

Regional News – December, 2010.

Annual Scientific Meeting News



The opportunity to register for the PERTH 2011 ASM is here!

For those who have glimpsed the final product, the programme has met with wide approval. Professor John Moxham (King's College London School of Medicine, UK) will explore the most common symptom we know – breathlessness. Professor Harm Tiddens (Sophia Children's Hospital, Rotterdam, Netherlands) headlines a comprehensive symposium on Cystic Fibrosis. From symptoms to interpretation of lung function tests, we are confident that this ASM will hold something for everyone. There are some variations to the workshops this year, so look out for a sessions dedicated to understanding the Mechanics of Breathing and Laboratory Management.

We welcome sponsors Pharmaxis, Care Fusion, Niche Medical and our thanks goes to Bird Healthcare for agreeing to sponsor the Welcome Reception. We appreciate the ongoing support of the ASM Dinner by Ascencia. We are pleased to welcome Abbott and Phebra and Pharmaxis to our ASM as proud sponsors of the Cystic Fibrosis Symposium and for the first time, Pharmaxis will be hosting a satellite workshop on Aridol challenges.

Reminder:

- **No registration brochures will be sent out this year. You must register on-line via the ANZSRS website. The link is up and live on the website – you can find it at <http://www.anzsrs.org.au/asm2011registration.html>**

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New South Wales / ACT

Well the end of October and all of November have been a busy period in NSW/ACT with a group of 5 candidates sitting their CRFS exams at RPA in Sydney at the very end of October and the December 10th meeting plans all at full steam ahead. The topic for the evening will be **“The trials of Identifying Pulmonary Vascular Dysfunction in patients with chronic lung disease”** presented by Dr Tamera Corte, Respiratory Physician at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital.

This meeting will commence at 6:30pm with drinks and canapés on the terrace (which overlooks the water and ANZAC Bridge) followed by a sit-down three course meal. This is to the many thanks to of our gold sponsors



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And finally, congratulations to Catherine (Walsh) Farrow on the safe arrival of their new baby boy James Christopher born at North Shore on Wednesday 24th November at 6am weighing in at 3.3kg / 52cm.

Catherine is now officially on maternity leave leaving me in charge to look after state affairs until some time in 2011.

Members of NSW/ACT would have already received a few things from me but please let me know if you have not been receiving correspondence, also feel free to get in touch for whatever reason.

I look forward to continuing the meetings for 2011, and I plan to have next year's meeting schedule ready for the December meeting.

Merry Christmas to all and may 2011 be a prosperous one.

Until next time,

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New Zealand

Movember has seen the annual sprouting of facial hair in order to raise funds for mens' health charities. It's been a warm month here; hopefully participants haven't suffered an overly sweaty upper lip!

The only respiratory news of note, Southland Hospital has recently recruited a new physiologist from the UK. He begins in February and we wish them a great start to the year.

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Queensland

To all Queensland ANZSRS Members,

I wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! May your Christmas break involve plenty of the below (minus the smoking of course!).

From the 23rd December 2010 until 4th January 2011, I'll be in my backyard cooking a BBQ, in my Stubbies and thongs (jandals for our NZ viewers), swinging off the Hills Hoist sinking a VB. If you need to contact me, please do so either side of these dates!

Thank you to all members for the past year! I have had a great time being your regional representative and look forward to the challenges of 2011! Until then!



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South Australia

The SA branch last night went on a road trip 1.7km (according to Google maps) down the road from our usual venue to the women's and children's hospital. A HUGE thanks to Paul

and David for opening up the lab for us and to Cathy for helping to organise, thanks too to Stuart Jack and Carefusion for sponsoring the meeting and bringing along some new software to play with.

The lab was far more colourful than I am used to with patients colouring-in and drawings covering the walls and bright stickers on the front of the body box to keep their attention. It was interesting to see the diversity of tests available and needed to test patients across the first 18 years of their life. A simple request for SLV test in this setting requires assessment of clinical expectations, patient coordination and comprehension and importantly, attention span, to identify which would be the best testing method for SLV in this patient, Pleth washout or dilution? This is a tough job as working with sick kids always is, but it is a fascinating area to work in and credit must go to all the staff for gaining proficiency in such a diverse range of tests and in understanding the pathology of growing lungs.

The most exciting thing about the road trip was looking at the designs for the new paediatric lab being built within the hospital and I am sure I am not the only one with lab envy. “Dear Santa, If I am a good girl can I please have a negative pressure spirometry room for reducing cross infection when testing CF patients? Pretty please, I’ll be really good!!”

There are currently some big changes happening in SA labs with a few staff movements occurring between labs, new sites starting up, babies on the way and the Non-retirement (I’m not retiring I’m stopping work to have new adventures) of one of SA’s longest serving respiratory technicians.

For those looking to move closer to the best and boldest red’s in the country, there is currently an opening for a respiratory technician to work between two sites, the Central Districts Pulmonary Function laboratory (Northern Adelaide site) and Respiratory SA (Adelaide site). This is a full time position and details can be found on the ANZSRS web-site.

MERRY XMAS to all! I hope you have all been good and get lots of pressies off Santa.

Till next year,

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Nothing received.

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Western Australia

Merry Christmas to all

November was a quiet one branch-wise, however Elise went off on an exciting adventure to the state of Bihar, India to volunteer at a hospital there. She reports that their hospital system is very

different to ours and for the first time ever she got to see Salbutamol Sulphate tablets and syrups! After a month of bucket showers, Elise is back home safe and clean.

*Just a reminder to our locals,
Christmas dinner will be at the Cinnamon Club, Friday 10th
December, see you there*

*Wishing you all an enjoyable festive season
from the WA branch*

Elise and Liz

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ANZSRS important dates 2010-2011



Register for the
Perth 2011 ANZSRS ASM now at
<http://www.anzsrs.org.au/asm2011registration.html>
Early Bird Rego due on 14th Feb 2011

December	6 - 9 10	AARC meeting - Las Vegas NSW / ACT branch Christmas dinner QLD branch Christmas dinner WA branch Christmas dinner, Leederville
January	1	New Year's Day
February	14	Early Bird Rego for Perth 2011 due

Meetings on in 2011

ANZSRS: Perth: April 1 -4
 TSANZ: Perth: April 2-6
 ATS: Denver: May 13-18
 ERS: Amsterdam: Sept 24-28
 ASTA: Sydney: Oct 27 -29
 APSR: Shanghai: Nov 3-6
 AARC: Tampa: Nov 5-8