

Regional News – February, 2010.

Executive Musings.....

Not long now until the Annual Scientific Meeting. Everyone who has submitted abstracts should now have been notified about when they will present and, by all accounts, it looks to be yet another high quality Scientific Meeting.

For those that haven't yet done so, remember to register for the meeting prior to early bird cut-off (Feb 15th) and of course, to renew your membership fees for 2010.

Entries for the Society Research Grant were assessed by the SCC and congratulations go to Annette Dent who was chosen as the successful applicant with her project entitled: "Exhaled Breath Analysis as a Tool To Detect and Manage Chronic Lung Disease". Annette receives a total of \$12,800.00 to support her work. We look forward to hearing the outcomes - hopefully at a future ASM?

We have confirmed new Regional Representative's in NSW and WA who you will hear from for the first time in this issue. We wish them well! We also look forward to receiving (hopefully) many nominations for the rewarding role of ANZSRS Board member.

Before the next web issue we will post an invitation to the AGM, which as usual, will be held on the Saturday afternoon of the ASM. At this meeting, there will be a vote on the proposed constitution and a vote for Board Members (if we receive more than two nominations). This makes it an important meeting for members to attend. If you cannot attend, we will also post a proxy form for you to complete prior.

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Board Happenings

The time of change is finally upon us, and the 'YES' campaign begins! The final draft of the proposed new constitution is now available for viewing on the ANZSRS website, along with a host of associated documentation including draft by-laws, schedules, and explanatory and supporting material. Although the amount of material for consideration may appear daunting, I strongly urge every member to take the time to read and critically appraise everything there. Additionally, use the discussion forum attached to the constitutional reform webpage to ask questions and promote discussion on any aspects, be they areas of concern, or things you believe are positive in terms of the proposed constitution and inherent changes to the governance structure of the Society.

As you consider all of this, I'd ask that you keep in mind the huge amount of work that has gone into bringing this process to the point we're now at, with input from a wide range of contributors including the Governance Sub-committee (with special thanks to Brigitte Borg), ANZSRS Board members and past Executives over a few years, as well as Board Matters who have provided the legal opinion and drafts of our constitutional changes. Nothing in the

final product has been arrived at lightly, so if there are things you disagree with there may well be reasons for them. Use the discussion forum to probe those reasons, and as you begin to formulate how you will vote on the special resolutions at the forthcoming AGM on March 20, also keep in mind the big picture – is your concern about a part of the proposed changes enough to reject the entire package of reform? Remember, this is a starting point, and a constitution is a living document that can, and indeed will, change with time to keep ANZSRS best positioned to achieve our goals and objectives in the future.

As previously indicated, the vote will take place at the AGM in Brisbane, during the 2010 Annual Scientific Meeting. This promises to be an interesting and rewarding meeting (even apart from the constitutional reform!), and we look forward to seeing many of you in sunny Brisbane. If you're not going to be able to make the AGM remember to send your vote by proxy – to be accepted, the special resolutions will require a yes vote from $\frac{3}{4}$ of the voting members present, including by proxy.

Finally, a reminder that the call for nominations for 2 new Board members is current, and closes on February 19th. This is an interesting time for the Society, and we need a dynamic Board team to guide us through the changes ahead. Board membership does require a commitment of time and effort, but ultimately it is also very rewarding. I urge all members to seriously consider nominating if you even remotely think you might be able to contribute to the guidance of our fine Society – we need you!

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Annual Scientific Meeting News



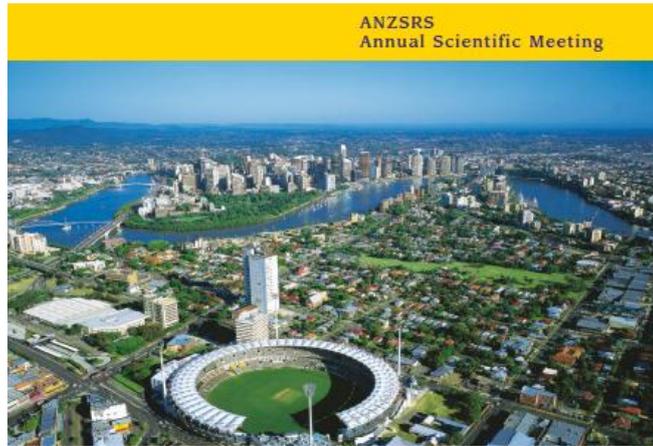
On behalf of the Local Organising Committee, I am pleased to invite all members to the 2010 Annual Scientific Meeting of the Australian and New Zealand Society for Respiratory Science. 2010 marks the 30th Annual Scientific Meeting of the ANZSRS with the Local Organising Committee carefully compiling a program that provides the perfect mix of scientific content, opportunity to devote time to industry colleagues at the Trade Exhibition, and of course a wonderful social program. A quick reminder that Earlybird Registration closes **Monday 15th February**.

The program will look at the past, present and future and cover such varied topics as the development in the recording of lung function measurements; the use of exhaled breath biomarkers; and a “clinical controversies” session on the pre-operative assessment using the cardio-pulmonary exercise test, and the clinical utility of expired NO.

We are pleased to welcome our international speaker, Dr Martin Miller and our distinguished national speakers, Dr Deborah Yates, Dr Paul Older, Dr Peter


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Franklin, Ms Helen Petsky, Assoc Prof Christine McDonald, Prof Richard Beasley, Mr John Serginson and Dr Hiran Selvadurai. We would also like to acknowledge the significant contribution of our own members including: Dr Sandra Anderson, Mr Paul Guy, Ms Brigitte Borg, Dr Sally Young, Mr Danny Brazzale and Assoc Prof Alan Crockett.

The 2010 meeting will again include a shared plenary session with the TSANZ. This year includes presentations by Professor Stephen Holgate and Dr Peter Sly, and will also highlight Sandy Anderson’s extensive contribution to both societies. The joint cooperation between the ANZSRS and TSANZ continues with the popular shared Masterclass session – this year with a focus on exercise testing.

Monday morning provides an Oxygen Symposium (jointly **sponsored by AirLiquide & Breathe21**) which will cover a number of issues including the physiology of oxygen transport, current guidelines for the provision of domiciliary oxygen, associated costs and other patient issues. Delegates will also be able to ponder the ethical dilemmas of research, or work towards their CRFS credential by attending one of the workshops on offer. With all this and more – better get on with registration. **Remember - Earlybird registration closes on Feb 15.**

Members of the Society have once again answered the call with 18 oral abstracts, and 19 posters to be presented at the meeting. Topics range from ABG sampling practices, through Inter-rater reliability of lung function test interpretation, to evaluation of a pulse-oximeter capable of non-invasive estimation of total haemoglobin. Young Investigators will be vying for the Bird Healthcare Young Investigators Award (<http://www.anzsrs.org.au/via3.pdf>). The Niche Medical Best Oral Presentation (<http://www.anzsrs.org.au/bestoral2.pdf>) and

Compumedics Best Poster Presentation (<http://www.anzsrs.org.au/bestposter1.pdf>) Awards are also on offer. Many thanks to the sponsors of these awards. This year will also see the inaugural Robert Jensen Award for Excellence in Respiratory Measurement (<http://www.anzsrs.org.au/robertjensenaward.pdf>) - a fantastic award initiated by Robert, a long time supporter of the ANZSRS.

The ASM will also provide time to take in emerging technologies in the field of respiratory science with our industry colleagues at the trade exhibition. I personally thank all members of the trade for their ongoing support of the ANZSRS and I encourage all delegates to engage with representatives about their products and services.

We provide ample social opportunities to catch up with colleagues from afar. The Welcome Reception (kindly **sponsored by MedGraphics**) will take in the beautiful Brisbane River at the Brisbane Convention Centre's River Room. On Saturday evening it's time to let the hair down and celebrate our 30th ASM at the Conference Dinner (kindly **sponsored by Ascencia**). Shuttle buses will deliver delegates to Victoria Park overlooking Brisbane for a sumptuous meal followed by a 30th birthday party, complete with a Big Band - so bring your best frock or most stylish suit, and importantly, your dancing shoes!

I look forward to your company in Brisbane as we open the door to the next 30 years of the ANZSRS. (**Did I mention that Earlybird registration closes on Feb 15?**).

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New South Wales / ACT

Welcome to the new decade and what promises to be a busy and exciting time for NSW/ACT Members!

As the new Regional Representative, I look forward to facilitating meetings and leading communications to develop NSW/ACT Region to be a driving force of the Society. To kick this off you will have already received the meeting calendar for the year via email (if you didn't, please email me so that I can update the contact list). We are hitting the ground running with the first meeting scheduled for **Thursday 4th March at Royal North Shore Hospital**, kindly sponsored by *Mortara Australia*. This will give everyone the chance to meet and mingle before heading up to the ASM in Brisbane.

I have scheduled 8 meetings this year at locations across the greater Sydney area. Further details of all meetings will be emailed approximately 1 month prior to the scheduled date. Of particular note is the Pharmaxis Education Meeting to be held in July at Pharmaxis Head Office, Frenchs Forest. This meeting will involve a tour of the Pharmaxis facility and presentations from Pharmaxis researchers and staff.

Christmas Dinner 2009:

The Christmas Dinner in December was a roaring success – many thanks to everyone that attended, and to Niche Medical, our gold sponsor, and other sponsors: Hemocue, Radiometer, Pharmaxis, Mortara Australia, Bird Healthcare and Air Liquide. Unfortunately the acoustics did not allow formal presentations, but the adaptability of John Brannan and Phillip Munoz came to the fore, and we thank them for presenting to each table “Overseas placements – a northern hemisphere experience from both sides of the Atlantic”. An extra-special thanks to Phillip Munoz for organising this excellent dinner – and for supplying the photos below!



Case of the Month April 2010:

NSW/ACT Region is rostered to supply a Case of the Month in April. If anyone has seen an interesting / tricky case, could you please email me with the details?

Welcome:

Welcome to Ms Ping Yan, a new member and Hospital Scientist from Liverpool Hospital.

ASM Brisbane:

It is great to see again many NSW/ACT Members presenting at the ASM in Brisbane – good luck and best wishes to them!

I look forward to seeing you all in March!

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New Zealand

Welcome the start of a new year and the NZ branch has hit the ground running!

The Christchurch Laboratory would like to welcome 2 new members to their team. Shewa Basharati and Andrew O'Reilly-Nugent began their foray into the world of Respiratory Physiology at the end of 2009 and managed to get every Christmas function within the first week and get time off! Nice for some!

Meanwhile Christchurch would also like to Report that Paul Kelly went downstairs to sleep..... I feel a wiggles song coming on.

Registration

The Director-General (DG) of Health has contacted the Clinical Physiologists Registration Board (CPRB) directly regarding the current review of the HPCA Act. Specifically, the DG is requesting that (as a profession that has made a submission to the Ministry of Health for regulation under the HPCA Act) we review the latest MoH discussion document "How do we determine if statutory regulation is the most appropriate way to regulate health professions?" and make a submission. The discussion document is available on www.moh.govt.nz/hpca and the closing date for submissions is 5 March 2010. Can all NZ members please review the MoH document and either provide a submission direct to the MoH via the electronic process, or provide David Robiony-Rogers (david.robiony-rogers@ccdhb.org.nz) with feedback to compile for a submission on behalf of the CPRB. The more feedback received

from us the better the final outcome of the review process relating to the HPCA Act and possible future regulation of Clinical Respiratory Physiology.

David Robiony-Rogers has been working very hard on this, so on behalf on the NZ branch I would like to thank him for all the hard work.

National Manual for all NZ Respiratory Laboratories

There was a discussion last year at the NZ Branch meeting in Auckland about developing a standardised Respiratory Laboratory Procedure Manual for NZ.

The advantage of standardisation will be for patients who move to another centre NZ and have serial PFT testing, and for laboratories who have not applied for accreditation because they have not completed their documentation. In addition we should all benefit from group discussion around any controversies arising between different laboratories. Thus, we can ensure that we are all following a standardised procedure and quality control practices for each test performed

This initiative has taken flight with the first procedure being sent out at the end of January. Obviously there has been huge excitement all round the country because the topic is everyone's favourite "Infection control". Over the coming week's discussion and feedback will occur for this procedure. In addition we will roll out other procedures. We envisage that we will have a National Laboratory manual in place well before the end of 2010.

Brisbane ASM

A reminder that Early Bird Registrations for the Brisbane AGM closes February 15 and the meeting is March 19-22. It would be good to have a nice big contingent from the NZ branch at the meeting. .

New Around the Branch

The start of the year for Christchurch was marked with Josh Stanton bringing in his 20 pk yr Smoked Trout for us to sample, and with the Aussie convert celebrating Australia Day in style with Damper, Lamingtons and Vegemite sandwiches all round.... And no there was no Pavlova as we didn't want an international incident.

Well that is all from a busy NZ branch this month.

'til next time

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Queensland

The Queensland Branch has started it's new exciting year in earnest with many members busy with the March ASM just around the corner.

A practice-run for those presenting is our first planned meeting on February 17th. This is again at the Brisbane Private Hospital, the Arnold Jansen Centre in the Trout Conference Room, at 5:15 for a 5:30 start. We hope to see as many as possible attend to lend support to those presenting. And we'll keep the video camera off so you will not have to worry about that. Those who are presenting, please confirm your attendance with me.

The following bimonthly meetings are planned for this year.

Feb 17th
April 21st
June 16th
Aug 18th
Oct 20th

If you would like to present to our meeting, then please let me know and nominate a date. We welcome any ideas.

Lab profile of the month!-

JOHN FLYNN RESPIRATORY CENTRE

John Flynn is a 317 bed, acute care hospital located at Tugun, which is on the southern end of Queensland's Gold Coast, within 5 minutes from the Gold Coast Airport. The hospital provides services to the population of the Gold Coast and the Tweed Coast extending into the NSW Northern Rivers area.

The John Flynn Respiratory Centre is a privately owned laboratory which services three respiratory physicians and their clinics, the hospitals inpatients as well as referrals from GP's from as far north as the Gold Coast and as far south as Byron Bay, Ballina and Casino.

The lab is operated by a full time and a casual respiratory scientist using Sensormedics Vmax equipment to provide the usual Spirometry, Gas Transfer (DLCO), and Static Lung Volumes (nitrogen washout), Aridol/Mannitol and Hypertonic Saline bronchial provocation tests, Maximum Inspiratory and Expiratory Pressures and High Altitude Simulation Tests (HAST).



Joe and Marlis – Respiratory Scientist's at John Flynn Respiratory Centre

Hope everyone has a great 2010 and we look forward to seeing you all at the Brisbane 2010 Annual Scientific Meeting.

Yours in respiratory science,

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South Australia

2010 meetings begin for SA on Tuesday 23rd February. Daniel Stadler is the latest recipient of the young investigator award (TSANZ, SA). He has kindly agreed to present to our group at this meeting.

His presentation is entitled:

Obesity effects on Lung Volume, Transdiaphragmatic Pressure, Upper Airway Dilator and Inspiratory Pump Muscle activity in Obstructive Sleep Apnoea.

David Schembri and Richard Parsons will also discuss static and dynamic compliance measurements as a prelude to Daniel's talk.

Meetings have been scheduled for the rest of the year and any suggestions re presenters would be appreciated.

As mentioned last year Regional Rep terms are due to be renewed at the ASM. If you are interested or have a suggestion for a suitable person please contact me. The role is not onerous - there is plenty of support and being Regional Rep is a great way to gain valuable experience and be involved in the running of the Society.

As always I would love to hear any suggestions for meetings, discuss problems or answer any questions,

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Western Australia

Now, take a BIG breath in.....well 2010 has well and truly arrived and here we are! We would first of all like to thank Sina and Sharon for their hard work, enthusiasm and dedication to the WA branch. As Chris Nathan likes to tell us "Now girls, standards must be maintained", so we will endeavour to live up to the standard of the WA branch rep roles that have been set.

First of all we think we should introduce ourselves for those who haven't yet met us. Elise Chu graduated from the Respiratory Science undergraduate degree at Charles Sturt University in Wagga Wagga before venturing across the country to Perth. She has worked at Royal Perth Hospital for 5 years while obtaining her Honours and CRFS.

Elizabeth Salamon completed a degree in Human Biology at Edith Cowan University before starting work at Royal Perth Hospital. She has obtained her CRFS as well as the post graduate certificate in Paediatric respiratory science. Upon completing that she hopped over to Princess Margaret Hospital for some experience in a paediatric lab.

The next branch meeting will be held on the 4th of March at PMH. This will be a chance for our members presenting at the Brisbane meeting to practice their talks. We hope to see many of you at the Brisbane ASM.

The Perth LOC has been busy preparing for 2011 and we are looking forward to that also. We hope everyone has enjoyed some time off over the Christmas New Year period and are ready to face the world of respiratory science again.

Now...breathe out...s l o w l y...right to the end... and we'll see you next month.

Cheers E & E

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