

# **Branch News – April, 2008.**

## ***Executive Musings***

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## ***Annual Scientific Meeting News***

### **Melbourne 2008**

Early feedback is that the meeting was well received and that the scientific content was superb. Many acknowledged the scientific content of the abstracts presented in particular – so congratulations to all who submitted abstracts.

My primary duty in this, my final, website news, is to acknowledge the hard work of a number of people who have put in an incredible amount to ensure the ASM ran as well as it did.

First and foremost, the tireless efforts of Elisabeth Eaton and her team at Festival City Conventions must be acknowledged. Elisabeth and her dedicated team have provided the Society as well as the LOC with outstanding support and I am personally grateful for their efforts. I don't know that I could have done it without them.

To our guest presenters: their expertise and knowledge and their willingness to share it is to be congratulated. Thank you for the time you spent preparing – it showed in your presentations.

Thanks to the session chairs. It is not an easy thing to do to chair a session and we thank the more seasoned chairs for assisting those less seasoned in learning the skills required.

To our oral and poster session judges: Often overlooked, but never-the-less an essential role at our meeting as they determine the awarding of prizes. Thanks for your contribution this year.

To the audio visual team: despite a few technical problems they were receptive to the feedback and endeavoured to get us on track.

To the Melbourne Aquarium and Studio 3 staff for providing two fantastic social events. The evidence will be on the website shortly for all to see.

To Kevin and Kustas for working tirelessly in the last week to get the evaluation survey up on the website. The results will be collated and distributed over the next few weeks.

To the SCC, for their continued support during my time as current LOC Chair.

To the outgoing Executive team for their assistance over the course of the last two years.

And finally, but by no means least, I must acknowledge the work of the Local Organising Committee; Danny Brazzale, Sue Brenton, Matthew Ellis, Lorraine Leversha, Pam Liakakos and Bruce Thompson. Their input and support has been invaluable and, in particular, their cooperation and attitude in sharing the workload over the ASM was tremendous. My sincerest thanks and appreciation go out to you all. We will be planning a dinner in the next month or so to celebrate our achievements.

With best wishes to Sonya and her crew for Darwin 2009,

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### ***New South Wales / ACT***

Firstly thanks to all those members who supported my nomination, I am delighted to be your new representative within our growing & diverse society. I look forward to a positive & dynamic period working with you all.

Well, what a great ASM in Melbourne! Certainly it was hugely successful for a lot of NSW/ACT members, & I would really like to congratulate all individuals on their hard work & great successes achieved. Special mention to Robyn, Catherine & David from RNS Hospital taking away three awards, those members presented with the CRFS credential, presentations by both Leigh Seccombe & new NSW member Jeffrey Pretto, as well as both Debbie Burton & Alison Boynton stepping up into greater roles. Additionally, it's also appropriate to sincerely thank these members for their active efforts & being engaged within the society, but also for representing NSW/ACT & showing the level of talent we have to offer.

With all the success & social fun at the conference behind us, I trust we're back into business at work now. However like myself, I hope the enthusiasm remains & you're all geared up for a big 2008.

To continue the year with the momentum gained at the ASM, our first bi-monthly meeting is set for **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2008, at 5.00pm**. Leigh Seccombe & the team at Concord Hospital have kindly agreed to host this first meeting, with Clinical Associate Professor Alvin Ing presenting on the topic of chronic cough. Additionally, Mayo Healthcare will be in attendance to answer equipment queries, & have generously offered to supply light refreshments so our tummies don't rumble too loudly.

Please note that subsequent meetings will follow in August, October & the Christmas party in December. Furthermore, so that the needs of all group members can be better met, please feel welcome to contact me if needed for any reason, with suggestions, problems, or to assist various activities.

It was great to see many of you at the ASM, & I look forward to more regular contact & meeting new members for a fun filled social year with a cohesive group!

Bye for now,

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## ***New Zealand***

It was nice to see a large contingent of NZ members at the Melbourne ASM showing we are committed to furthering our knowledge and also showing we are more than willing to let our hair down at the social functions!

Thanks to the work done by Lauren who was ably assisted by David our membership numbers of the NZ branch have increased. Due to the large spread of all the membership it is difficult for us to meet and catch up regularly; however, I hope we will be able to start forming stronger links across the country. Hopefully we all are able to catch up at the NZ branch meeting. At this stage the NZ TSANZ meeting will be held at the end of November and I am hoping we will be able to get a few options together for our meeting as well. If you have any specific topics you would be interested in please let me know and I will see what can be done.

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## ***South Australia***

On behalf of all SA ANZSRS members I would like to sincerely thank Donna & Sharla for their diligent work in organizing our local meetings, the very successful CRFS lecture series and representing SA on the ANZSRS Board. Hard work is not often acknowledged but congratulations to you both for doing such a good job in sometimes difficult and trying times.

Preparations are well underway by an extremely well organized local organizing committee for the 2009 ASM in Darwin. Yes, the 2008 ASM has only just finished but the SA LOC chaired by Sonya Johnston is well prepared and enthusiastic about the meeting. Information will be posted as it becomes available.

Our local branch meetings will continue bi-monthly along with a series of practical laboratory training sessions. Donna and Sharla have instigated these sessions to provide further education opportunities and it is hoped this will encourage more local members to complete the CRFS exam. The first will be at the Respiratory Unit, RGH 5th May and will look at Helium Dilution lung volumes – a date to note in diaries now!

Thanks to everyone for their offers of support; I will endeavor to run things as smoothly as possible. Please contact me with any suggestions, problems or questions.

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Nothing received.

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## **Western Australia**

### **Clinical Presentation Meeting**

Our March meeting was dedicated to our local respiratory scientists having a practice session before the National ASM. Three interesting presentations were given by:

**Elise McKeon:**

LARGE MEALS DO NOT AFFECT LUNG FUNCTION TEST RESULTS IN PATIENT GROUPS.

**Elizabeth R. Salamon:**

LUNG VOLUME MEASUREMENT BY GAS DILUTION: TOWARDS EVIDENCE BASED WAIT TIME BETWEEN TESTS.

**Karla Logie:**

EXHALED BREATH TEMPERATURE IN HEALTHY CHILDREN IS INFLUENCED BY ROOM TEMPERATURE AND LUNG VOLUME

Niche Medical, represented by Kevin Hicks, generously sponsored the meeting.

### **Society Business:**

**TSANZ/ANZSRS (WA) ASM:**

The local ASM will be held on October 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. Temporary booking has been made at Seashells Resort, Mandurah. Respiratory Symposium to follow on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2008.

**ACOSH:**

NSW is banning smoking in cars. More nicotine replacement inhalers are required to implement stop programme in prisons. Fremantle smoke free zone has been gazetted. Working on Subiaco and Northbridge.

**ANZSRS Governance Subcommittee:**

Terms of Reference have been finalised. Constitution is a draft not final version. If accepted at AGM Board will continue to work towards final version and will be voted on at 2009 AGM.

**ANZSRS ASM Melbourne**

ANZSRS- W.A. was well represented at the National ASM in Melbourne. The following Respiratory Scientists attended: Sharon Lagan, Sina Panic, Michelle Peters and Rob Tagliaferri from Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital; Elizabeth Salamon, Elise Mc Keon and Christine Nathan from Royal Perth Hospital; Graham Hall, Maureen Verheggen, Karla Logie, Vaska Stavreska, Gary Nolan from Princess Margaret Hospital; Jo-Anne McLaren from St. John of God Hospital. It was also great to see one of our Respiratory Physicians, A/Prof Alan James come along to the ANZSRS sessions. Despite the cold weather, this was a great meeting, with interesting topics emphasising Restrictive Lung Disease. Well done to Graham, Elizabeth, Elise, Karla and Gary who presented at the meeting. Congratulations to Dr.Graham Hall for winning Best Oral Presentation. The ASM also provided a great opportunity to meet and liaise with other Respiratory Scientists as well as being able to talk to Representatives of the various trade companies. We are very

grateful to Peter Rochford and Danny Brazzale from the Austin Hospital at taking time from their busy schedule to give Michelle, Sharon and Sina a tour of their facilities.

Gary has now left the West to take up a Senior Scientist Position at the Austin Hospital in Victoria.

For those that could not attend the Melbourne Meeting Dr. Graham Hall will be presenting his talk at the May Clinical Meeting of ANZSRS – WA.

### **Diary Reminders**

<b>April 30<sup>th</sup></b>	Clinical Presentation Meeting: TB Today (SCGH Library)
<b>May 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	Clinical Presentation Meeting: Laboratory Usage Habits and Delivered Salbutamol Dose In Commonly Used Spacers In Australia and New Zealand
<b>October 25<sup>th</sup> / 26<sup>th</sup></b>	TSANZ/ANZSRS (WA) ASM
<b>October 27<sup>th</sup></b>	WA Respiratory Symposium

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### ***Governance & Vision Sub-committee Report***

At the AGM on the 30<sup>th</sup> March 2008, the membership voted to implement the proposed constitution as an interim constitution during the transition phase of our change of governance structure.

The voted constitution must now be lodged with the Office of Business and Consumer Affairs in SA and checked against the Incorporations Act, prior to being used. We expect that this will happen in the next couple of weeks.

Of the six terms of reference given to the committee, there are a couple that still need completing. To this end, the committee will remain intact and work with the board to complete these tasks.

The services of Board Matters, a Queensland based company that provides expert advice to boards and their governing bodies on governance and board-related issues, have been retained by the board to assist with further refinement of the constitution and assisting with developing training packages for positions of office within the Society.

My thanks to all on the committee for their dedication to the task thus far, to the Board for it's support of us, and to the membership for their feedback.

Regards,

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