

Branch News – February, 2007.

Executive Musings

Welcome to 2007! The annual society meeting in Auckland is rapidly approaching so ensure you register. The Executive would like to invite all members to approach us at any time during the conference on any issue. The Executive and Board can only improve the Society if we continue to receive feedback from the members.

Applications for ANZSRS Education and Research Grant will be called for within the next 2 weeks and will be awarded at the ASM. The uptake of these awards has been low in recent years and it is hoped this new application data and presentation of these awards at the ASM will improve members awareness of the Awards.

There has been major change to the administration of the society commencing in January 2007. Festival City Conventions (FCC) has been appointed as the Society Secretariat to assist with the day-to-day management of the society (to the relief of the Hon. Secretary and Treasurer). The following services detailed below will be provided and the Executive advocates that the membership uses FCC for any membership enquiries.

Outline of administrative services to be provided include:

- Maintain a database of financial and un-financial member names and addresses and this includes updating member's details.
- Receive and acknowledge applications for potential new members and check that membership criteria have been fulfilled.
- FCC will send out annual subscription requests to members, receive monies to Society accounts and distribute receipts to the membership

Please note that there may be teething issues with this new arrangement and the Executive would like any constructive feedback to improve this service.

FCC will also provide an email address for members or potential new members to use to submit membership enquires (anzsrs@fconventions.com.au). Alternatively members can contact FCC by phone or fax and these details are available [on the website](#).

Please note Membership renewals have been sent out as of Tuesday 30th of January. Payment options for Australian Members are EFT (please contact the Hon.Treasurer for details), cheque or credit card with registration for the 2007 ASM (This option is NOT available for NZ members). New Zealand members need to forward their membership renewals as usual to Maureen Swanney.

Graham, Rob and Derek.

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A picture says a thousand words....
Happy 2007!

By now I guess you are all back to your desks and the holiday is over. Well, we finished off the year 2006 with a very entertaining and informative evening at the Sydney Aquarium and then on to Jackson's thanks to David Johns, and thank you again Bird Healthcare for flying David up and sponsoring our last meeting. Jay Flack was in fine form with his text advice on the night!!! Thanks also to Niche Medical for your support on the evening to make it another one to remember!!

Now.. on to 2007. The NSW branch meeting will be held at Westmead Hospital on Thursday the 8th of February. Hope to see a big turn up for the first get together of the year where we will focus on the changes to governance of the society so make sure to have your say. We also invite those who intend to present at the Auckland ANZSRS to practice presentation of their work to a friendly audience. Please contact Debbie or Alison if you would like to take this opportunity and we will make sure the equipment you may require is available.

We have a big year planned so stay tuned and keep coming up with those ideas for papers of the future!

See you soon

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February-2007 Newsletter QLD Branch

Dear all,

We hope everyone is well rested after the Christmas - New Year break and the Australia Day long weekend. By the time you read this we will be well and truly into 2007 which means final preparations for the annual scientific meeting in Auckland (March) are well underway.

This year we will be having our bi-monthly meetings on the 4th Wednesday of each month. For the first half of the year we will continue to meet at the Arnold Janssen Centre (8th Floor), Brisbane Private Hospital, Wickham Terrace in Brisbane. Meeting dates for the year are **28th February, 9th May, 27th June, 29th August, 31st October**. We will be meeting on the 9th of May as the April meeting clashes with ANZAC day holiday. We meet at 5.00pm for drinks, nibbles and banter and we usually have a speaker or presentation from 5.30pm-6.30pm. It is a great opportunity to meet other scientists who work in respiratory medicine and we encourage as many of our newer members to attend.

For the **first meeting** of the year (**28th February**) we invite those who are giving either an oral or poster presentation at the ASM, to present their work to the group. This is a great opportunity to get some feedback, suggestions or ideas from your colleagues. We encourage newer members to come along as you will get to see how research is carried out and presented in oral and poster form. Who knows it may inspire you to embark on your own research project! If you would like to present your work at this meeting, would you please let Pauline know before the 28th February.

We would also like to hear from our out-of-town members as to what you would like for 2007. Please contact us and let us know your thoughts. If there are any areas of interest members would like covered by our bi-monthly meetings just let us know and we will do our best to organise it.

Once again we would like to thank Sean Rafferty from Glaxo-Smith Kline for kindly agreeing to support our bi-monthly meetings for 2007.

And finally on behalf of the Queensland branch we wish to welcome two new members, Kylie Oates from Rockhampton and Jarrod Warner from the John Flynn Medical centre in Tugun. Welcome aboard!

Until next month.....

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Clinical Presentation Meeting

The clinical presentation meeting schedule for 2007 is:

February: TBA – Governance Information session

March: Wednesday 14th: Auckland ASM preparation session

April: Wednesday 18th

June: Wednesday 20th

August: Wednesday 15th

October: TBA (1) Combined Society Local ASM (2) ANZSRS-WA Respiratory Symposium

November: Wednesday 21st

December: Wednesday 12th (Combined final meeting & Christmas/End-of-year function)

Suggestions/requests for topics and/or speakers are encouraged. Please contact Chris/Sally if you wish to make a clinical meeting suggestion.

CRFS

For 2007, there are two options available, in terms of Branch organized activities:

(1) If sufficient members express an interest in forming another study group then a meeting will be called in February 2007 for set-up. This will be entirely dependent on members contacting Chris/Sally to express their interest. If no interest is expressed, the study group option will not be organised.

(2) Regardless of whether a study group is/is not set-up, for those who wish to study independently but would still like Branch support - a CRFS mentor will be offered. For details, contact Chris/Sally.

TSANZ-WA Associates Committee Representation

Big thanks to Sina Panic (SCGH), who volunteered to be the 2007 ANZSRS representative on this committee. The position involves organisation of the annual Combined Society ASM and representation of both ANZSRS-WA and respiratory scientists who are joint Society members.

TSANZ-WA Executive Committee Representation

In recognition of the increasing ties with ANZSRS at both the local and national level, the TSANZ-WA Executive Committee has created a new position for 2007 specifically for ANZSRS representation. This position will represent not only ANZSRS-WA but the interests of those respiratory scientists who have joint Society membership. Regular updates will be presented at the scheduled clinical presentation sessions. The first meeting of this Committee is February 6th and Sally Young will be taking on this role.

Membership

Welcome to Leanne Thornton. Laboratory Manager, Lung Function Services, The Mount Hospital. Leanne has been attending meetings over the last few years, and will already be known to many local members, however, we are really pleased to extend the 'official' welcome to Leanne, on behalf of the Society.

Governance

A meeting will be called in February to present and discuss the current status of the issue of Governance. A date is to be set shortly and a flyer will be circulated advertising the meeting.

Book Group

The monthly order for January has been placed – those who ordered will be notified as soon as the books arrive. Closing date for next ordering cycle is Wednesday 28th February. Please forward orders to either Sally Young or Christine Nathan.

Social Activities

Christmas / End-of Year Function: A lunchtime picnic was held at the Perth Zoo on Sunday 10th December. ANZSRS-WA had a shady reserved picnic/bbq area for the day. The weather was perfect for a day at the Zoo and there was no lack of delicious picnic treats doing the rounds. There was plenty for the kids to get involved with, as the Zoo was running 'Kids Christmas Capers' – with the face painting being the hit of the day.

Very impressive precision throwing skill demonstrated by Jo, (Rob Tag's wife), by almost taking out someone's eye with a small palm nut within minutes of settling into the picnic area – we thought that this was good form (hilarious actually, if you weren't on the receiving end) from a pre-school teacher who is endlessly telling kids not to throw things!!

The final Branch meeting for 2006 was held at 12 noon, with the Hon. President, Graham Hall imparting words of Societal wisdom and, more importantly, distributing a particularly delicious chocolate cake.

Thanks to Niche Medical (Mr. Kevin Hick) for generous support and sponsorship of this function.

Diary Reminders

February: date to be confirmed – Governance information session

March: Wednesday 14th: Auckland ASM preparation session

That's the news from WA and we are all very much looking forward to catching-up with friends and colleagues in Auckland.

Chris & Sally

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