

Branch News – August, 2007.

Executive Musings

The last month seems to have rushed by, possibly helped by a week's break on Rottnest Island (19 km off the coast of Perth). As I return Robert and Derek are about to head off on 10+ weeks of long service leave European holidays, so Bon voyage to them. While most of the Exec are away (August - October) I would ask members to direct questions and queries to their State reps in the first instance. Hopefully this will allow some degree of triage and ensure the Society (and my Inbox) can continue to function.

The redundant laptop has now found a home.

Membership payments need to be made directly to FCC as our Treasurer will not be available to process EFTs for the next 2.5 months. No reimbursements to members for society activity will be available over this time period!

The Executive along with senior members of the Society are planning the 30th anniversary of the Society. If you were around at the time of 1979-1981 and involved in those early meetings and planning of the Society please contact me and help contribute to this significant milestone for the Society.

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Annual Scientific Meeting News

Hello all! Welcome to the first update for next year's ASM in Melbourne. It is our intention to provide up to date information regarding the ASM on a monthly basis in the lead up to the meeting.

The local organising committee comprises:

Danny Brazzale (Austin)

Sue Brenton (St Vincent's)

Matthew Ellis (Alfred)

Lorraine Leversha (Bendigo)

Pam Liakakos (Alfred)

Bruce Thompson (Alfred),

And me, Brigitte, as LOC Chair.

The ASM is being held from the 28th-31st March 2008 at the Melbourne Convention Centre, so put it in your diary if it's not already in! As with this year's meeting, registration will cover Monday's program as well, so we encourage you all to stay on for Monday's sessions.

The broad theme for the meeting is Restrictive Lung Defects. We are very excited to have secured expert speakers from across Australia and internationally to present on related topics. We have also endeavoured to cover topics that will be useful for all members of the Society – including restriction in adults and paediatrics, physiological measurements, pulmonary rehab and ventilation, ICU and imaging topics. More detail on the topics will come in the lead up to the meeting.

Monday will include the research workshop and CRFS workshop as usual. I hope to be able to announce the themes for these sessions in the next month or so. In the afternoon we have two great sessions planned. We hope the first will be a review of the recently published ATS/ERS statement on Pulmonary Function Testing in Preschool Children. As it is being run by the TSANZ's Paediatric, and Sleep and Physiology SIGs we are awaiting confirmation of this symposium. The second is a master class in Static Lung Volume Measurement presented by the ANZSRS and the TSANZ Sleep and Physiology SIG.

There have been a couple of adjustments to the usual ASM program:

- In response to feedback about the poster session being crowded and cramped this year, the poster session will be on Saturday afternoon and all oral presentations will be held on Sunday. By moving the poster session to Saturday our session will not clash with TSANZ poster sessions and hence, we can utilise the space set aside for them.
- The Annual General Meeting has been moved to 3.30pm on Sunday afternoon due to programming issues.

Until the next instalment,

Brigitte

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New South Wales

It has been quiet and cold here in NSW, not much to report. Our next branch meeting is coming up so mark your diaries! The team from Royal North Shore Hospital are hosting this one so thank you to Rein Simmul and team.

Meeting date: Thurs 23rd August, 2007 - 5pm

Location: Level 8B tutorial room

Topic: "Imaging and Lung function in Respiratory Disease"

Speakers: Dr Ben Harris Respiratory Research Fellow RNSH

Catherine Walsh Respiratory Scientist, Woolcock Institute of Medical Research.

Kindly sponsored by NicheMedical!

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Queensland

The Queensland branch CRFS study group is continuing with great enthusiasm. We are meeting on a monthly basis, the first Saturday of the month at the Mater Children's Hospital, South Brisbane. Members are presenting on topics covering the CRFS syllabus. The aim of this study group is to assist anyone interested in attempting the CRFS exam. The next meeting is on Saturday 4th August, 11.00am and we will be covering Pharmacology & Diagnostic procedures. Thanks once again to Craig Abud from Neiche Medical for supporting these luncheon meetings. For those interested in attending or receiving material from the study group, please contact either Pauline or Leanne.

Our next bi-monthly meeting will be held on 29th August at 5.00pm at the Brisbane Private Hospital. We have Dr Rachel Thomson, visiting Respiratory Physician at The Prince Charles Hospital, Brisbane speaking on bacteria in our water supplies and the effect this may have on respiratory patients. Thanks go to Sean Rafferty from GSK for supporting the bi-monthly meetings. These meetings are a great way to meet other respiratory scientists working in both public and private respiratory laboratories in and around Brisbane and the Gold Coast.

Also a reminder to members that the Thoracic Society of Australia and New Zealand, QLD branch is having its Winter meeting on August 18 & 19, 2007 at Novotel Twin Waters Resort, Sunshine Coast. The theme of the meeting is Occupational Respiratory Disease. Dr Deborah Yates from St Vincent's Hospital, Sydney will be the guest speaker for the meeting. Registration fee for ANZSRS members is \$55.00. For further information please contact Dr Michelle Murphy on 07 3240 6170 or e-mail: shell70@tpg.com.au

We look forward to seeing as many as possible at the next CRFS study group and bi-monthly meeting.

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Clinical Presentation Meeting

No meeting was scheduled for July. The next clinical presentation is Wednesday 15th August, 5pm, and will be hosted by the Department of Pulmonary Physiology, SCGH. The invited speaker is Gary Nolan who shall be presenting on 'The COPD Matrix Approach to Assessment & Rehabilitation.' This is a model that he developed whilst in his previous respiratory science position. This assessment has been integrated into a COPD management program involving Div GP, Acute Resp Med in ED and Tertiary centres and home based respiratory nursing through post acute care teams and also respiratory rehabilitation. The assessment is based around Bart Celli's BODE assessment.

Given the establishment of the Chronic Disease Management (CDM) programme in WA over the last couple of years, with Dr. Helen Bell heading the COPD assessment programme and many local respiratory scientists being involved, this presentation will provide some interesting information on other COPD programmes currently running around Australia.

TSANZ-WA Lung Club

The next dinner meeting will be held on Wednesday 12th September. Information on the presentation topic and venue will be circulated when available. The TSANZ Lung Club is generously sponsored by Astra Zeneca.

The Combined TSANZ/ANZSRS (WA branch) Annual Scientific Meeting

Just to remind everyone that this meeting will be held on the weekend of the 20th and

21st October, at The Vines Resort & Country Club in the Swan Valley. The theme of the meeting is: Environmental and Occupational Lung Disease with the TSANZ-WA Keynote speaker being Prof. Gary Anderson and the ANZSRS-WA Keynote speaker being Paul Guy.

Details on both TSANZ-WA and ANZSRS-WA grants, travel awards, and prizes will be circulated closer to the meeting date. In particular, Branch members should be planning to: 1) apply for the 'ANZSRS-WA Travel Support Grant', sponsored by Mayo Healthcare: 2) nominating worthy recipients for the Janine Panizza Award.

Please be advised that accommodation at The Vines Resort and surrounding area is in high demand at the time of the meeting, so if you intend to attend, book your accommodation asap.

ANZSRS-WA Respiratory Symposium 2007

This meeting will be held on Monday 22nd October, 2-5pm, at the Telethon Institute for Child Health Research. The theme of this year's meeting is: 'From the Cell to the Community'. The theme focuses on the integration of research findings into the clinical world of COPD, lung cancer, and asthma. The programme will include presentations by: ANZSRS-WA Invited Speaker - Prof. Gary Anderson, and Paul Guy - 2007 recipient of the ANZSRS-WA Visiting Respiratory Scientist Grant. Prof Anderson's visit is sponsored by TSANZ-WA and ANZSRS-WA. Paul Guy's visit is sponsored by Pharmaxis.

In addition to the interstate guests, local presenters will include A/Prof Alan James and Dr. Helen Bell.

Meeting details, including full programme, will be circulated shortly.

WA-Branch Regional Funding Proposal Success

A recent application for access to regional funds was successful. The funds will be used to cover the costs associated with venue hire at The Vines for the concurrent ANZSRS-WA session at the October Combined Society ASM and supporting the visits of the ANZSRS-WA invited guest speakers at both the Combined Society ASM and the Respiratory Symposium.

Accreditation Success

Congratulations to the Royal Perth Respiratory Laboratory who have finally received their certificate of accreditation from TSANZ. It seems a long time ago that a truckload of paper was shipped across the Nullabor but finally the endeavour has been signed off. Now they can start preparing for their re-accreditation.

Diary Reminders

- **August 15th:** Clinical Presentation meeting, Dept Pulmonary Physiology, SCGH
- **September 12th:** TSANZ-WA Lung Club Dinner Meeting
- **October 20th, 21st:** Combined Society ASM, The Vines Resort, Swan Valley
- **October 22nd:** ANZSRS-WA Respiratory Symposium
- **NOTE:** The date of the November clinical meeting has been moved from Wednesday 21st to Wednesday 28th November

That's the news from WA for this month.

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