

Regional News – July, 2010.

Annual Scientific Meeting News



**TSANZ and ANZSRs
Annual Scientific Meetings
1 – 6 April 2011
Perth Convention &
Exhibition Centre
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



New South Wales / ACT

A chilly June evening has not dulled the NSW/ACT Branch enthusiasm! The meeting on 30th June at the Woolcock Institute of Medical Research was well supported. Initially, attendees were able to tour the new respiratory function lab at the Woolcock, with sponsor Michael Panagopolous from *Asencia* on hand to answer questions. The meeting continued the discussion of reference values and Stephen West gave us a quick update on some normal data from labs in Sydney. This was followed by an informative presentation by Jeff Pretto "So you want to change to NHANES III, how does this affect interpretation?". The meeting was rounded out by a research presentation from David Chapman "Is the cure to airway hyperresponsiveness just a deep breath away?". A big thank you to all three

presenters who gave fantastic and thorough talks. Following the meeting, attendees were treated to a generous spread of hot food, cakes and refreshments supplied by Michael Panagopolous from *Ascencia*.

It seems that most spirometry lab normal data available corresponds with NHANES III, so it was agreed that this should probably be applied to the NSW/ACT laboratories. There was a laboratory able to show that their normal population (of significant numbers) better matched ERS references, so it was agreed that this lab (and others in the future who can show hard evidence) could remain on the most suitable reference set. This discussion will continue at the August meeting, and lung volume reference sets will also be reviewed.

Pharmaxis Education Meeting: 5pm Wednesday 21st July, 2010
Pharmaxis Head Office – Frenchs Forest

On a personal note, thank you to everyone for their kind wishes regarding my recent marriage – we were very lucky that the weather was fine and sunny on the day, and the jousting and costumes were a huge success! Here's a few pics of our medieval wedding:



See you at Pharmaxis!

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New Zealand

Well no sooner had I settled down for our long period of winter hibernation... no public holidays and only the comfort of a nice glass of red... do I realise it is time for branch news again.

There would have been more than a few bleary-eyed physiologists in the last few weeks if Christchurch was anything to go by with the All Whites providing a stunning performance at the "Football" world cup. For a proud rugby nation this was one of the proudest moments!

NZ National Respiratory Physiology Manual

This month has seen the continuation of the NZ national laboratory protocol initiative. This initiative started at our 2009 branch meeting about standardising the approach to lung function so that patients travelling around NZ will receive the same lung function testing (of course within our known variability).

The branch has successfully adopted the infection control, 6 minute walk test and now spirometry. The level of discussion and debate amongst the membership has proved educational. The process has only been successful due to the support and interest of the NZ members with comments and feedback being received from across the country. The roll out will continue with a protocol being delivered every 1-2 weeks, with an aim to have the protocols out for discussion prior to our branch meeting.

Branch Meeting

What a perfect segue! The NZ branch meeting where we will see "Adventure physiology in the adventure capital". For those of you who missed the poster, the mass emails, Chris's constant rambling etc etc., the meeting will be held from the 19th to 20th August in Queenstown. If you are like half my colleagues and deleted the email with the registration form please get in touch and I can pass one on.

The program has a long period devoted to discussion about the national manual. Hopefully we can get at least 1 member from each lab to attend as this would be a great opportunity to meet face to face and nut out the program. A lot of hard work has gone into this so I am looking for to a fruitful discussion in Queenstown.

Final touches on the preparation for the meeting are underway with the location of the dinner being hotly discussed; this branch rep really isn't too concerned, as long as there is a cosy fire and a few glasses of red it will be a great night!

I have confirmed all our speakers for the meeting which is an achievement considering there is still over a month until the meeting!!!

Our very own President Mike Brown will be travelling across the ditch and presenting on Hypercapnic drive assessment and also a presidential view on ANZSRS. Leigh

Seccombe is packing her ski equipment and leaving her scuba gear behind but will present on "The lung under pressure".

Well that is all for a pretty active branch news.

`til next month

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Queensland

Happy New Financial Year!! Hope everyone is having a great winter!

Bi-Monthly Meetings

Our Queensland members gathered on Wednesday 16th June for our bi-monthly meeting. It was a great turnout considering it was the night of the second State of Origin. I'd say the chance to see some wedding pics over a game they loosely call football drew the crowd. Thank you to all that attended. Claire Shackleton gave us an entertaining and informative talk on FOT and how 'well' the West Coast Eagles are travelling. Skye Yates also let us know about the extensive work she is doing, along with fellow QLD member Mark Davis, in setting up a Spirometry Training Course for Queensland Indigenous Health Workers. With Phase 1 completed, they have done a great job! Thanks to Bird Healthcare and GSK for sponsoring the evening. Thanks to Tim Boulton from Bird Healthcare for making the trip north to see us and to keep us updated on the ins and outs of filter efficiency.

Our next meeting is booked for Wednesday 18th August, same place, same time! As mentioned at our last meeting, we may change the date to the following week to accommodate those travelling to NZ for the 'Adventure Physiology in the Adventure Capital' meeting. I will let you all know regarding any change. Representing QLD will be ANZSRS President Mike Brown who will be presenting his work on hypercapnic drive assessment. We look forward to hearing all about it when he comes back!

ERS Under 35 Silver Membership

Just a reminder to those that haven't already done so, the ERS online membership application is now up and running. That means the under 35s out there may gain Silver membership with the ERS for free! I have just joined and will be able to join for the next.....umm.....14 years.....umm.....yes.....14 years.....that's right.....yes.....I am only....ahh.....21! Seriously though, it is quick, easy and gives you access to numerous resources via ERS. Get on board!

TSQ Winter Meeting

Another reminder regarding the Thoracic Society of Queensland (TSQ) Winter Meeting being held in Caloundra (apparently great fishing according to Darren (TPCH)!). The meeting is entitled "Warm Winter Rays: An Update on Thoracic Radiology". Dates are 24th-25th July 2010. Go to www.tsq.asn.au for more information.

Perth Abstracts

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

Lab Profile

Logan Hospital Respiratory Laboratory

The Respiratory Laboratory at Logan Hospital was established in February 2002. It is situated in the Southside Health Service District which is midway between Brisbane and the Gold Coast and includes some southern Brisbane suburbs, Logan City, the Gold Coast hinterland and Beaudesert Shire to the border of New South Wales.

The laboratory employs one Respiratory Scientist (me - Ryan Harle) squeezed in with several members of the dark side (cardiac scientists). There are two main respiratory physicians (Dr Khoa Tran and Dr Josie Stroud) and one senior registrar (Dr Michael Fanning). Previous scientists include Mark Davis (RBH), Debbie Zagami (GCH) and Sharna Wilkinson (PAH).

Over the past eight years, hours of operation have ranged from one to four days per week. In January 2009, laboratory hours were increased to five days a week. The end of 2009 saw 1120 patients' walk/wheel/claw their way through the door.

Year	Client Numbers
2002	174
2003	321
2004	357
2005	490
2006	669
2007	933
2008	1071
2009	1120

Currently the laboratory performs full respiratory function tests (plethysmography with the occasional option of nitrogen washout if asked nicely), MIPs/MEPs/SNIPs, Methacholine and Mannitol challenge tests, 6MWTs, Overnight pulse oximetry and allergen skin prick testing. December 2008 saw one very lucky patient (and his interpreter) pedal during our very first CPET.

Attached below is a picture of the most important part of the laboratory....the door on the way out.



Non-South East Queensland Members (NSEQM)

Hello to all our NSEQM who we see only on special occasions. Just thought a shout out would be nice! HI! Would you mind sending through your current email addresses and place/s of work so I can update the database? I am sure I have most of them however some may have changed without my knowledge. Finally, along with your confirmation email would you mind sending through your interest in receiving a DVD copy of each bi-monthly meeting? We have been recording them and can put them to disc if you are interested. Let me know, and we'll organise it! My light comedy is truly something to see! ☺

Until August and especially August 5th which is (drum roll).....[International Beer Day](#), a holiday in celebration of beer!

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South Australia

Hi All,

Not much to report from SA this month. The June branch meeting was cancelled due to unavailability of members but a big thankyou to Erin Lynn from Pharmaxis who had kindly offered to sponsor the meeting and sent along a box of goodies for distribution at the next meeting.

In the next few months the SA branch will again be doing their Inter-lab QC which is now in its 17th consecutive year, incorporating both public and private labs, and even includes a thoracic specialist who performs his own lung function testing and likes to ensure his testing equipment is performing accurately. Nominations are now open for the 2010 Inter-lab QC volunteer/ guinea pig, who this year will hopefully not be a young female, let me know if you would like to volunteer/nominate someone.

Next month SA will be presenting the case of the month on the ANZSRS website and a big thankyou goes to Bec from the RAH for organising this and spending many hours gathering results to make an interesting and hopefully educational case.

Next branch meeting 17th August in the chest clinic and proudly sponsored by Ascencia. Suggestions are now being sought for guest speakers or topics of interest for discussion.

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Victoria / Tasmania

A quiet few months down here in the deep south east states, as the winter kicks in but still disappointing snowfalls on the slopes.... Hope the conditions are better for the NZ branch meeting coming up in Queenstown. Any Vic/Tassie members wanting to attend that meeting, please contact me ASAP.

The month of June saw the completion of our second Vic branch meeting for the year, held at Box Hill hospital – a big thank you to Nori and co for their help organising the venue. A good turn out again and our thanks also to Mortara Instruments for sponsoring the event. We were treated to the return of Judy Roget to our meetings, a life member of the society and her first meeting since 1994, as she continues to battle ongoing health issues. Judy presented an interesting case report on Chronic Fatigue Syndrome and the role of O₂ toxicity. Brigitte Borg also gave an excellent presentation on the potential for overuse of oxygen in a clinical setting. A very topical issue at present and both presentation were received well by all.

To all Vic members, note that our next Branch meeting will be on the 31st of August at the Austin Hospital. Please stay tuned for more details regarding the program.

Regards

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Western Australia



The old grey donkey, Eeyore, stood by himself in a thistly corner of the Forest, his front feet well apart, his head on one side, and thought about things. Sometimes he thought sadly to himself, "Why?" and sometimes he thought, "Wherefore?" and sometimes he thought, "Inasmuchaswhich?" and sometimes he didn't quite know what he was thinking about.

The next Branch meeting is being planned for some time in August somewhere around the plains of St John of God Subiaco with a pharmacological look at "Pulmonary Toxins and Treatments" by our wise friend and Pharmacist Rob "Owl" Tagliaferri. Watch this space in the Forest for the Why and Wherefore, and possibly some Inasmuchaswhich.

With apologies to A. A. Milne
From the book Winnie the Pooh

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ANZSRS important dates 2010

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

July	21	NSW/ACT branch Pharmaxis education session (Sydney) Abstracts for APSR due
	24 - 25	QLD Thoracic Society meeting (Caloundra)
August	17	SA branch meeting (Chest Clinic)
	18	QLD branch meeting
	19-20	NZ branch ANZSRS/TSANZ meeting (Queenstown)
	24	NSW/ACT branch meeting (Sydney Children's Hosp.)
	25	WA branch meeting
September	31	VIC/TAS branch meeting (Austin Hospital)
	15	Early Bird Rego for APSR closes
	18 - 22	ERS meeting - Barcelona
October	24	Application for CRFS exam due
	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.)
November	29	CRFS exam
	17	World COPD Day
	19	Abstracts due for Perth ASM 2011
	22 - 25	APSR meeting - Manila
December	30	SA branch meeting
	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

