Mannitol floating down the corridor!

News is rather thin in QLD these days, the next branch meeting is organised for the 25th August with the topic of discussion still to be finalised. Depending on the availability of speakers, we may be able to make up time from our last meeting and cover the principles of respiratory radiology or drug induced lung disease. A reminder will be sent to everyone once the details of the meeting have been finalised.

Congratulations to Andrew Southwell from the Queensland Respiratory Laboratory who has recently gained his CRFS credentials. Hopefully Andrew's success will inspire a few more members in QLD to undertake the CRFS examination. Whilst on the subject of congratulations, a big one goes to our very own Debbie Murray who has received an honours award for her singing exam with the Australian Music Academy. There is also word that Caroline Perrow, a previous QLD board representative has graduated from the QLD Police College. Three cheers for everyone!

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Victoria

We have had a busy July with a branch meeting and a CRFS workshop.

On 6 July 2004 we had the pleasure of hearing Angela Chan (Radiographer and Lecturer RMIT) and Nick Antonides (Registrar, Austin) speak on the topic of Chest Radiology at the Austin Hospital. Although the crowd was small, those who attended felt the presentations were entertaining, interesting and would aid them in future clinical meetings where radiology is shown. Some, in fact, considered themselves 'experts' in the field during the case presentations! The most interesting message I took home from the evening was that chest radiology is one of the most difficult to report on out of all diagnostic radiology – it made me feel a whole lot better about my ignorance in this field! A BIG thanks to our guest speakers, who gave of their time and to DKSH Australia for sponsoring the evening.

We followed the branch meeting up on the 10th July 2004 with a CRFS Workshop day. Danny and I would like to thank Paul, Jeff, Peter and Trish for giving of their social time to help us help others. In particular, I would like to thank Danny for his tremendous effort putting the day together and staying for the whole day while I went home for my daughter's 3rd birthday party after lunch. It is very important that we, as a Society and as individuals, do not take for granted the time and skills of members willing to give up their time to provide education to others.

There was a significant amount of information disseminated at the CRFS workshop that only scratched the surface of the topics covered in the exam. In fact, due to time constraints, we needed to hold Paul's topic of lung compliance over for a future branch meeting (Paul 'unfortunately' will be in Glasgow for the September meeting,

but has been pencilled in for November)– thanks Paul for agreeing to do this. It was great to see quite a few new faces (and some not so new ones) and we encourage the new faces to stay ‘in the loop’ and to attend our regular branch meetings as well.

The next branch meeting is scheduled for 8th September 2004 – venue and topics to be advised. Look out for your invitation in the next couple of weeks.

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Western Australia

July is often our busiest month. All the Respiratory wards are not just full, but are overflowing with patients. The doctors are adamant that spirometry be done on every ward patient every day, no matter how unwell or unable the patient is to perform the measurement! But despite all the increase in work, we still managed to meet up for the monthly WA Branch meeting at PMH, where Sally Young gave a very interesting talk on the modified Yan protocol. Recently, Pulmonary Physiology changed their bronchial challenge test from using histamine to methacholine, as well as changing the delivery method to the modified Yan (*We have also had a number of other big changes which has resulted in the 'retiring' of some very old equipment - Rob*). As part of her talk, Sally also presented a summary of the histamine tests performed over the last year at Pulmonary Physiology. Of the 168 patients tested, 57% were non-responders, but of greater interest was the variety, and strange, reasons mentioned on request forms for the histamine challenge test, including asbestos exposure, ?COPD, ?heart failure and OSA.

Despite the increased (sessional) workload, planning for the Perth ASM is continuing apace and a great meeting is approaching at ever increasing speed.

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CRFS news

The next CRFS exams are scheduled for late November. This is a great time to prepare for CRFS prior to the end of year rush and the manic period leading up to the 2005 Annual Scientific Meeting. Applications are required before 25 October.

Over the coming months I will present a selection of multiple choice questions relating to the topics listed in the June issue of the website. This month's questions are on **TLCO** – answers will be provided next month.

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