

# **Branch News – November, 2008.**

## ***Executive Musings.....***

It is difficult to believe that Christmas is less than 2 months away and that it won't be long before we get the chance to meet up again at the Annual Scientific meeting in Darwin from 3-8th April 2009. It will be a great meeting as the program developed by Sonya Johnston and the LOC is an exciting one. We encourage all members to submit an abstract for presentation at the meeting, a travel grant application and start booking flights and accommodation if you haven't already done so!

Over the next three weeks ANZSRS members will be making contacts with colleagues in the Asia Pacific region at the APSR meeting in Bangkok. Maureen Swanney, as Chair of the Structure and Function Assembly of APSR, has compiled a great list of ANZSRS (Bruce Thompson, Jeff Pretto, Josh Stanton, Graham Hall, Brenton Eckert, Paul Guy) and International presenters including Greg Ruppel for the Educational Seminar (ESAP) on 18<sup>th</sup> November. The ESAP is entitled "Setting Up a Pulmonary Function Laboratory". Jeff Pretto, Chair of the Scientific and Conference Committee, and I will present the concept and business plan for 'ANZSRS Respiratory Physiology Roadshows' to the Executive Council of APSR on 19<sup>th</sup> November in Bangkok. The Roadshow is designed to provide a detailed overview of the fundamentals of physiology and measurement techniques involved in the performance of pulmonary function tests and will be offered to member countries of APSR. There is great potential and enthusiasm to deliver education in respiratory physiology within ANZSRS and by 'giving it a go' we will see if there is interest in the Asia Pacific region to host these sessions.

The Executive are holding a teleconference with the regional members on 21<sup>st</sup> November to further exchange ideas and we are delighted that every member is able to be present. Our regional representatives continue to do a great job of promoting membership locally, supporting members via organisation of regular meetings and providing feedback to the Executive on the needs of ANZSRS members.

## ***Debbie, Leigh and Danny***

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

**Darwin 2009**  
TSANZ & ANZSRS Annual Scientific Meetings



## Darwin 3-6 April, 2009

The Darwin conference is drawing nearer. The program, themed “*Lung Function Beyond the Laboratory*,” is complete and laden with talented speakers from both within and outside the Society, including Prof. Josep Roca, Prof. Anne Chang, A/Prof. Peter Morris, A/Prof. Alan James, A/Prof. Peter Catcheside, Prof. Roger Seymour, Mr Jeff Pretto, Dr Andrew Thornton, A/Prof. Graham Hall, A/Prof. David Johns, A/Prof. Alan Crockett and Dr Debbie Burton.

Members can expect to receive a copy of the Registration Brochure in the not-too-distant future. Of course interesting invited speakers make up only part of a good conference. It still needs original research from you, the members to complete the scientific content and make the meeting the best it can be! The **abstract deadline** has been set for **Wednesday 26 November 2008** so if you haven't already done so, get your thinking caps on, gather some data and submit an abstract by the due date. The more involvement we have from the membership, the more we all can learn from each other! I hope you can all submit an abstract and make it up to Darwin to see what our top end has to offer.

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

Hi All,

After the initial scare and then ‘gentle prod’ to encourage membership attendance at the first Friday evening NSW branch meeting, the end result was a good turnout of about 15 people (or ‘lab rats’ on a windy Halloween night). NicheMedical certainly should be thanked for their generous support and lots of delicious savoury finger food that really was enjoyed by all as we gathered and had a look at the new RIU facility at Gosford Hospital. Jeff Pretto (John Hunter Hospital, Newcastle) was first to present and his practical, comprehensive summary on the ‘Challenges or Controversial Issues in COPD’ was also quite a timely reminder for World COPD day coming up on 19<sup>th</sup> November 08. Danny Brazzale (Austin Hospital, VIC) then followed, firstly managing to entertain us as he compared his past and present working conditions at the Austin Hospital, and then enlightened us on the interesting technique of ‘Bronchial Thermoplasty to treat Asthma’. To all involved, thanks again for your effort, time, and support of our Society and Branch.

Now next in line is planning the end of year Xmas party! A few ideas have been discussed and I shall now start to work on these. If anyone has a willingness to become involved or has a bright idea to make the occasion both fun and memorable for all, please make contact as I would be very grateful to hear.....

Additionally an invitation (although a little short notice now) has been extended to all ANZSRS members to attend the TSANZ and Respiratory Nurses Interest Group ‘NSW Respiratory Education Meeting’, planned for this Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November 08 from 8:45am – 5.00pm at the WatervieW Convention Centre Bicentennial Park, Sydney Olympic Park. Confirmed speakers and topics include Dr Christine Jenkins (Seasonality of COPD), Dr Deborah Yates (Occupational Asthma), Dr Ben Harris (Pulmonary Embolism), Dr Alvin Ing (Investigation & Management of Persistent Cough in Adults), Dr Marshall Plit (EBUS and Mediastinal Staging in the Modern Era), and Dr Brendon Yee (Assessing fitness, practicalities and legal obligations of advising people). Cost for Non-TSANZ Members is \$100.00, and please contact me to register ASAP.

Very positive feedback has come back from those who attended the one day “Experience the Westmead Way” Lab Visit last month. It is certainly a great credit to Mr Stephen West for his time and effort into planing such a well organised and useful day! What a fantastic start in getting the ball rolling, and for such a worthwhile activity for our members I hope others shall continue into the future.

Finally, congratulations also go to those three NSW members who are “soon to be / & are new dads”! I’m sure busy and happy times ahead. Best wishes to all.

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## ***New Zealand***

Well the dust has started to settle after the very successful NZ branch meeting held in Christchurch. We had over 30 at the meeting and I am pleased to say we had members from Auckland in the North to the Far South of Invercargill. I would like to particularly thank Pharmaxis and Bird Healthcare for providing sponsorship for our meeting. It was good to see so many people come along!

### **Branch Meeting News**

The meeting attracted a lot of interest from the respiratory physicians as well as nurses and of course the respiratory scientists with the theme of the clinical utility of respiratory function proving useful and thought provoking. Dr John McLachlan from Waikato hospital provided an insight into the use of lung function measurements in the management of Lung Cancer. It was interesting to see the difference in opinions from the literature as well as the discussion from the other physicians in the audience with what they in clinical practice through. Next up was Dr Lutz Beckert from Christchurch Hospital who presented on Pulmonary Hypertension and lung function. Lutz provided a comprehensive overview of the roles of lung function in pulmonary hypertension, and it was interesting to see the pitfalls associated with using this.

Kevin Ellyet from Greenlane Hospital spoke about the importance of the FRC, a measurement that a lot of us fail to recognise the importance of. It was interesting seeing the effect of a reduction in the FRC while having no bronchodilator response on spirometry. That hopefully has given some food for thought in remembering that sometimes we fail to look at important measurements.

Paul Kelly from Christchurch provided an overview on CPET whether they are clinically useful; this sparked a great discussion from the meeting. It was generally agreed that although a large proportion of our clinical CPET is reported as normal that they are still clinically useful.

David Robiony-Rogers broke tradition and presented for the first time at an ANZSRS meeting. We would like to thank David very much for this as he provided a thought provoking coverage of DLCO and strongly defended his favourite measurement KCO. I particular found the discussion about comparing VA to TLC an important tool in evaluating KCO.

Anne-Marie Gibson from Melbourne was whisked back to her home town to provide an overview of lung function in children. For the majority of us who in clinical practice deal with a much older population this was an interesting overview which included videos of the “baby squeeze test”. As well as reviewing the effects of lung damage in childhood and the effect later in life. Thanks again Anne-Marie.

Maureen Swanney reminded us that we cannot forget our most common test Spirometry, and the role which we as scientists have to play. I appreciate Maureen covering the fact idle

“patient chat” can provide clinically useful information, so I will now remember when my patient’s recall the “good old days” they may actually tell me something I need to know!!.

One of our newest members Helen Dunroy from Dunedin hospital gave us an overview of ABG predicted values and the lack of evidence used by a large proportion of health services to justify the predicted values. Thanks Helen for making us re-think this.

I then managed to get up and talk again (I am sure by this stage they were sick of me). I discussed the use of bronchial challenge and the need to select the appropriate challenge agent for the patient and the clinical question being asked. As with everything one test does not fit all!!!

Sue Filsell provided a useful overview of Exhaled Nitric Oxide and the utility of the measurement in a clinical setting. In particular the case studies showing the use of eNO as a guide in diagnosis and management was particularly useful.

Our President, Debbie Burton, also made a special trip for this largest NZ branch meeting to discuss the structure of ANZSRS and to encourage our participation. I urge all NZ members to take this on board and consider being involved in the society in anyway you can. It is only with the input from our members that our Society can really live up to it’s potential.

Peter Rochford our CRFS co-ordinator came across with CRFS style questions based around each talk to ensure that our members were wide awake throughout the day. The “CRFS regional challenge” proved interesting and fun for the members to have a go at. Including questions on respiratory physiology, respiratory testing and how many NZ members attended the first ANZSRS meeting? A Chocolate fish to the first non-NZ member who can email me the answer!!!

For those who are interested the NZ region who came away with the crown in the tightly fought first ever CRFS regional challenge was Canterbury who will be receiving their prize in the next week.

I would like to thank everyone for coming along to the meeting, besides an interesting and varied program it also provided a social interaction for our members.

The exciting social program included a joint TSANZ/ANZSRS dinner on Thursday night which our members including Peter Rochford had to wear jacket and tie. Peter proudly stated this was the first time he has been that dressed up for an ANZSRS meeting. It was a great opportunity for the members of both societies to mix in a relaxed setting.

## **New Members**

3 new members joined our NZ branch in the last month allowing us to hit a membership number of 50 for NZ. We would like to welcome the new members:

Jun Yang- Christchurch Hospital  
Joelene Walker- Tauranga Hospital  
Helen Dunroy- Dunedin Hospital.

All 3 attended the branch meeting and met the rest of our membership.

We all should remember that our society is a place to share ideas and foster support, so please look at the membership directory and update your details if necessary. If you need help contact someone, or make contact with your nearest lab to foster a relationship there. Our society is only what you make of it!

## **Lab profile**

Continuing on from our successful series I would like to thank Deb Taylor from Hawkes Bay who was kind enough to “volunteer”.

*Chris has kindly asked me to write "a little something" about our lab here in Hawkes Bay. I've tried to keep it as brief as possible and end with some interesting information about Hawkes Bay!*

*The Hawkes Bay Respiratory Lab at Hastings Hospital was initially set up in 1990 by Respiratory Physician Dr Rob Armstrong and Respiratory Technologist Dee McFadyen. The Respiratory Lab consisted of one room (with a huge Morgan!) from which spirometry, lung volumes and DLCO were measured. In 1995 a sleep service was also set up offering home based level 3 studies and cpap/bilevel machines as an outpatient service.*

*The respiratory department has grown considerably over the past 18 years with a respiratory team that now includes 2 FTE Respiratory Physicians Dr Rob Armstrong and Dr James Curtis, a Respiratory Case Co-ordinator, a Pulmonary Rehab Co-ordinator and a Speciality Clinical Nurse. As part of the regionalisation of the hospital in 2000 the Respiratory Lab was relocated to Villa 2 at the Hawkes Bay Regional Hospital and new Jaeger respiratory lab equipment was purchased. There are now 2.6 FTE's employed in the respiratory lab and sleep service. They are myself (Deborah Taylor), Colleen Lockwood and Anthony Shaw. We are fortunate to have three separate rooms! The main lab is used for spirometry, plethysmography, DLCO, respiratory muscle strength, exercise challenge testing and cardiopulmonary exercise tests. There is a smaller room for spirometry only and a dedicated "sleep room" room for our cpap/bilevel patients. We also have use of a fourth room with a bed which we use as required for "nap studies" and bilevel titrations. We still offer home based level 3 sleep studies on an Apnoeascreen Pro (Viasys) purchased in 2003. We have approximately 200 patients on Cpap and 50 on Bilevel. We provide ongoing end tidal CO<sub>2</sub> monitoring, overnight oximetry and arterial blood gas measurements for our sleep patients. Overall this is a great place to work, it is modern, well equipped with plenty of room. The hospital has a great café with outdoor seating to make the most of the sunshine! In terms of plans for the future one of the more immediate goals is starting methacholine challenge testing and upgrading our sleep diagnostic equipment to provide level 2 home based studies. Long-term plans are obtaining lab accreditation and updating our Cpet equipment. Colleen and Anthony are both studying towards CRFS.*

*You should know that Hawke's Bay is loved for its sunny climate. The region averages 2,200 sunlight hours a year - 50% more than London, and is among the sunniest parts of New Zealand. It's known for its fabulous beaches, sheltered coastal plains and long-established vineyards. It is also one of the country's largest pip fruit growing areas.*

*Napier, the main city of the region, has one of the largest concentrations of Art Deco buildings in the world. It was razed by earthquake and fire in 1931, and rebuilt in the art deco style which was fashionable at the time.*

*(NB Chris!!) The Hawke's Bay vineyards are all within a short distance of Napier and Hastings. More than 30 vineyards are open to the public for wine tasting. Many also operate cafes and restaurants in both indoor and outdoor settings. The region is especially known for its fine Chardonnay and Cabernet Sauvignon varieties.*

*There are lots of recreational activities to enjoy while the sun is shining during the long warm sunny summer days: - Golf courses, gliding clubs,*

*walking and cycling trails, native forest and bush walks. There are watersports of all descriptions and, of course, wineries, boutiques, and cafes!*

*That's it from Hawkes Bay, just off for a bike ride!!!*

*Deborah Taylor*

Well that is all for yet another over-flowing branch new from the NZ branch. I would like to end reminding everyone of Debbie Burton's comments about our society, don't wait to be tapped on the shoulder to ask to help, offer your help within the society, the more people being active within ANZSRS makes our society more relevant to our members. So feel free to contact me if you would like to help with ANZSRS!

Until Next Month,

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**Queensland**

Well we just had our last meeting for the year. I don't know about you but where has this year gone? We had a large get together on the 29th October to hear Dr Simon Bowler present the very interesting tale of what has happened in the last 30+ years concerning the outcomes, management and treatment of asthma. We left with a bit of an understanding of how much there is yet to find out about it, so we should have ongoing meetings for a few more years! Brenton presented the Princess Alexandra Hospital recent audit of their respiratory Lab's referrals. It sounds like the issues raised are generally universal, like the lack of information given on referrals, and the problem of not withholding bronchodilators prior to booked rfts. So we look to Brenton to try to fix the situation, and share the solutions with us. We applaud the PA staff for this valuable QA work. Mike and I shared a little of our experiences at the ERS Berlin meet in early October. The 9.1 Respiratory Technologists subgroup of the ERS, are a friendly bunch and we recommend that you consider joining. Also a point of note: If you are sharing with a sleep scientist on such a tour, be warned that you might be booked in for a sleep consult on your return!

Many thanks to our main sponsor for our successful meetings this year, being GlaxoSmithKline. Thanks Sean and Glen. And thanks to our new sponsor for parking fees, being Cardinal Health Australia P/L. Thanks Todd.

Our branch congratulates Jarrod Warner from the John Flynn Respiratory Centre for his success in the recent CRFS exam. Well done Jarrod! And if there was anyone else from QLD who passed the exam, congrats also! If you are still trying to pass, then please have another go. Let us know if you would like help from our local learned branch members in CRFS organised study meetings.

The upcoming Christmas knees-up was planned for November 22nd at George's Paragon Seafood Restaurant at Sanctuary Cove for 6:00 pm. As I write we might need to change venues but hopefully not the date. This is because we are being budget-minded. Our number is up to 22 for the dinner and we are now told it is \$55 a head to seat over 20 people. So watch your inbox. Debbie is on to it, and I am confident we will have a great night on the Gold Coast.

**Upcoming meetings announcement:-**

An Advanced Trainee workshop is being run by the TSANZ Qld Branch and it is all about what we measure! "The Respiratory Laboratory - Understanding and Interpreting Basic Respiratory Function tests."

RSVPs are needed by November 14th to Dr Eather (via email).

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Physiology Workshop  
November 28, 2008  
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### **The Respiratory Laboratory - Understanding and Interpreting Basic Respiratory Function Tests**

Mentor:

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Programme

Presentations of 30 minutes duration with 10-15 minutes for discussion

<b>Time</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Speaker</b>
08.30	Spirometry and Flow-Volume Loops	Dr Steven Leong
09:15	Lung Volumes - Measurement and Interpretation	Dr Phan Nguyen
10:00	Morning Tea	
10.30	Gas Transfer - Measurement and Interpretation Lee	Dr Huang-Liang
11:15	Shunt - Physiology, Evaluation and Interpretation Scuirnos	Dr Zoe
12:00	Lunch	
13:00	Laboratory Assessment of Airway Responsiveness and Inflammation	Dr Suvanesh Prasad
13:45	Tests of Respiratory Muscle Strength	Dr Daniel Smith
14.30	Afternoon Tea	
15:00	Uneven Distribution of Ventilation - Measurement and Interpretation	Dr Collin Chia
15:45	Laboratory evaluation for oxygen prescription Williams	Dr Sophie
16:30	Concluding Remarks	Professor Iven Young

AND ALSO IMPORTANT,

Dr Eather writes:-

I invite you to participate in the TSQ/TSANZ-Q ASM which will be held at The Princess Alexandra Hospital on Saturday morning, November 29.

The format for the meeting will be based around presentations from local respiratory trainees and fellows, Physicians, nurses, allied health and scientific staff, outlining any research and project work carried out in our field in 2007/2008.

We will ask you to present your work with a brief power point presentation of 10-12 minutes, with 5 minutes for discussion.

Prizes will be awarded for the most outstanding presentations. The 'Anil Patel' prize along with the prize for the best presentation from the advanced trainee interhospital meetings from 2008, will also be made.

The guest speaker will be Professor Iven Young, Director of the Department of Respiratory and Sleep Medicine at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital in Sydney. He will lead off with a presentation about gas exchange and COPD. He will then offer feedback and participation in discussion after each of the presentations.

For those wishing to present please forward me a brief abstract (150 words or less) by Friday, November 21.

I will send more information and a programme within the next few weeks.

While we would like as many people presenting their work as possible, everyone in the society or working in Respiratory Medicine, is invited to attend.

Dr G Eather

We need to plan for meetings next year so if you wish for a change of venue/ frequency/ content etc and have preferred topics/ speakers in mind then please let us know.

Lastly I am off for three months of leave from December 1st (to Europe and a sleep study?). I will leave you in the very capable hands of our lovely elected Assistant Rep Debbie. Thanks Debbie. If Debbie should need assistance herself then please help her as best you can.

Yours in respiratory science,

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## **South Australia**

We were very fortunate to have Associate Professor Gary Scroop present at our October meeting. He challenged the conventional view of exercise induced hypoxemia in elite athletes with research conducted at the Royal Adelaide Respiratory Laboratory in conjunction with Nick Shipp, a PhD Student and former Respiratory Technician. Briefly, the work compares temperature corrected PO<sub>2</sub> values collected from different anatomical sites, during exercise in athletes. For those that are interested the work will hopefully be published soon. The meeting was kindly sponsored by Brett Martin from AstraZeneca. Many thanks, to both Brett and Professor Scroop for their contribution to the meeting. Having such good support and presentations encourages attendance, enthusiasm and learning.

Our last meeting for 2008, (already), will be Monday November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 6.00pm, RAH chest Clinic. Rebecca Harper will present her experiences with and the results of the 2008 SA Inter-laboratory Biological control survey. This meeting will give us all a chance to evaluate how our laboratories across SA compare and how we have fared compared to previous years.

News around town: welcome to NWAHS new recruit Elida Stankovic, Wakefield Respiratory is moving to the eastern suburbs and The Southern Respiratory Services empire is expanding with a new laboratory to open at Noarlunga in the near future.

Till next time, take care

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## **Victoria / Tasmania**

The year is quickly drawing to a conclusion as we prepare for our final branch meeting of the year. The meeting will be held on the 21<sup>st</sup> of November, only a couple of weeks away, at St Vincent's Hospital. Vanessa Kelly will be presenting some of her PhD findings for us. I encourage all Vic members to attend the meeting as Vanessa's work is both novel and impressive.

As this is our last meeting for the year we will follow the meeting with dinner at our usual end of year spot which is always a very enjoyable occasion.

See you all then.

**Faizel**

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## **Western Australia**

The year is quickly coming to an end, too fast for many of us. We had no clinical presentation meeting this month as we were busily planning final details for the combined Society ASM and the Respiratory Symposium.

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

The ASM was held on the weekend of the 25th/26th of October at the Seashells Resort in Mandurah. This was a great success with over 100 registrations, of these 19 out of the 26 ANZSRS –WA members attended.

The theme this year was '*Challenges of Clinical Practice and Research in Minority Groups*'

The Saturday morning session gave an insight into the array of interesting research being carried out by WA's Young Investigators. A Clinical Updates session concluded the morning session.



The ANZSRS Invited Speaker, Mr Jeff Pretto, from John Hunter Hospital, NSW, with his topic 'Challenges in COPD' presented a project undertaken over east looking into reducing hospital stays, and thus cost, with severe COPD patients by

using remote monitoring of lung function in the home. This is an internet based, simple to use, home monitoring system that is supplied to patients with severe COPD. He kept the audience captivated by presenting other challenges facing COPD subjects such as reduction of cognitive function in COPD and effects of supplemental oxygen on driving performance of COPD subjects. Interestingly, the work actually showed that supplemental oxygen did not markedly improve driving performance and created more of a hazard in the event of an accident.

TSANZ-WA had two fascinating keynote speakers:

A/Prof Graeme Maguire is from Victoria but is currently based in Queensland. However, he has spent over 12 years in the North of Australia and has a particular interest in aboriginal Australian respiratory health. He presented an informative talk on 'COPD and Bronchiectasis in Northern and Central Australia.'

Prof Nick Anstey from the Menzies School of Health Research in the Northern Territory, presented some more of the challenges of medicine in Northern Australia with his talks: 'Lung Injury in Falciparum and Vivax Malaria' and 'Community Acquired Pneumonia in Tropical Northern Australia'. From his photo images and presentations we were given an insight into the consequences of running barefoot in the grass after tropical rains in the far north. We will make sure to keep our shoes on when we visit the Northern Territory for the next ASM.

Special thanks go to Prof Peter Pare from Canada who gave up some of his time on his Australian holiday to give a special talk at the ASM on 'How my Mother Changed My Epigenome By Depriving me of Dog Dirt.'



### **OTHER PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDED:**



The ever popular Sunday debate had as its topic this year 'Federal Government Intervention Is Necessary to Improve the Respiratory Health of Indigenous Communities' with A/Prof Graeme Maguire being for the affirmative and Dr. Tarun Weeramanthri (Dept Health, WA) being for the negative. There were good arguments presented from both sides with many newspaper clippings included, however the majority support remained with the affirmative.

An impressive and entertaining speech was delivered by the TSANZ Distinguished speaker A/Prof Peter Eastwood who talked of his long and interesting journey into research based at a tertiary hospital. The younger members, just starting on their careers, found his experiences particularly inspiring.

The steps being taken in WA to combat the problem of tuberculosis in refugee children resettling from other countries were presented in: 'Tuberculosis and other Respiratory Infections in Resettled Refugee Children' by Dr. David Burgner (SPACH.)

We extend our thanks to the ANZSRS sponsors Bird Healthcare and Medtechnica and particularly Nick Bird and Peter Taylor who flew in from the eastern states to attend our meeting and meet with our members.

We would also like to thank Michelle Peters for her hard work and dedication as ANZSRS-WA representative on the TSANZ/ANZSRS Associates Organising Committee for the ASM. Michelle ensured that respiratory scientist's interests were represented at the ASM and helped in overcoming any problems that arose during the planning of the ASM.

### **ANZSRS-WA RESPIRATORY SCIENTIST TRAVEL AWARD**



This was announced at the weekend meeting and congratulations go to Claire Shackleton (Princess Margaret Hospital) for being the successful recipient. Claire was presented with a certificate and will receive a \$500.00 prize which she plans to use towards the 2009 ANZSRS ASM in Darwin. The award was generously sponsored by Mayo Healthcare. Unfortunately they will no longer be dealing with respiratory diagnostic equipment as Cardinal Health has taken over this area. We thank them for their generosity over the years.

### **JANINE PANIZZA AWARD**

Although this is a TSANZ award named in honour of Janine Panizza who died in 2001 at the age of 41 it deserves mention as Janine was a well respected member of the respiratory community contributing significantly

to it through research, clinical testing and encouragement and support of colleagues.

Congratulations go to Sally Young as the recipient of the Janine Panizza Award in 2008. Sally is well known in respiratory circles and has made many significant contributions to both the research and clinical sectors of respiratory science, particularly in paediatrics. She is a well deserved recipient of the award.



### **Accommodation Grants**

There were eight successful recipients of this subsidy. Congratulations to those that received the grant.

### **ANZSRS-WA RESPIRATORY SYMPOSIUM: "BODY BITS BEYOND THE LUNG"**

This meeting followed on from the weekend combined Society meeting and was held at the Telethon Institute for Child Research with 60 registrations being received. The symposium brought together an excellent array of well known and well qualified speakers that presented the interactions of different body organs with the lungs. Jeff Pretto led off with his body bit being the liver in "Pulmonary Consequences of Severe Liver Disease"; the heart was represented by A/Prof David Playford, the Neuromuscular System by A/Prof Phillipa Lamont and the gut by Kelly Shepherd. Dr. Jeannie Leong concluded the session with a 'Mystery Body Bit' which ended up being an interesting case of Hepato-Pulmonary Syndrome.

Niche Medical, represented by Kevin Hicks, once again sponsored the delicious afternoon tea.

Jeff Pretto was the 2008 recipient of the ANZSRS-WA Visiting Respiratory Scientist Grant which was generously sponsored by Pharmaxis, represented by Jodie Curtis from Queensland. This grant allowed Jeff to attend both the Combined Society ASM and the Respiratory Symposium.

Many thanks go to Jeff for his interesting and informative contributions both at the combined society meeting and at the respiratory symposium. From the time Jeff was whisked away at Perth airport on Friday night down our busy freeway to an evening of dining in Mandurah with the other invited speakers, through three days of conferences, laboratory visits (RPH and SCGH) and the Respiratory Symposium to finally being rushed back to Perth airport on the Monday night, Jeff kept on smiling and kept his eyes open despite the time differences and losing an extra hour sleep due to daylight saving starting on this weekend. On top of all this on Sunday afternoon he managed to fit in a joy ride over Rottnest thanks to our expert pilot Sally Young.

Many thanks to Sally Young and Sharon Lagan in planning and organising the symposium.

**Congratulations to:**

Elizabeth Salamon on passing her CRFS exam. RPH Respiratory Medicine lab is now a 100% CRFS laboratory.

Christine Nathan on becoming the ANZSRS-WA Representative for the TSANZ-WA Executive Committee.

**NEWS FROM AROUND TOWN**

Welcome to another new WA member: Lisa Harrison from Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital.

Sally Young has moved from SCGH and is now working with Bill Smith at Respiratory Testing Services.

Rob Tagliaferri has been seen working on the dark side of sleep at SCGH and is continuing his involvement with Harbour Theatre. His wife Jo will be playing the 'vital' role in Sleeping Beauty as the Ogress - where she eats her husband and grandchildren, and the occasional cat :).

The play 'Sleeping Beauty' will be presented at the Harbour Theatre, Fremantle on Nov 28, 29, Dec 1,3,5,6,10,12,13 at 8pm.

Hats were out for the annual Melbourne Cup lunch at RPH



The Winner →

**For the Diary.**

19 <sup>th</sup> -22 <sup>nd</sup> November	APSR	Bangkok, Thailand
26 <sup>th</sup> November	Last day for abstract submission for ANZSRS ASM	Darwin
1st week Dec	ANZSRS-WA end of year function	TBA
3 <sup>rd</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup> April 2009	ANZSRS ASM	Darwin
4 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> April 2009	TSANZ ASM	Darwin

That's all for now. November will be a month for resting and recharging batteries before the Christmas rush.

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

Nothing to report as the committee is still awaiting instruction from the Board.

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