

Regional News – August, 2010.

Annual Scientific Meeting News

A big hello to all potential delegates.

The Perth LOC is busy bringing together the final pieces of the 2011 programme. We are confident that this ASM will hold something for everyone. Our International Keynote speaker is Professor John Moxham (King's College London School of Medicine, UK). Professor Harm Tiddens (Sophia Children's Hospital, Rotterdam, Netherlands) will also join us to present at a comprehensive symposium focussing on Cystic Fibrosis.

Can I please remind everyone that as per 2010 there will be no registration brochures sent out via post (snail mail) for the 2011 ASM. So enter the dates, 1-4 April 2011 in your calendar now and keep your eyes posted for when **on-line registration** opens later this year. You can register your **interest** with the conference FCC Secretariat at [ANZSRS - 2011 Annual Scientific Meeting
1st - 4th April 2011 - Email registration of interest.](#)

We are happy to welcome on board Care Fusion and Niche Medical as Gold sponsors for next year's meeting and look forward to catching up with them, and all our other sponsors, in 2011 as we enjoy the views from Kings Park and the beautiful Swan River.

The call for abstracts will go out soon. The closing date will be 19th November, 2011.

More news soon.

Sharon



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Annual Scientific Meetings
1 – 6 April 2011
Perth Convention &
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Perth, Western Australia**

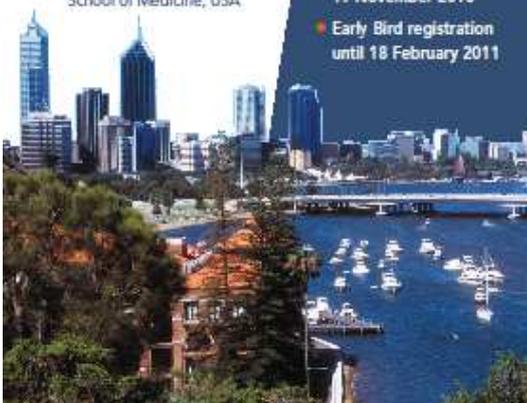
ANZSRS Invited Speaker

- Professor John Moxham,
King's College London School
of Medicine, UK

TSANZ Invited Speakers

- Professor Harm Tiddens,
Erasmus MC-Sophia Children's
Hospital, The Netherlands
- A/Professor Daniel Sterman,
University of Pennsylvania
School of Medicine, USA

- TSANZ abstracts due:
29 October 2010
- ANZSRS abstracts due:
19 November 2010
- Early Bird registration
until 18 February 2011



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New South Wales / ACT

Well so went another cold month in NSW/ACT but it was a productive month for the NSW branch.

We were very fortunate to be one of the first groups to tour Pharmaxis's new facilities at 20 Rodborough Rd, Frenchs Forest here in Sydney on July 21st. The evening was well attended, with talks from acting CEO Gary Phillips, Operations Director John Crapper and others from the company.

We were informed of ways to request Aridol for investigator initiated studies and took a look at some of Pharmaxis's other pipeline products in asthma treatment and pulmonary fibrosis

What was most impressive was the facility tour, where we all had the pleasure of seeing the world's largest Spray Drier which makes mannitol solution into the powder that is used for Aridol and Bronchitol.

We wish to thank Pharmaxis for the evening and for the refreshments which were provided after the educational session was complete.



There has been a change to the meeting for August at Sydney Children's Hospital at Randwick. Due to the Woolcock Institute's Physiology Workshops being held on the same night on August 24th, we are moving our meeting to August 31st.

Catherine will send more information on the topic for the evening to NSW/ACT members once speakers are finalised.

Thank-you in advance to Craig Abud from Niche Medical for kindly sponsoring this event.

Until next time

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New Zealand

Kia ora,

The end of the month saw NZ celebrating Maori Language week... for those west of the ditch Te Reo is the other official language of NZ, it is a great opportunity for us to all make the effort and throw in a new word or 2 into our daily use. We often use Te Reo already throughout our daily activities whether using Whanau (family), Kai (food) or various different locations.

It has been another busy month across the various Te whare whakamātau o te hā (Respiratory Laboratory) with 2 main features dominating:

Branch meeting

The countdown to the Queenstown meeting is well and truly on with the meeting being held August 19-20. I am so pleased by the turn out with at last count over 30 registrants from Northland, Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch, Dunedin, Invercargill and even Australia.

The varied topics being covered including respiratory physiology at the extremes and respiratory muscle strength testing it is has generated a lot of interest from within our society and also our colleagues in the TSANZ. Once again the strength of the NZ branch is shining through and I look forward to seeing you all there.

The amazing location set at the foot of The Remarkables and the shores of Lake Wakatipu make this an even more unmissable event. There is still time to register for the meeting so anyone still interested please contact me ASAP.

National Manual

Once again this month has seen a flurry of discussion around the different chapters that have been sent out. At this stage the NZ branch has reviewed or is reviewing:

- Infection control
- Spirometry and MVV
- DLCO
- Pulse oximetry
- Arterial blood gas sampling and analysis
- Lung Volume measurements
- Quality control

There has been interest from across the broader society to see how this process is going through and the medical directors of the laboratories are now also offering important input into this discussion.

The process is a tribute to the determination of the NZ branch and the enthusiastic nature of our branch.

There is time set aside in the program at Queenstown for the discussion of the branch manual and it is an important opportunity for a discussion about the process as well as the chapters. I strongly urge each laboratory to ensure that there is a member from their laboratory there to be involved in this discussion.

Well after another month dominated by the Branch meeting and Branch manual it is time for this Branch rep to start packing for his après ski holiday oops I mean branch meeting.

Nahaku nā

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Queensland

A quiet month in the land of bananas!

Bi-Monthly Meetings

Our next bi-monthly has been officially moved to Wednesday 25th August, 2010. The change will accommodate all who are travelling to New Zealand to escape voting in the Federal Election, ah, um, I mean those travelling to New Zealand for the 'Adventure Physiology in the Adventure Capital' meeting. Same time (5:15pm), same place (Brisbane Private Hospital) however a different line-up. Thanks to Annette Dent (TPCH) for organising two speakers. Janet Shaw (TPCH) will be the main speaker and her topic is Pulmonary Hypertension Genes and COPD. The second speaker will be Irene Schneider, TPCH Respiratory Sciences Clinical Educator, speaking about the Clinical Measurements Clinical Capability Framework.

We also hope to get a brief run down of the NZ branch meeting and TSQ Winter meeting in Caloundra from those who attended. Apparently, Darren (TPCH) caught Flipper!

Thanks to Glen and Sean from GSK for sponsoring the night. Thanks to Howard O'Brien from Masimo who is also sponsoring the evening. Howard will be giving a brief presentation and demonstration of the Masimo Pronto 7 Non Invasive Haemoglobin Monitor. Come along and see if you're anaemic!

Perth Abstracts

The 2011 ASM in Perth is calling for abstracts to be submitted by 19th November 2010. There is still a bit of time to get researching!

Spirometry Training Course for Queensland Indigenous Health Workers

The Spirometry Training Course for Queensland Indigenous Health Workers developed by the Queensland Statewide Respiratory Clinical Network has been approved with funding made available for Phase 2 and 3. Big congratulations to Mark Davis (RBWH) and Skye Yates (PAH) who, as project officers, have worked tirelessly to get it done! Great job!

Online Survey

A reminder to all members that Kaylee Lamb (Greenslopes) and Lucy Keeling (TSGQ) would like you to complete their online survey. It is on the topic of MIPs and MEPs and can be found at https://www.kwiksurveys.com?s=KCNKFH_122e159b. Members will have the pleasure of hearing all about Kaylee and Lucy's research at our October bi-monthly meeting. Looking forward to it girls!

Spirometry Day

World Spirometry Day is 14th October 2010. Andrew Coates (Mater) is planning on being at the Queens Street Mall performing spirometry on the happy shoppers! For more information, contact Andrew or visit <http://www.european-lung-foundation.org/> and <http://www.artp.org.uk/>.

Case Of The Month

It is our (QLD) turn for case of the month in October. Sift through your interesting cases and we'll see what we can come up with. Please bring any cases along on the 25th August and we'll pick a good one!

Non-South East Queensland Members (NSEOM)

Just wanted to say hi again. HI! We are aiming to get a DVD of the meetings (this one and a few previous) to all that are interested after the 25th August meeting.

Lab Profile

PINDARA LUNG FUNCTION LABORATORY



In 1988 **Pindara Private Hospital** at Benowa on the Gold Coast, in conjunction with Respiratory Physicians - **Dr. David Lindsay** and **Dr. Michael Thompson** – established a lung function laboratory in leased premises in what was then known as the Pindara Specialists Centre. It became known as the ‘Pindara Lung Function Laboratory’ and is the longest operating service of its type on the Gold Coast. In 1997, Dr. Thompson ceased his involvement in the partnership to set up a laboratory adjacent to his practice in Southport.

A new partnership was formed from the 1st March, 1997 involving **Dr. David Lindsay** and **Dr. Iain Feather** as Consultant Respiratory Physicians, **Mr. Geoff Foote** as the Respiratory Scientist / Laboratory Manager and **Australia Hospital Care (Pindara) Pty.Ltd.** In early 2001, Pindara Hospital was sold to **Mayne Health** and has since had two changes of ownership – first to **Affinity Health (2003)** and more recently to **The Ramsay Group (2005)**.

Pindara Hospital is a 200 bed private hospital which was established in 1971 and became a member of the **Australia Hospital Care Group** in 1986. The hospital is now owned and operated by **The Ramsay Group** who purchased it from **Affinity Health** in 2005.

In 2009, as part of a major building project, the laboratory moved premises from the QML Pathology Centre to the main hospital building. The laboratory now shares space with the Respiratory and Sleep Specialists who have three sleep beds adjacent to the laboratory dedicated to overnight polysomnographic studies.

As a result of Dr. Lindsay’s retirement from private practice, as well as the installation of a lung function facility at Gold Coast Hospital, the referral base for the Pindara laboratory has diminished considerably. Total tests performed in the 2007/2008 financial year were 2200 compared with 1700 in the 2008/2009 year. Previous to 2008, two full time scientists had been employed – **Rosemary Hawken (B.Sc, CRFS)** and **Andrea Miller (BSc, CRFS)**. Andrea commenced a medical degree in 2008 and now works part-time for the lab maintaining a Spirometry Ward Service at Allamanda Private Hospital in Southport. To date, Rosemary Hawken maintains the Pindara operation as Senior Scientist (which in this case means ‘Only Scientist’), Lab Manager and Receptionist! They say that variety is the spice of life!

Clinical measurements performed by the laboratory include Spirometry, Gas Diffusion, Helium Dilution Lung Volumes (Jaeger Masterscreen with JLab 5.1) and Aridol Challenge testing. The lab also conducts (since 1998) non-attended sleep diagnostic studies (Embletta) and CPAP titration studies.



Until September, and especially September 19th which is (*drum roll*)

[International Talk Like a Pirate Day!](#)

Don't forget your parrot and eye patch *matey!*

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and his off-sider Debbie Z

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South Australia

Hi all,

While there has not been a meeting here, the society has been working to improve the continuing professional development of it's members. After a number of years of working harmoniously but independently, the TSANZ SA branch is seeking to have greater interaction with the ANZSRS branch and are looking to pass a motion at the AGM this month that the ANZSRS-SA chair also be on the TSANZ-SA executive. This is a promising step towards better understanding of and interaction between the societies with a big push towards joint educational opportunities in the context of CRFS, advanced trainees and continued professional development for both societies.

A big thanks to Bec from the RAH for organising this month's case of the month and for the long list of Consultants, Registrars and Interns who helped her interpret and organise this case. I am looking forward to next month's follow up on the case and a look at the outcomes.

The next SA branch meeting will be on Tuesday 17th August at 6pm in the chest clinic. Bring your thinking caps guys as we delve into DCO, PAH and PH, in a meeting proudly sponsored by Ascencia.

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Western Australia

Hello again from WA,

Our Next Clinical Meeting

Our next clinical meeting should already be in your diary for the 25th August, and will be held at St John of God Hospital in Subiaco. As previously mentioned Rob Tagliaferri, Pharmacist and Respiratory Scientist Extraordinaire, will be speaking on “Pulmonary Toxins and Treatments”. Our thanks go to Bird Healthcare who have generously sponsored this meeting.

Funbary Meeting and Respiratory Symposium

Another two events which should definitely be in your diary are the annual WA joint TSANZ ASM (16-17th October) and the Respiratory Symposium (18 October). Please see the [flyers](#) on the website for more details.

Social Event

Members and Friends of the WA branch recently cooked up a storm at our Spanish Fiesta social event. We were split up into two groups, Madrid and Barcelona and then competed against each other in a Masterchef style cooking challenge. It was a hot competition with Madrid serving up potato Tortilla de patata (potato omelette), chicken and chorizo paella and apple tarte tatins. However in the end, the Barcelona team won the prize, with their lamb cigars, seafood paella and crème caramel. Many thanks to Chef Sunny from The Cooking Professor, our teacher and judge (who also provided invaluable assistance to the two who crystallised their caramel sauce...). Check out the photos below.

For those of you who are lucky enough to be heading to Barcelona in September for ERS, we hope you enjoy your visit!

Cheers,
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ANZSRS important dates

2010

Don't forget to
pay your
ANZSRS
membership
fees for 2010

August	17	SA branch meeting (Chest Clinic)
	19-20	NZ branch ANZSRS/TSANZ meeting (Queenstown)
	25	QLD branch meeting
	25	WA branch meeting
	31	VIC/TAS branch meeting (Austin Hospital)
	31	NSW/ACT branch meeting (Sydney Children's Hosp.)
September	15	Early Bird Rego for APSR closes
	18 - 22	ERS meeting - Barcelona
	24	Application for CRFS exam due
October	12	SA branch meeting
	14	World Spirometry Day
	16-17	WA branch combined TSANZ meeting (Bunbury)
	18	WA branch Respiratory Symposium (Perth CCRF)
	20	QLD branch meeting
	21-23	ASTA meeting (Christchurch)
	27	NSW/ACT branch meeting (Gosford Hosp.)
29	CRFS exam	
November	17	World COPD Day
	19	Abstracts due for Perth ASM 2011
	22 - 25	APSR meeting - Manila
	30	SA branch meeting
December	6 - 9	AARC meeting - Las Vegas
	10	NSW branch Christmas Dinner

Meetings on in 2011

ANZSRS: Perth: April 1 -6
ATS: Denver: May 13-18
ERS: Amsterdam: Sept 24-28
APSR: Shanghai: Nov 3-6
AARC: Tampa: Nov 5-8



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