

Regional News – February, 2011.

Annual Scientific Meeting News



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ANZSRS Annual Scientific Meeting
Perth Convention & Exhibition Centre
Perth, Western Australia

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Registration

On-line registration is up and running and **Early Bird Registration** closes on the **14th February 2011**. The registration forms can be found at

<http://www.anzsrs.org.au/asm2011registration.html>

Accommodation

Accommodation can be booked up to the start of the conference at [OzAccom website](#).

Programme

The LOC has compiled a comprehensive programme exploring aspects of the patient journey from symptoms to diagnosis and our role as respiratory scientists in this process. There is a strong focus on breathlessness, one of the most common symptoms we see, presented by our international keynote speaker, Professor John Moxham. Over the weekend we will navigate from essentials such as interpretation of respiratory function results through to the more complex principles involved in the mechanics of breathing and determine whether advances in imaging technology will really put us out of a job! This ASM will have broad appeal to everyone involved in respiratory science from the private to tertiary laboratory, as we explore the theme of **Living, Breathing, Science**.

The importance of networking with colleagues has not been forgotten, with a fantastic social programme planned, taking in some stunning views of Perth. As always, we greatly appreciate the commitment by our trade sponsors and I'm sure everyone will take the opportunity to spend time with industry colleagues at the Trade Exhibition.



Abstracts

All submitting authors should have received confirmation of acceptance of submission and notification of presentation type and time. Any Authors who have not received this information are requested to contact me as soon as possible.

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Workshops

We would encourage everyone to take a look and see what's on offer. Please note that places are limited for some workshops, so book early to reserve your seat.

Sponsors

We would like to take the opportunity to recognise our sponsors: Our thanks go to

- Platinum sponsors - Pharmaxis and Bird Healthcare;
- Gold sponsors - Care Fusion and Niche Medical;
- Ascencia - Conference Dinner;
- Abbott and Phebra - Cystic Fibrosis Symposium



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New South Wales / ACT

Happy New year to NSW/ACT members of the ANZSRS! This month has been traditionally quiet on most work calendars so as we rev it up a gear for Feb, let us reflect on the fantastic function that was the December meeting of the branch. A big thank you to Dr Tam Corte for her talk titled "The trials of Identifying Pulmonary Vascular Dysfunction in patients with chronic lung disease". It was a very interesting meeting with great questions at the end. Again many thanks to all sponsors and we look forward to seeing you at future events.

I attach the calendar for 2011 meetings, with the first to be held at Concord Hospital on March 2nd. The topic will be on eNO with the speaker to be announced shortly. NSW/ACT members will receive an email soon about this function.

1. **Wednesday 2nd March, 2011**
Concord Repatriation Hospital
Location: Concord, NSW
Sponsor: JLM Accutek

2. **Thursday 9th June, 2011**
Westmead Children's Hospital
Location: Westmead, NSW

3. **Tuesday 23rd August, 2011**
St George Hospital
Location: Kogarah, NSW

4. **Thursday 20th October, 2011**
Royal Prince Alfred Hospital
Location: Camperdown, NSW

5. **TBA November, 2011**
TSANZ/RNIG /ANZSRS Combined Science Day
Location: TBA

6. **Friday 9th December, 2011**
Christmas Dinner
Location: TBA

For further information and RSVP, please telephone Phillip Munoz on (02) 9515 6017 or Phillip.Munoz@sswahs.nsw.gov.au

Well that's about all for this month, feel free to contact me about NSW/ACT ANZSRS matters anytime.

Cheers

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New Zealand

The summer months have seen beautiful scenes in New Zealand. Many of us have been away enjoying the sun, hence the branch news and case of the month (held over to March) may look a little skinny.

Welcome

Welcome to Alaina Francis, new trainee Scientist in Auckland. We hope that you will enjoy your new job in Respiratory!

Christchurch also has a new Scientist, ably described by Josh Stanton (thanks Josh!)... Emily Ingram has started with us replacing the infamous Chris O'Dea. Emily has come to us from the UK and has had several years experience with lung function testing particularly with the little people.

We found when she first got to NZ she was lacking in experience in earthquake analysis and strength prediction. We soon fixed this however with some hefty aftershocks soon after she arrived. We experienced a nice wee 5.1 last week followed by a 4.0 during work time (5 floors up!), I was half way through a blood gas.....I wonder how the surgeons get on during the aftershocks?

Cheers

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QUEENSLAND

Happy 2011!

The Queensland Branch would like to wish everyone a fun, productive and scientific year! We would also like to pass on our thoughts and best wishes for those affected by recent flooding in Queensland, New South Wales and Victoria.

2010 Trivia Night

The 2010 trivia night has been run and won! Here's the wrap up.....

The 3 teams battled it out; The Chicks (yes, it was all girls), Jeffery (apparently something to do with the movie, *Get Him To The Greek*) and VD (don't ask!). After 4 rounds which included Sport, TV Themes, Australian History and Nation's Capitals, it turned out VD had no clue about sport but managed to outplay The Chicks and Jeffery in the other categories. VD took a slight lead over Jeffery with The Chicks concentrating on.....well, just concentrating. Half time score, VD over Jeffery, with The Chicks trailing the pack.

In the categories to follow, Jeffery managed to get in the game and gradually catch, oops, I mean catch-up to VD. The Chicks were just having a good time by this stage. Categories included Human Body, Christmas, Music, Respiratory and Missing Pairs (a brain-teaser). At the time of scoring, it was neck and neck between Jeffery and VD. I think The Chicks were giggling a lot now.

When the final scores were posted, Jeffery came very close but VD could not be beaten! Although they only won by 4 points, they won and to the winners went the

spoils. To their credit though, they did share their winnings, slightly! I suspect the glory of the victory, not the prizes on offer, was their main motivation which was evident by their shameless gloating at the end of the night.

I would like to thank everyone for coming along to what was a fun evening. Photos of the evening are not suitable for public viewing although may be available upon request.... The competitive spirit was alive and well. I hope everyone had a great time. Thanks to Niche Medical and Bird Healthcare for sponsoring the evening.

2011 Meetings

Meetings for 2011 have been booked for the year. Same place, same time, same great entertainment, slightly different dates (from the ones I emailed to QLD members earlier in the year due to school holidays, etc...!).

Venue –

Brisbane Private Hospital
Level 8
Arnold Jansen Centre
Trout Conference Room
Wickham Terrace
Brisbane

Meeting Time –

5:15pm for a 5:30pm to 5:45pm start

Entertainment –

Local and National scientific talent!

Meeting Dates –

1. Wednesday 2nd March 2011
2. Wednesday 4th May 2011
3. Wednesday 22nd June 2011
4. Wednesday 24th August 2011
5. Wednesday 19th October 2011

As per previous years, the theme for Meeting 1 will be to showcase our Queensland talent travelling to Perth for this year's Annual Scientific Meeting. Those presenting (*I know who you are*) are encouraged to present their work in front of your very supportive colleagues. I imagine your presentations are almost complete, so this will be a great opportunity to do some fine-tuning. I would like to thank GSK for sponsoring our first meeting of 2011.

In regards to further meetings, we will again implement the “presenting roster”. For those labs that missed out last year, 2011 will be your opportunity to present or find presenters for your allocated meeting. Again, we are looking for one 25-30 minute presentation (Dr, PhD student, respiratory nurses, etc...) and one 10-15 minute presentation (respiratory scientist, problem-solving discussion between members,

etc...). I will let everybody know of their responsibilities at our first meeting in March.

Well, 2011 has kicked off! I look forward to a busy and interactive year from all members. I also look forward to taking out the Ascencia Footy Tipping 2011!

See you all at our first meeting in March!

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Western Australia

We trust that February finds you all safe and dry after the disastrous weather that's been affecting our colleagues in the East. We're hoping that the year of the Rabbit is a bit calmer than its predecessor the Tiger.

Clinical Meetings

Organisation for the year has already commenced, as these two busy bees have planned a bumper year for the WA branch. We are hoping to confirm the date of the first meeting for the year shortly, to be held at Princess Margaret Hospital in early March. We are also planning a series of field trips this year for members to broaden their exposure to what happens outside of a clinical lab. Mouse plethysmography and

lung mechanics will feature in this programme, please let us know if you would be interested in attending these events.

Respiratory Symposium & local joint ANZSRS/TSANZ ASM

The dates and locations for these events have been set for:

- ASM 22nd-23rd October to be held in the Mandurah performing arts centre
- Respiratory Symposium "*Oxygen: the good, the bad & the ugly*" 24th October at the Telethon Institute for Child Health Research

Other News

We would like to welcome our newest members, Ashvin Isaac from Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital, and Tim Rosenow from the Mount Respiratory Lab.

Congratulations to Chris O'Dea for becoming the first Trade Liaison Officer for ANZSRS. Congratulations also to Jo-Anne McLaren for becoming the new ANZSRS rep for the TSANZ associates committee in WA. Thanks to Sina Panic for continuing with her role on the TSANZ exec. Thank you guys for your enthusiasm and hard work.

As for the rest of you, we need someone to do the next round of QA, so please contact Elise if you have a set of lungs we can use.

To non-WA members, we're looking forward to welcoming you to sunny Perth in two months time- don't forget to get your registration in!

Cheers,

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ANZSRS important dates 2011

February	14 24	Early Bird Rego for Perth 2011 due ERS abstracts due
March	2 2 25	NSW/ACT branch meeting - Concord Hospital QLD branch meeting - Brisbane Private Hospital Application due for CRFS Exam
April	1 - 4 2 - 6 29	ANZSRS National ASM TSANZ National ASM CFRS Exam
May	4	QLD branch meeting
June	9 22 30	NSW/ACT branch meeting - Westmead Children's Hospital QLD branch meeting Deadline for membership fee payments
July	31	APSR abstracts due
August	23 24	NSW/ACT branch meeting - St George Hospital QLD branch meeting
September		
October	19 20 22 - 23 28	QLD branch meeting NSW/ACT branch meeting - Royal Prince Alfred Hospital WA joint TSANZ/ANZSRS meeting - Mandurah WA Respiratory Symposium Application due for CRFS Exam
November	25	CRFS Exam
December	9	NSW/ACT - Christmas Dinner

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International Meetings in 2011

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