

# **Branch News – March, 2007.**

## ***Executive Musings***

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## ***New South Wales***

Only a few more sleeps before Auckland ANZSRS!

We had a cosy gathering of about 15 scientists at Westmead Hospital laboratory for our first NSW branch meeting with governance proposal high on the agenda. Jacqui Furler, a member of the Governance sub-committee, described the Governance proposal and responded to questions from those present. There seemed to be full agreement that these changes are needed for the ANZSRS to move forward as we now have a membership of well over 200 compared to the “early days” when the membership was only 25.

Steve West then gave us a guided tour of the new lab area which is very impressive and discussed the pro’s and con’s of the more “advanced” testing equipment compared to equipment previously used in respiratory labs. This led to questions previously raised but as yet unanswered satisfactorily such as ambient temperature differences inside the equipment compared to outside the equipment and how this affects the BTPS factor. Another research topic? Once again it all really boiled down to knowing your equipment and carrying out quality control checks regularly.

After the grand tour we discussed the programme for the March ANZSRS meeting in Auckland. There was general consensus that not only did the scientific programme look great but the social programme is looking very inviting too! There was a great deal of interest in the extended sessions and activities planned for the Monday of the conference. Thanks in advance to all those involved in the huge planning and organisation effort that goes into these meetings!!!

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## **Victoria**

Faizel and Paul have spent the past few weeks getting activities for the Victoria branch organised in terms of meeting venues, sponsors and dates.

Abstracts are frantically being prepared for Auckland and those lucky Victorians under the pump will have the opportunity to present their data to the first local meeting for the year at the Alfred Hospital on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March. Those not able to attend the ASM will get the opportunity to see their Victorians colleagues work as well. Jeff Pretto will also present "Kymographs in Kyoto - the 2006 APSR Congress" if time permits.

Other branch meeting dates for this year are:

1<sup>st</sup> May  
3<sup>rd</sup> July  
11<sup>th</sup> September  
20<sup>th</sup> November

.....put them in your diaries!

Please feel free to suggest topics for our meetings, or if you have something you'd like to present

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## ***Western Australia***

### **Clinical Presentation Meeting**

No clinical presentation session was held in February. Dates for the clinical presentation sessions have previously been circulated. Please note the following amendments:

- Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March has been cancelled. The first clinical presentation of the year will be April 18<sup>th</sup> with Dr Merci Kusel (ICHR) as the invited speaker. Information will be circulate closer to the meeting date.
- Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June has been changed to Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> June.
- Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November has been changed to Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November

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

### **Governance & Professional Registration Meeting:**

A meeting was held in February at which Graham Hall presented on the state-of-play and ins-and-outs of ANZSRS Governance and professional registration. This meeting was very well attended with lots of excellent discussion. A copy of the Governance Committee PowerPoint proposal has been circulated to all members of the WA-Branch. If you have any queries, comments, or suggestions please forward to Chris Nathan, who will contact the Governance Committee on your behalf.

### **Auckland ASM AGM**

The AGM is to be held on the Saturday afternoon (24<sup>th</sup> March) of the ASM and we wish to encourage those members who will not be attending, to lodge a proxy, and all members at the ASM to attend the AGM. For details on lodging your proxy, please contact Robert Tagliaferri [Robert.tagliaferri@health.wa.gov.au](mailto:Robert.tagliaferri@health.wa.gov.au). We recommend the lodging of a proxy to ensure that you, as an individual member, have a vote at the AGM and, therefore, a means of contribution and input to the professional Society that represents you. Key items to be place before the membership include: Governance and Professional Registration. If you require further information on either of these matters, contact Chris Nathan/Sally Young.

In addition, if any WA member has an issue which they wish to have raised at the Board meeting to be held on 23<sup>rd</sup> March, please contact Chris Nathan/Sally Young.

### **TSANZ-WA Associates Committee Representation:**

Sina Panic (SCGH), reports that organising for the Combined Society Local ASM is well underway. The 2007 meeting will be held on the weekend of 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> October and will again be at 'The Vines Resort' located in the lovely Swan Valley. This year's theme is Environmental and Occupational Lung Disease with Professor Gary Anderson as the Invited Speaker. For further information regarding this meeting please contact Sina. Registration documents will be circulated later in the year.

### **TSANZ-WA Executive Committee Representation:**

Sally Young reports that the Executive Committee met for the first time in February. A new initiative for 2007 is the opportunity for respiratory scientists to attend the TSANZ Lung Club Clinical Presentation Evenings. Four evenings will be held during the year: Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April, Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June, Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September, and Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November. Attendance at these meetings is limited, with 15 places being made available for respiratory scientists, researchers, and other TSANZ Associate professions. Allocation of attendance will be done on a first in, first going basis and we do ask that if you accept a position that you do ensure attendance at the dinner meeting. Invited speakers and presentation topics will be circulated as confirmed. The TSANZ Lung Club is generously sponsored and supported by Astra Zeneca. If any ANZSRS-WA /TSANZ member has an issue/query which they wish to raise with the Exec Committee, please contact Sally.

### **ANZSRS-WA Respiratory Symposium:**

Planning is underway for the annual symposium which will follow-on directly from the weekend Combined Society Local ASM. Information on the symposium will be later in the year.

### **Book Group**

The monthly order for February has been placed – those who ordered will be notified as soon as the books arrive. Closing date for next ordering cycle is Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March. Please forward orders to either Sally Young or Christine Nathan.

### **News From Around Town**

Congratulations to Kevin and Lata Gain who are the bursting-with-pride grandparents of little Amelia Rose. Our very best wishes to Kevin's family.

Robert Tagliaferri has joined the ranks of part-time respiratory scientists, as he has commenced a post-graduate degree in Pharmacy.

### ***Diary Reminders***

April: Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>: Clinical presentation session, DPP SCGH

That's the news from WA and see everyone in Auckland – at least those whose institutions will grant them leave to attend!

### ***Chris & Sally***

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