

Regional News – August, 2011.

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Regards,

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New South Wales / ACT

Dear All, NSW very much loves the warm winter we have been experiencing the last week, let's hope this continues!

The next meeting of the NSW/ACT branch has had a change of venue; we will now be holding the next meeting at RPA hospital in Camperdown.

The title for the meeting will be "Investigating mechanisms of cough to inhaled mannitol - potential of a novel cough monitor", and will be presented by John Brannan and Clair Lake.

The meeting will commence at 5:15pm on August 23rd and will be held on Level 11 of the Main Block.

Many thanks to our sponsors Bird Healthcare for sponsoring the meeting and lucky door prize.

Until next time,

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New Zealand

In New Zealand we would like to welcome Ryan Clark to the ANZSRS. Ryan is working in Palmerston North, which is actually the geographical centre of NZ, did you know!

Big congratulations go to Christchurch's Josh Stanton and his family as they welcome a new baby boy. Thanks Maureen for providing this fantastic photo of Dad and son both in Canterbury colours, returning home through the snow! Apparently only a handful of the respiratory scientists made it to work that day. Those that did showed great dedication by either walking (perhaps with no shoes on, as the saying goes), catching a ride in the neighbours 4WD, or crashing their own car in the process! We won't name any names.



‘Snow Angel’ Tyler James Stanton with his proud Dad on the day Christchurch had the Icing on the Quake!

Hopefully Josh won’t be too distracted from his VIP position (very important presenter!) at the up coming NZ branch meeting, where he will be discussing the development of an online spirometry quality audit tool plus a review of the first years worth of data. There is definitely still time to enrol for the meeting which is taking place in the incredible, snowy, ski mecca of Queenstown, 25-26th August. Just send myself or Elisha an email for more info.

New Zealand Annual Scientific Meeting Queenstown 25-26th August 2011



Featuring discussion & new research surrounding the theme:
"Airwaves and Airways"

Online spirometry
Exercise protocol selection
The hypoxic inhalation challenge
The effect of Salbutamol on DLCO
Physiology outreach clinics in the far North
Vibration induced relaxation of airway smooth muscle

Go to: www.anzsrs.org.au for more details and to register

Cheers,

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QUEENSLAND

Upcoming Meeting

Our next branch meeting is being held on Wednesday 24th, 2011 at the regular venue, the Brisbane Private Hospital. As the new regional chair, I will be briefly introducing myself to those who do not know me (those who do will have to sit and listen as well!). We will then hear from John Serginson, respiratory nurse practitioner at the Caboolture Hospital about his experiences setting up his service. This presentation

was held over from last meeting (much to Andrew Southwell's delight, who was replacing John at the last minute).

We will also be hearing from Helen Beeley, physiotherapist at RBWH and co-ordinator of their pulmonary rehabilitation service about all things rehab (of the respiratory variety of course!).

A special incentive to attend this meeting will be announced very shortly, thanks to our sponsors for the evening, Bird Healthcare. Tim Boulton from Bird Healthcare will be present to let us know all about the latest products from Bird, and to make a special presentation to one lucky ANZSRS member present on the night – details to follow!

Thanks to Tim and the team from Bird Healthcare for sponsoring our upcoming meeting and providing our “special incentive”.

The Past Month in Queensland Respiratory Science

The month of July saw a transitional period for our local ANZSRS chapter. Jarrod Warner (PA Hospital) stepped down as regional chair after almost 2 years at the helm. I'd like to congratulate Jarrod on a tremendous job and only hope I can do half as good a job. Thankfully that task will be made easier with Jarrod offering to stay on as regional vice chair for the next 12 months to help me transition into the role. Debbie Zagami (Gold Coast Hospital) has stepped down from the vice chair position to concentrate on her position on the board of the ANZSRS. Thanks Debbie and Jarrod for all your hard work!

Along with Queensland's continued sporting dominance with the Reds taking out the Super Rugby title (and Queensland based scientists dominating the footy tipping!), this month also saw our local Thoracic Society, the TSQ, hold their winter meeting titled “Life on the Edge: Update on Pleural Diseases”. It was held the weekend of July 23-24 at Picnic Point, Toowoomba - a lovely part of the world (or so I am told!). Professor Y C Gary Lee was guest speaker, and from all reports it was a fabulous meeting.

Hope to see as many of you as possible at our next meeting, remembering there will be a lucky winner on the night (watch this space!).

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Hello everyone,

We are finally getting our share of the wet stuff over here on the West coast, its been a soggy month- perfect for enjoying a glass of red watching the rain...after work hours of course people!

Dates for your diary

***NB - Change of Date*:** The next branch meeting will be held at Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital Respiratory Library on **Thursday 25th August**.

“Lung Cancer and Thermal Ablation” **Presented by - Dr Jeanie Leong**

This meeting is generously sponsored by Bird Healthcare who will also be running a competition to win a \$200 travel grant. Please refer to flier for eligibility criteria.

22nd/23rd October.

The 2011 WA ANZSRS/TSANZ ASM will be held in Mandurah at the Performing Arts Centre. The theme for the weekend meeting is:

“Inflammation and remodelling in respiratory disease”

Brigitte Borg is the ANZSRS invited speaker for the weekend, and will be speaking on
“Pathophysiology of Oxygen Toxicity in the Lungs”

A flier has been distributed, and a call for abstracts will be sent when details have been finalised. A number of travel grants and awards will be presented at this meeting. Please refer to individual award guidelines for application details and judging criteria.

We would like to encourage all of you to attend this meeting, as it is a combined ANZSRS/TSANZ meeting so please show your support of this in attendance numbers! Mandurah is a lovely place to go for a weekend getaway so take advantage of this great location, and apply for a travel grant. Information regarding travel grant applications will be circulated shortly.

Monday 24th October

The weekend ASM will be followed by the ANZSRS Respiratory Symposium at TICHR:
“Oxygen: The good, the bad and the ugly”

Speaking on this topic will be Brigitte Borg, Karla Logie and Dr John McLachlan.
This will be a great afternoon.

Until next time, stay dry

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ANZSRS important dates 2011

August	23	NSW/ACT branch meeting - St George Hospital
	24	QLD branch meeting
	25-26	NZ Annual Scientific Meeting - Queenstown
September		
October	19	QLD branch meeting
	20	NSW/ACT branch meeting - Royal Prince Alfred Hospital
	22 - 23	WA joint TSANZ/ANZSRS meeting - Mandurah
	24	WA Respiratory Symposium
	28	Application due for CRFS Exam
November	23	WA branch meeting
	25	CRFS Exam
December	9	NSW/ACT - Christmas Dinner

International Meetings in 2011

ERS: Amsterdam: Sept 24-28
ASTA: Sydney: Oct 27 -29
APSR: Shanghai: Nov 3-6
AARC: Tampa: Nov 5-8