

Branch News – September, 2007.

Executive Musings

Robert and Derek are now long gone and enjoying their well-deserved holidays. As such business is (thankfully) quiet.

It with pleasure that I can announce that Danny Brazzale, Leigh Seccombe and Paul Kelly have been awarded the APSR Pharmaxis award and Bird Healthcare travel grants, respectively to present their data at APSR.

I would like to remind all members that early bird registration for APSR closes on September 21 and that ANZSRS members are eligible for members rates. ANZSRS is involved in a number of sessions ensuring that clinical physiology will be well represented at the meeting.

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Annual Scientific Meeting News

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.

Abstracts:

With a submission date likely to be in November, we are currently in the process of finalising the Call for Abstracts documentation. As with this year's meeting, all submissions will be online. I am pleased to announce that the Scientific and Conference Committee has appointed Mr Brenton Eckert as Abstract Review Committee Chair for the ASM.

Program:

Speakers of the month:

Dr Samantha Ellis is a Radiologist from The Alfred, Melbourne. Sam has a special interest in chest imaging, having spent time studying in Canada under the guidance of Prof Nestor Muller, a world renowned Thoracic Radiologist. She will be introducing us to the world of chest imaging in relation to restrictive lung disease.

A Prof Anne Holland is a Physiotherapist at Latrobe University who also works at The Alfred with the Pulmonary Rehabilitation Program. An expert in the field, Anne has recently undertaken a study looking at the affects of pulmonary rehabilitation in those with interstitial lung disease. She will be presenting her findings in one of the concurrent sessions on the Saturday morning of the conference.

Reminder:

The Annual General Meeting has been moved to 3.30pm on Sunday afternoon due to programming issues. Please make note of this when organising travel arrangements as it is likely to be an important AGM to attend due to changes to Society Governance and Constitution.

Until the next instalment,

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New Members: The NZ branch wishes to formally welcome new members who have joined ANZSRS in the last few months: Natalie Dooney (Wellington Hospital), Sheri Green (Starship Hospital, Auckland), Ewan Morris, Elisha White and Marijke Currie (Greelane Clinical Centre, Auckland).

Congratulations: A big (overdue) congratulations to Paul Kelly and his wife, Jo, on the birth of their son, James, in May, and to Fiona Fulton, and her husband, Tim, on the birth of their son, Alexander, who was also born in May. Well done guys! Another big congrats goes out to Kathryn Wilson who has been accepted into Otago Medical School. Kath will be greatly missed by her team at the Christchurch Lab but we wish her all the best with her new and exciting career choice. Good luck Kath!

Registration: The Clinical Physiologists Registration Board has been in contact with the NZ Ministry of Health (MoH) and it is expected that the consultation document regarding regulation of clinical physiology will be released for public comment at the start of September 07.

The number of New Zealand Respiratory Scientists registering with the CPRB is slowly increasing. The CPRB was established in 2005 as a vehicle toward registration with the MoH. The Board includes other disciplines of Physiology to make numbers of potential registrants practical and feasible. Registration for Respiratory Technicians/Technologists/Scientists is currently voluntary in NZ. All NZ members are now encouraged to voluntarily Register.

NZ Branch Meeting: The NZ branch currently has 47 members, widespread throughout NZ. Regular meetings are difficult due to geography, however we try to

get members together locally on an annual basis. Our annual meeting is usually held in conjunction with the TSANZ. We have not yet received detailed information from the TSANZ regarding their meeting this year other than that it will be held in Hamilton at the Waikato Medical School on Friday, November 9th. We hope to receive more information about this meeting soon and members will be informed.

Spirometry Courses: The next Christchurch Spirometry Course is to be held on the 23rd and 24th November at The George Hotel, Christchurch. This course is currently full however we will be running another one early 2008 and are happy to add interested people to our database. These courses are popular and do fill quickly so we encourage people to get in quick! Contact the Christchurch Respiratory Laboratory (03) 3640874 with enquiries regarding the 2-day Spirometry courses and 1-day Spirometry Update courses.

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This has been a busy month. The CRFS study group met again and had another successful session covering Diagnostic Procedures. Thanks to Craig Abud from Niche Medical for his support of the sessions. The next meeting will be Saturday 1st September at 11am and will cover the structure of the respiratory system. The October meeting will be held on Saturday 13th at 3.00pm. Please note the change of date and time!! These meetings are held at The Mater Children's Hospital, South Brisbane.

The bimonthly meeting was held on the 29th August with Dr Rachel Thomson presenting an extremely informative talk on "Water as a Source of Mycobacteria". Rachel is a Thoracic Physician at both Greenslopes Hospital and The Prince Charles Hospital and is now undertaking her PhD in this area. Thanks to Sean Rafferty from GSK for supporting our meetings.

The TSANZ Qld branch winter meeting was held on 18th and 19th August with the theme of Occupational Respiratory Disease. Dr Deborah Yates from St Vincent's Hospital, Sydney was the guest speaker and covered asbestos-related lung disease as well as other occupational diseases. There was an excellent representation from the Qld ANZSRS membership.

If anyone is considering attending the APRS Congress (30th Nov-4th Dec 2007) and would like to help manning the ANZSRS booth, even for just one morning tea, afternoon tea or lunch break, then please contact either Leanne Rodwell or Pauline Lynn. We would like to have someone at the booth for each break session so as to promote the Society. It is hoped that many visitors from overseas will be interested to find out more about our society.

And finally, congratulations to Wilhelmina Barrett on the recent birth of her son Isaac. Well done Wilhelmina!!

Til next month,

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Clinical Presentation Meeting

'The COPD Matrix Approach to Assessment & Rehabilitation.'

Presented by Gary Nolan. This was an excellent and very comprehensive presentation which covered:

- ATS/ERS spirometry criteria for and confirmation of COPD
- ATS and GOLD recommendation for diagnosis of COPD
- COPDX Guidelines
- ATS/ERS clinical assessment criteria for COPD
- historical diagnostic disinterest in COPD
- new understandings on therapeutic modalities and the flow-on effect for rethinking for COPD diagnosis and assessment
- background on the COPD situation on the Central Coast in 2004
- establishment of the Central Coast community case finding approach
- Central Coast study progression to a hospital case finding approach

- COPD intervention strategies and programmes available on the Central Coast
- ATS/ERS recommendation for the management of stable COPD
- selection criteria for pulmonary rehabilitation
- how to assess COPD
- the BODE index; development of the Central Coast 'new' COPD assessment incorporating the Disease Mastery Score – COPD Matrix approach
- patient outcomes from the Matrix approach
- resource management outcomes from the Matrix approach.

Gary's presentation generated a great deal of interest and there was an extended discussion to follow.

Thanks to Grant Vincent of Mayo Healthcare for the ongoing generous sponsorship of the clinical presentation meetings.

TSANZ-WA Lung Club

The most recent dinner meeting was held on Wednesday 29 August, at Acqua Viva Restaurant. Sina Keihani (Advanced Trainee at Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital) gave a talk entitled "LOOPY LUNGS"

The TSANZ Lung Club meetings are generously sponsored by AstraZeneca.

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

On behalf of Sina Panic, SY reported that the preliminary notification of this meeting has been circulated and that the preliminary program, registration documentation, and Awards information will be issued shortly. Reminder that the Saturday program will include a specific ANZSRS-WA session to be held concurrently with the general meeting poster session. Paul Guy, the 2007 recipient of the ANZSRS-WA Visiting Respiratory Scientist Travel Grant, will present this concurrent session. The session theme will be professional registration and societal governance. AstraZeneca generously supports this concurrent session.

Branch members are strongly encouraged to: **a)** apply for the ANZSRS-WA Travel Grant (\$500), sponsored by Mayo Healthcare; **b)** nominate suitable candidates for the Janine Panizza Award.

ANZSRS-WA Respiratory Symposium 2007

SY reported that the preliminary notice for this meeting has been circulated. Prof Gary Anderson and Paul Guy are the keynote speakers at the meeting. Detailed program and rsvp forms will be circulated closer to the date. his meeting is sponsored by Pharmaxis and Niche Medical.

ACOSH

Mari Noffsinger reported the following on ACOSH activities:

- a) Regulations for retail display of tobacco products
- b) Survey of retailer compliance with regulations

- c) HomesWest smoking neighbour issue with regard to second hand tobacco smoke
- d) Support of Fremantle City Council policy of smoke free alfresco areas
- e) Smoking cessation in prisons
- f) Plain packaging initiative
- g) Smoking cessation programs and smoke free initiatives for educational institutions such as universities, TAFES. Mari has documentation on the above for anyone who wishes further information – please contact Mari directly.

ANZSRS Governance SubCommittee

SY reported on behalf of Christine Nathan. The terms of reference for this committee have been proposed and accepted by the Board. The Committee is now progressing by addressing the terms of reference. Members will be kept informed of activity as the work progresses.

News From Around Town

Sally is on holiday for a month leaving the running of the branch in Chris's hands (slightly risky, so watch this space....), to zoom around the skies of Perth (Spot of parabolic flying perhaps? *Ed*). No doubt it will be very enjoyable, not to mention exhilarating and a well deserved break before returning, to work flat out on the last minute organisation of the Respiratory Symposium in October.

Welcome to Jill Vinton who has commenced part-time at Joondalup Health Campus. Chris has now returned to her full-time position at RPH after setting up the lab at Joondalup and ironing out the bugs in the system. Lots of fun, but challenging at times. Kevin G was on speed dial and many phone conferences were had.

AND FINALLY,

Some people have ALL the fun. One of our intrepid WA members just had to brag about his fishing



adventures.....(Well, I did nag him for photos for the web-site). Not all three shots were taken at the same spot – one was from a trout fishing expedition in NZ before the last conference. See, we do work hard over here and there is reward for effort, as I keep telling my son.

I'm not entirely sure the leggings are going to catch on as a runaway fashion trend, BUT they were necessary I was told. Hmmmm.

Diary Reminders

- October 20th, 21st: Combined Society ASM, The Vines Resort, Swan Valley
- October 22nd: ANZSRS-WA Respiratory Symposium
- November 21st clinical meeting has been changed to Wednesday 28th November

That's the news from WA this month.

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Governance & Vision Sub-committee Report

As Chair of the Governance and Vision Subcommittee, I thought it appropriate to update the membership on the proceedings of the committee.

You will all be aware that at the 2007 Board Meeting, the Board approved the change of the governance structure that had been proposed by the Governance and Vision Subcommittee, chaired by Paul Guy. The Board also agreed to commence the first step of transition to the new governance structure by separating the Executive from the Board and making all non state-representative positions on the Board redundant.

The membership then gave overwhelming support for the Society to change its governance structure to provide for a better functioning Society at the Annual General Meeting.

Since then, the Governance and Vision Subcommittee has changed somewhat. Paul Guy, also a State Representative, was voted to become the first Board Chair of the Society and as such determined that it was appropriate to step down as Governance and Vision Subcommittee Chair. I have since taken over the role of Chair of the subcommittee, while Paul remains an active member. Other members of the subcommittee are David Robiony-Rogers, Lauren Wallace, David Schembri, Christine Nathan and Sally Young.

As the Terms of Reference for the previous Subcommittee were complete, the Subcommittee required a new Terms of Reference which have recently been approved by the Board and are listed below:

1. Document the events surrounding the formation of the current Interim Board as part of the governance transition records. **Deadline:** 31/8/2007 - Completed
2. Ensure all implementation activities are consistent with the requirements of the relevant regulatory authority in South Australia. **Deadline:** 31/8/2007 - Completed
3. Communicate the governance strategic plan and timetable for its implementation to the membership, via the member's area of the Society website. **Deadline:** 1/10/2007 - Commenced
4. Draft a new Constitution that complies with the requirements of the Incorporations Act of South Australia (1985) for Interim Board approval and submission to the Office of Consumer and Business Affairs in South Australia. **Deadline:** 1/11/2007 - Commenced
5. Draft by-laws, rules and schedules as required to enable the implementation of the new governance structure without disruption to the functioning of the Society. **Deadline:** 1/12/2007 -
6. Develop an education programme for the membership regarding the governance and management of the Society. Modules should be released at 3 monthly intervals via the Society Web-site and

should be completed by the time of implementation at next AGM. **Deadline:** First module should be ready for Sept Website. First Module prepared for Sept Website.

So, as you can see, we are presently on track with our deadlines.

The First Module of the Education Package, which provides a brief description of terminology you will see in further packages and a bit more background information regarding the changes that are underway, can be viewed in the Members Only area of the Website.

Regards,

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