

ANZSNM
Annual General Meeting 2012

MINUTES

Date: Saturday, 28th April 2012
Time: Opened 5.10pm
Venue: Plenary Hall 3, Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre, South Wharf, Melbourne

1. ATTENDANCE

- 1.1 Present: Jon Boekhoud, Victor Kalff, Jennifer Guille, Ebonie Jackson, Ashlee Harrison, Kera Pethybridge, Natalie Tavare, Antonio Lou, Clare Wright, Lynda Murray, Angela Stafford, Lauren Dorn, Hannah Saunders, Matt Patterson, Jeanelle Farmilo, Diana Gentilcore, Gabrielle Cehic, Peow Ong, Deanna Maglica, Russell Edwards, Julie Crouch, Adam Freeborn, Marko Trifunovic, Karen Wiki, Prue Lamerton, Justin Williamson, Jacky Maggs, Paul Marks, Noelene George, Erin Price, Lyndajane Michel, Erwin Lupango, Crystal Burgess, Melissa Koutsiofi, Sue Ling Lee, Phoebe Chung, Michelle Loneragan, Melanie Crowther, Clayton Frater, Justine Trpezanovski, Nicole Sorensen, Tracey Smith, Evan Read, Marcia Wood, Doug Mackey, Vivian Fernandes, Victoria Brooks, Manoj Bhat, David Binns, Suzanne Heath, Ailsa Cowrie, Carol Charman, Elizabeth Thomas, Ros Francis, Barry Chatterton, Dylan Bartholomeusz, Peter Collins, Kevin Smidt, Sue O'Malley, Sze Ting Lee, Geoff Roff, Aurora Poon, Cheryl Holland, Anthony Baricevic, Vijay Kumar, Allan Scott, Diane Cheong, Liz Bailey, Heather Patterson, Sam Berlangieri, Alla Turlakow, Dale Bailey, Damion Stimson, John Bellen, M Griffiths, Simon Cowell, John Baldas, Zlata Ivanov, Ilonka Bokor, Mary Potter, Elizabeth Williams, Daniel Armao, Alison Apostolou, James Turner, Robert Magill, Megan Horsfield (non member), Amit Maharaj, Rowena Rose, Scott Evans, David Vuong, Dilip Boddeti, William MacDonald, Ghee Chew, Richard Smart, Nick Alexopoulos, Robert Barnett, Darin O'Keeffe, Venessa Lord, John McKay, Andrew Scott, Robin Low, Penny Maton, Peter Gentle, Leighton Barnden, Greg Wilton, Eugenie Ashby, Stuart Carter, Megan Grantham.
- 1.2 Apologies: Elizabeth Croft, Thien Huynh, Fred Khafagi, Melissa Pack, Eddy Spee.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING held on 17 July 2011 at Darwin Convention Centre

2. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

3. REPORTS –attached as indicated

- 3.1 President's Report – attached. Accepted on motion of Bill McDonald, seconded Victor Kalff
- 3.2 Treasurer's Report – attached. Accepted on motion of Liz Bailey, seconded Peter Collins.
- 3.3 Accreditation Board Report – attached
- 3.4 ANZSNMT – attached
- 3.5 ANZAPNM – prepared by Janine Sargeant and presented by Sze Ting who advised that the new name had been voted in at this afternoon's ANZAPNM AGM.
- 3.6 Physics SIG – attached
- 3.7 Radiopharmaceutical Science SIG – attached
- 3.8 Nursing SIG – attached
- 3.9 Technical Standards Committee (TSC) – attached
- 3.10 International Relations Committee (IRC) – attached
- 3.11 Conference Update
- 3.11.1 2013 Perth – attached
- 3.11.2 2014 Adelaide

4. SOCIETY RESTRUCURE

Sze Ting Lee reiterated this had already been touched on in her President's Report and advised that interviews for General Manager position will be held in Sydney next week, and members will be informed of the outcome.

5. GENERAL BUSINESS WITHOUT NOTICE

5.1 Honorary Life Membership

Proposed Liz Bailey, seconded by Prue Lamerton that Chris McLaren be granted Honorary Life Membership.

Background to nomination: Chris is extremely passionate about his career as a Nuclear Medicine Technologist and has contributed in so many ways to the development of the profession. Chris has been a Nuclear Medicine Technologist for 32 years and has been an active member of the ANZSNMT for the past 25 years. He joined at a time prior to the CPD program, to which Chris was a major contributor. He is also an active member of the ACT Medical Radiation Scientists board, providing valuable expertise to the national registration steering committee over the past 3 years. His wealth of knowledge, leadership and dedication has helped keep the TSIG in the great form it is today. Chris McLaren is a shining example of all the Society stands for. For these reasons and many more, we cannot recommend Chris more highly for this life membership.

Unanimously approved, with the plaque to be awarded at the Gala Dinner.

6. COUNCIL POSITIONS

Council positions for the coming year will be:

President	Elizabeth Bailey
Vice President	Graeme O'Keefe
Treasurer	Geoff Roff
Company Secretary	Lyndajane Michel

Branch reps

NSW	Dale Bailey
Vic/Tas	Sze Ting Lee
Qld	Lyndajane Michel
SA	Dylan Bartholomeusz
WA	Geoff Roff
NZ	Sue O'Malley

SIG Reps

ANZSNMT	Elizabeth Bailey
Physics	Graeme O'Keefe
Radiopharmacy Science	Jennifer Guille

7. BUSINESS WITHOUT NOTICE

7.1 President's Appreciation Award

Sze Ting Lee said that two people had helped her enormously over the past two years on a daily basis, by telephone, email or in personal meetings – Geoff Roff & Andrew Scott. She presented each with a token of her appreciation.

7.2 Website

Robert Barnett who has built the new website showed the meeting the new website and its various sections, including the Tech CPD area, log-in/password, how to activate your account. Sze Ting Lee asked if there is somewhere on the website where people can make suggestions or email him – he will wait to see if anything doesn't work like it is expected to. It is Live now. Website address is different at the moment but will revert to the original address shortly.

8. DATE & VENUE OF 2013 AGM

Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre, April 11 – 15th 2013

9. CLOSE

Geoff Roff thanked Sze Ting for all her work over the past two years as President.

Meeting closed at 6.05pm.

Agenda Item 3.1 President's Report

This is my last President's Report as I will be stepping down at the Melbourne Conference. I can't believe how quickly my two year term has passed, and it is time for me to reflect what has happened over the last few years on the Society front.

First and foremost, we have seen the successful implementation of the online journal, the Gamma Gazette, in the new concept colours of the Society, which has been a great success. But this would not have been possible if not for the extremely hard work of all members of the Society throughout Australia and New Zealand. It is wonderful to see all the branches come together and work to produce such amazing content over the last two years, and with this current edition put together by the South Australia and New Zealand branches, we have seen all the branches contribute to this journal during my two years here. Special thanks are also to be given to Rachel Bullard, our Production Editor, who manages to compile each edition so beautifully; and also to Judi Anderson, our Secretariat, who collates and proof-reads the submissions.

As you will all be aware, National Registration for Nuclear Medicine Technologists/Scientists continues to move forward. Whilst the Accreditation Board of the Society will cease to exist in its current form when that occurs, the Society will continue to assist the newly formed national Accreditation Council with certain aspects until July 2013.

We have recently nominated two nuclear medicine technologists to AMRSAC sub-committees, who are Russell Booth for the Accreditation Committee and Karen Moyle for the Assessment and Professional Standards Committee. More information about our input and activities in this aspect can be found in the Accreditation Board and ANZSNMT reports.

However, there are numerous people within the Society who have been heavily involved in this process over the last few years. Whilst this is not an exhaustive list, I would specifically like to thank the following for their tireless work in this arena. They include David Lyall, Bridget Chappell, David Thomas, Elizabeth Bailey, Julie Crouch, and our SA representative – Adam Freeborn. More recently, Geoff Roff has also represented the Society in continued discussion with AMRSAC regarding our further involvement in the future. The paperwork which had to be ploughed through and the documents generated were phenomenal and could not have been done without the generous donation of their time and efforts to this matter.

The website committee has also been diligently been putting together the new website which will have dedicated member-only sites for CPD and e-Learning. Thanks to the website committee members which include Geoff Roff, Peter Collins, Doug Mackey and Robert Barnett. We are on target for the official launch at the Melbourne conference.

There have been considerable efforts made in increasing our international profile, which has been very successful, with the involvement of representatives from the Society in various aspects to promote the high quality nuclear medicine which is practiced in our region. We have also been asked to assist with the curriculum for the Asian School of Nuclear Medicine, and other activities in nuclear medicine worldwide. I don't think there is a single continent in the world where nuclear medicine is practiced which has been spared our presence! There are many people to thank for this who have not only donated their time, but also funded themselves for many of these activities, including Andrew Scott, Peter Collins, Dale Bailey, Vijay Kumar, Heather Patterson and other members of the International Relations Committee, who will now concentrate their efforts this year to winning the bid to bring the World Federation of Nuclear Medicine and Biology Congress to Melbourne in 2018, with the voting to be held at the EANM Annual Congress in October 2012.

More recently, the Society has also been invited to consult on a government project, which is being led by Andrew Scott from the Austin Hospital in Melbourne, to advise the Department of Health on the

broader uses of PET in Australia and to investigate the use of radiopharmaceuticals in nuclear medicine services (including PET). This project will also be in consultation with the ANZAPNM and other relevant parties as well.

As mentioned at the last AGM in Darwin, the Society is moving towards restructuring its management structure and has advertised for a General Manager with the intention to increase the professional profile of the Society nationally, liaising with government, and also on the international scene. There was great interest in the advertisement, which was released earlier this year, with the shortlisted applicants undergoing a final interview next week by an interview panel.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone on Council, Board and Committees, and members of the Society who have assisted me over the last two years, and made my job so much easier. Without them, and the support of my colleagues and employers at the Austin Hospital in Melbourne, I would not have been able to serve you in this capacity over the last two years.

I'd like to wish my successor, Ms Elizabeth Bailey, every success in leading the Society from strength to strength so that we will continue to be regarded as the premier nuclear medicine Society in Australia and New Zealand, which represents all professions in our multi-discipline speciality.

Agenda Item 3.2
Treasurer's Report

For 2011 the Society incurred a loss of \$40,617. This was mainly due to the Conference loss of \$55,000 but our administrative expenses have more than doubled as well. We made savings with regard to the Journal (\$20,000) and our revenue increased by about \$73,000 (this is mainly membership with some sponsorship) as compared to 2010.

As a company we had equity of \$880,952 at the end of 2011 with most being represented by cash in the bank.

Our bank balance as of Thursday 26th April is as follows:

■ Cheque Account	\$62,818.43
■ High Interest Account	\$889,333.58
■ Debit Card	\$3,171.90
■ IAEA	<u>\$5.90</u>
	\$955329.81

This time of year is when we receive most of our membership (therefore most of our income). With the hiring of a GM it is expected that revenue will increase without increasing membership.

Agenda Item 3.3

Accreditation Board Report

The Accreditation Board has had a busy 12 months with the course accreditation process. There are currently 6 Nuclear Medicine Programs at different stages of the accreditation assessment process. University of South Australia and Charles Sturt Universities have been granted full accreditation until January 2016 as long as conditions are met and recommendations are reported on. The process for RMIT and The University of Newcastle is complete and the final report is currently being considered by the Accreditation Board. The ART conducted the site visit at The University of Sydney on 6-7 February 2012. The ART is still finalizing the report for submission to the Accreditation Board.

I would like to thank the following members of the Professional Advisory Committee for their tremendous hard work and involvement in the process

Diana Gentilcore – UniSA
Simon Cowell – RMIT
Evan Read – RMIT
Nancy Telfer – Former RMIT
Peter Kench – UoS
David Lyall – UoN
Peter Borham – Former UoN (North Coast Nuclear Medicine)
Allan Scott – Former AB (Liverpool)
Margaret Carmody – John Hunter Hospital

The ANZSNM is also considering the process for accreditation of the VSNMT Diagnostic CT for Molecular Imaging course which allows technologists to perform diagnostic CT in a hybrid environment.

There have been six applicants sit the OQA exam in the last 12 month in Australia and two overseas, unfortunately none of these applicants passed the exam. The ANZSNM will continue to be the gazetted authority for overseas assessment for the purpose of immigration after July 1st when national registration commences.

Currently there are 72 technologists enrolled in the PDY program and 73 mentors. We would like to thank all of the mentors for their continued support and we have organised a time for a mentor get together at the next conference in Perth.

A review of the CPD guidelines is being prepared to translate the current point system to time equivalents. This is to meet the MRPBA policy which requires participants complete a minimum of 60 hours of directed or self-directed CPD activities over a three-year cycle, with a minimum of 10 hours in any one-year period. Draft guidelines have been produced by the MTPBA and there is a focus on reflective practice, general and substantive activities.

Finally I would like to say a big thank you to David Thomas for his outstanding contribution to the Accreditation Board, particularly with running the PDY/Mentor program. This is David's last Accreditation Board meeting.

I would also like to welcome Clayton Frater who has taken on the role of CPD and Tale Liiv who will be the new PDY/Mentor Program co-ordinator and all of the other Board members for their continued support.

Julie Crouch
Chair

Agenda Item 3.4 ANZSNMT Report

National registration has been the primary focus of the TSIG over the last 12 months. A review of the Competency Based Standards (CBS) has been undertaken in conjunction with the Accreditation Board with the first draft hopefully being available for comment within the next month. This will include provision for extended scope of practice as well as advanced practice. Several documents have been approved by the national board including Continuing Professional Development, Recency of Practice, Professional Indemnity Insurance and Code of Conduct for registered health professionals. The AMRSAC council have formed to 2 working committees – Assessment and Professional Standards Committee and Accreditation Committee each with representation from the 3 professions as well as the professional associations to advise the council on course accreditation and accreditation and registration standards.

The society has attempted unsuccessfully to engage an insurance broker to develop a Professional Indemnity Insurance (PII) policy that would be available to society members. However, thanks to hardworking technologist members including Bridget Chappell, Nick Farnham and Susan Baldwin, there are several options for PII available to technologists including MIPS and CGU Insurance.

The TSIG and Accreditation Board are currently revising the CPD program to convert points to hours so as to comply with the requirements for national registration. A CPD evidentiary record template will be available over the next month via the new ANZSNM website that complies with the recommendations for record keeping released by the national board.

The annual TSIG symposium will be held on Saturday 11th August at the Mantra Resort Hervey Bay, with a half day whale watching tour on the Sunday morning. The registration brochure and program can be accessed via the new ANZSNM website. The RAINS annual workshop will again be held in November 2012, venue yet to be released. The Hunter group will also be holding a workshop in the Pokolbin Hunter wineries in September 2012. The annual NZ branch symposium will be in September at Dunedin with a great 2 day program covering a broad range of topics.

Registration brochures and programs will be available for all symposiums via the updated ANZSNM website.

The membership of the committee has once again changed over the last 12 months. On behalf of the committee I would like to thank Chris McLaren for his hard work over the last 20 years as both the ACT rep and the vice chair for the committee and welcome Ashlee Kimball as the new ACT rep. I have stepped down as chair of the TSIG and Marcia Wood will take up this role. The current executive and membership for the TSIG is as follows:

Chair & Victorian rep	Marcia Wood
Secretary & NZ rep	Prue Lamerton
Treasurer & Qld rep	Susan Baldwin
NSW rep	Liz Bailey
WA rep	Diane Cheong
SA rep	Nick Farnham
Tasmanian rep	Nick Lawrence
ACT rep	Ashlee Kimball

I would like to thank all committee members for their hard work over the last 12 months and look forward to continuing as a member of the TSIG and supporting the new chair.

Liz Bailey
President ANZSNMT

Agenda Item 3.5

ANZAPNM Report

(Prepared by Janine Sargeant and presented by Sze Ting Lee)

1. Change of Structure & Constitution

As advised in the report to the ANZSNM's 2011 AGM, the ANZAPNM will be changing its name to the *Australasian Association of Nuclear Medicine Specialists*.

Implementation of this name change is progressing, and will be accompanied by the offer of a fellowship and postnominals (FAANMS) for eligible members.

The final part of the implementation process is being considered at the 2012 ANZAPNM AGM when the proposal to change from an incorporated association structure to that of a company limited by guarantee is being put to the membership. Members will also vote on a proposed new constitution. Both proposals are directed towards supporting the Association to operate with increased efficiency in the future.

2. PET

The ANZAPNM has successfully urged removal of some requirements for MBS eligibility that were considered to restrict delivery of PET services unnecessarily, such as the requirement for PET training site accreditation.

The ANZAPNM has also continued to advocate strongly for the use of the data contained in the demographic data component of the PET Data Collection Project, which have not been fully utilized to assist in assessing the efficacy of PET. The Association has also urged that, where PET has been proven to be effective in a particular clinical indication, its effectiveness be accepted more broadly – i.e., if PET is demonstrated unequivocally to be effective in relation to one cancer indication, it should not be required to be demonstrated via a further full MSAC assessment, for each subsequent cancer indication. This concept is now being reviewed formally.

The ANZAPNM continues to urge the DHA to include a capital component in the PET MBS fees.

Notwithstanding, there are currently approximately 35 PET cameras operating in Australia, almost all in metropolitan areas.

3. RADIOPHARMACEUTICALS

The ANZAPNM continues to urge government consideration of issues such as increased costs, supply issues (including registration/sponsorship) and radiopharmaceutical substitution. The Association has also promoted a role for ANSTO as a possible “sponsor of last resort” where radiopharmaceuticals may otherwise become unregistered with the sale of products to new pharmaceutical companies.

4. ADVANCED TRAINING IN NUCLEAR MEDICINE

The ANZAPNM has accredited 40 sites for advanced medical training in nuclear medicine for 2013; this includes 32 sites accredited for core NM training (general NM with or without PET), 5 sites accredited for PET training only, and 3 sites accredited for paediatric NM rotations. Several overseas sites in the UK and USA have also been approved for Australasian trainees to attend for core training for 12 months.

Of note is the fact that the majority of sites accredited for PET training only, under the previous PET MBS eligibility requirements, have chosen to remain in the training site accreditation program despite the removal of the requirement for this accreditation.

The Association continues to run the annual Basic Sciences Course (BSC) in Nuclear Medicine for physicians and radiologists training in nuclear medicine. Completion of this course is a requirement for completion of advanced training in NM. Training sites are also expected to underpin the formal

BSC coursework by providing an ongoing learning environment for radiation physics, radiation safety and radiopharmacy training during each year of the two core years of training.

The intake of new trainees into the nuclear medicine advanced training program remains stable, although there has been a marked increase in the number of radiology trainees entering the program over the last few years. The ANZAPNM continues to liaise with the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Radiologists (RANZCR) in the consideration and development of proposals for convergence of training, to ensure that both physicians and radiologists in nuclear medicine are comprehensively trained to meet the requirements of hybrid imaging. This includes consideration of improved cross-sectional anatomy training for physicians and improved NM basic sciences training for radiologists.

Janine Sargeant
Chief Executive Officer
18 April 2012

Agenda Item 3.6 Physics SIG Report

Thank you to Matthew Griffiths for his role as Chair of the Physics SIG for the past two years, and for his hand-over of the Chair's role.

The ANZSNM Physics SIG AGM was held on Saturday 28 April 2012 at 1 pm at the ANZSNM Conference and was attended by 14 members. The minutes of the AGM will be available on the Society website in due course.

The Physics SIG did not hold the usual SIG symposium in 2011 because of a number of reasons, but we are currently planning a PET-MR symposium for mid December this year. The symposium will include a focus on the basics of MR technology, planning, and sequences, with the intention of getting the nuclear medicine physicists up to speed. As always, all will be welcome and in the past there has been a good turnout from nuclear medicine specialists and technologists. I would also like to thank all those who attended the Physics SIG mini-symposium at the ANZSNM conference – there was a very pleasing turnout.

It was noted earlier in the year that the Physics SIG regulations don't include specific objectives for the SIG. We will be putting a proposal to the Federal Council to address this.

The Physics SIG is planning a strong working relationship with the recently restructured Technical Standards Committee which Richard Smart will be talking about shortly. Additionally, I'm keen to foster relationships with international organisations such as the EANM to facilitate alignment of our practices with current and developing international standards.

The training and accreditation scheme for nuclear medicine physicists is managed by the ACPSEM. This process is no longer available for new trainees, having been replaced with the diagnostic imaging medical physicist training and accreditation scheme for optional dual accreditation in nuclear medicine and diagnostic radiology. In the future don't be surprised if you hear of DIMPs in the Department.

There has been some email distribution issues within the Physics SIG (and my Branch) and I wish to make the proposal that we look at a means of automating the management of email addresses for both SIGs and Branches.

Darin O'Keeffe

Agenda Item 3.7

Radiopharmaceutical Science SIG Report

1. Retirement of John Bellen

It is with great sadness that we learnt John has actually retired from his position at RBH. John has been amongst the pioneers of radiopharmaceutical science in Australia, with a career that spans over 40 years, and started in Royal Adelaide Hospital, prior to moving to Royal Brisbane Hospital. In his normal self-effacing manner, John was very quiet about this change in his role. Matthew Griffiths gave a tribute to John at our SIG meeting and more will be said in the Gamma Gazette. John has been very influential in our SIG, and has agreed to remain on in his post as Immediate Past Chair for at least another 12 months. We wish him well in his new lifestyle.

2. Accreditation

Work continues to progress in developing an accreditation syllabus. In the very near future a Working Party of 'experts' will be convened to fine tune the documents, prior to the formation of an examining committee.

3. Education

The Masters of Radiopharmaceutical Science has its first students, commencing in second semester. This is exciting as it will hopefully be the beginning of an education pathway for the profession.

4. The SIG

The SIG is attempting to build a stronger community.

- We have doubled our mailing list in the last 3 years, and attendance at SIG meetings now has a strong audience and good participation.
- We voted to form a 3-person executive (Chair, Secretary and Immediate Past Chair), and
- Have agreed on a Quality Project – looking at the methods of determining RCP that are in use and the advantages and pitfalls of these. We are obliged to use those recommended by BP or USP unless good evidence can be made to support an alternative method. Many BP methods are quite 'out of date' or difficult to use in certain circumstances. We hope to be able to recommend a good solution, practical and yet also fulfilling the regulatory requirements.

The SIG meeting this year acknowledges a very interesting presentation by Wouter Breeman from Erasmus Medical Centre in the Netherlands (the home of the Erasmus project, a multicentre clinical trial on Lu-177 raditherapy for neuroendocrine tumours). Wouter was sponsored by IDB Holland, and we were grateful to have had his expertise and informative talks in our SIG meeting.

Agenda Item 3.8

Nursing SIG Report

The 42nd ANZSNM in Melbourne was an exciting time for the Nurses SIG. Not only did we gain professional knowledge about advancing in our field, but we are excited about using and implementing emerging technology. Unfortunately we were unable to elect our new chair because there was no proper quorum. At present I'm still the Chair person in the Special Interest Group.

During the Conference three interesting topics were presented:

1. Nuclear Medicine Paediatric Sedation (presented by: Erwin Lupango)
2. Infection Control (presented by: Satinder Kaur)
3. Radiation Safety (presented by Lisa Mong)

I would like to pay special thanks to the Conference Committee and ANZSNM President for their ongoing support of our SIG.

Erwin Lupango

Agenda Item 3.9 Technical Standards Committee Report

The TSC has been reconstituted under Terms of Reference adopted by Council on 9th January 2012. The membership is currently:

Richard Smart	Chair, nominated by ANZSNM Council
Andrew Campbell	nominated by WA Branch
Peter Collins	nominated by SA Branch
Dale Bailey	nominated by NSW Branch
Darin O'Keefe	nominated by NZ Branch
David Binns	nominated by VIC/TAS Branch
Elizabeth Bailey	nominated by NMT SIG
Jennifer Guille	nominated by Radiopharmacy SIG
Graeme O'Keefe	nominated by Physics SIG
Alex Pitman	nominated by ANZAPNM

Note that neither the Qld nor ACT Branches had put forward a nomination for the Committee.

The first meeting was held by teleconference on 21 February 2012 with a face-to-face meeting to be held during ANZSNM12. The Committee agreed that the work of the TSC would be progressed through Working Groups. Each Working Group would typically contain 4 persons and each Working Group must be chaired by a TSC member but may contain non-TSC members.

Currently, the TSC has established four Working Groups:

- a. Dose calibrator Quality Assurance, including Ansto's dose calibrator proficiency testing program
Chair: Richard Smart
Members: Jennifer Guille, Elizabeth Bailey, Darin O'Keefe, Graeme Snowdon (external to TSC)
- b. Revision of *Minimum Quality Control Requirements for Nuclear Medicine Equipment, version 5.7 Nov 1999*
Chair: Andrew Campbell,
Members: Peter Collins, Elizabeth Bailey, Darin O'Keefe for CT component
- c. Revision of *Requirements for PET Accreditation (Instrumentation & Radiation Safety), 4 May 2007*
Chair: Dale Bailey
Members: Alex Pitman, David Binns, Graeme O'Keefe, Darin O'Keefe for CT component
- d. Software phantoms and clinical software validation
Chair: Peter Collins
Members: Elizabeth Bailey, Dale Bailey, Robert Barnett (external to TSC)

Darin O'Keefe is a member of an ACPSEM CT QC Working Group. He is therefore a member of Working Groups b and c to ensure consistency in the recommendations between the TSC and the ACPSEM.

Brief progress reports from the Working Groups

a. Dose calibrator Quality Assurance

This WG has met with Mark Reinhard and Lindsey Bignell from the Activity Standards Laboratory at ANSTO on two occasions to discuss the proposed Dose Calibrator Proficiency Testing Program

(DCPTP). Dr Reinhard has had discussions with the Chief Metrologist at the National Measurement Institute and we are hopeful that it should be possible to extend the *proficiency testing program* to a *calibration program* with additional information provided by the nuclear medicine practices, such as the results of dose calibrator linearity checks.

It is envisaged that the DCPTP will be run annually. ^{99m}Tc will be included each year, ^{131}I every 2nd year with other radionuclides on a less frequent basis. A $^{68}\text{Ge}/^{68}\text{Ga}$ standard source will be the most feasible way of assessing the response of PET radionuclides.

b. Revision of Minimum Quality Control Requirements for Nuclear Medicine Equipment, version 5.7 Nov 1999

The EANM document Routine quality control recommendations for nuclear medicine instrumentation has been circulated to the working party. This document comprehensively covers the whole range of nuclear medicine instrumentation, from gamma cameras to non-imaging equipment. The TSC needs to consider whether its minimum quality control document should be extended in scope along similar lines as part of this review. This would entail covering a wider range of instrumentation - things such as QC for thyroid uptake probes, intra-operative probes, gamma counters, radiation monitors/dose rate meters. The adoption of an all encompassing approach might be of benefit in the New Zealand regulatory environment as the regulator may adopt the guidelines as part of their Code of Safe Practice.

A preliminary look has been taken at the current version of the document Minimum Quality Control Requirements for Nuclear Medicine Equipment (version 5.7, 1999) document and initial comments on areas that require updating made for consideration by the working party.

c. Revision of Requirements for PET Accreditation (Instrumentation & Radiation Safety), 4 May 2007

The PET Accreditation Review Working Group has reviewed the 2007 document, defined the areas that the group believe need to be revised, and sourced supplementary information for cross-referencing and consistency. The working party plans to meet at the Annual Scientific Meeting in Melbourne in April 2012 and anticipates having the revised document ready for submission to Federal Council by the end of 2012.

d. Software phantoms and clinical software validation

The online software audit software developed by Robert Barnett and Peter Collins will be beta tested (by a few nominated user groups) in the next 1-2 months with the GBPS dataset from the UK. The software can be used for either audits or as a training tool (where users test their processing skills against known results from a previous audit). The software will be tested initially in the training mode – using the results from a recent Australian audit conducted by Elizabeth Bailey and Dale Bailey.

Peter Collins met with members of the UK Nuclear Medicine Software Audit group last October in Birmingham. They are keen to collaborate with ANZSNM in the use of our online audit software with their recently developed datasets (e.g. gated MBI).

Richard Smart

Agenda Item 3.10

International Relations Committee Report

Members of IRC (International Relationship Committee) attended four different international and regional conferences to seek support for WFNMB bid in 2011: SNM (Tx Jun), EANM (Birmingham, Sept), ALASBIMN (Brazil, Oct) and WARMTH (Vietnam, Nov).

The traditional flagship conference for Nuclear Medicine in USA at San Antonio Tx (attended by Vijay Kumar, Sze Ting Lee & Andrew Scott) and European NM meeting in Birmingham (attended by Peter Collins & Sze Ting Lee) were good focal points to canvas the support of many participating countries. These conferences well attended with over 5000 delegates. Obviously all the key people from all over the world attended these meeting. ANZSNM had a booth and we have displayed our banner and pamphlets for WFNMB bid for 2018. We had wine and cheese session which attracted many members but more importantly the banner carrying the colourful picture of Melbourne and Australian attractions was instrumental for attracting a lot of interest throughout the conference.

Andrew Scott and Vijay Kumar attended ALASBIMN (Latin American conference of Nuclear Medicine & Biology) in Recife, Brazil as invited speakers. It was a great opportunity to meet many key members of the Latin American congress and Presidents of Nuclear Medicine societies and explain to them personally the advantages of the World Congress in Melbourne. Andrew Scott and Sze Ting Lee attended WARMTH (World Therapy Radiopharmaceutical conference) in Vietnam. It was good opportunity to meet the presidents of Asian Nuclear medicine counterparts and seek their support.

Many key members of the congress and Presidents of several Nuclear Medicine societies were approached and it was possible to explain to them personally the advantages of the World Congress in Melbourne. Our bid was underpinned with our commitment in teaching and our strength in the involvement of regional and global programs in Nuclear Medicine. The members were delighted at our passion and commitment and indicated strong support for our bid. Some members introduced their President of Nuclear Medicine Society and we are building up our database for key contacts.

It has been prudent so far and we are going from strength to strength by net-working with key players in the field. Furthermore, it appears that there are no strong contenders for the bid. IRC members have been attending a number of International meetings to build up our International standing in Nuclear Medicine and a successful bid for 2018.

Prof. Vijay Kumar
Secretary for IRC & WFNMB bid committee.

Agenda Item 3.11.1

Conference Update – Perth 2012

Meeting dates:

11-15 April 2013

Meeting Venue:

Perth Convention Centre

Organising Committee:

Co-Conveners: Roslyn Francis (Secretary) and William Macdonald (Scientific Committee)

Technologist Rep: Cedric Eustace

Treasurer: Diane Cheong

Social Rep: Karen Hindley

Sponsorship: Liz Thomas

Federal Rep: Geoff Roff

Key Dates:

Call for Abstracts Open July 2011

Registration Opens November 2011

Call for Abstracts closes 24 January 2013

Notification of Acceptances 22 February 2013

Author Acceptances 8 March 2013

Early Bird Close 8 March 2013

The organising committee has met regularly over the last 12 months, and is making good progress with preparation for ANZSNM 2013. The meeting dates have been confirmed as 11-15 April 2013 at the Perth Convention Centre. The theme of the meeting is 'Exploring New Horizons'. A logo has been designed and the website is in preparation, for launching at ANZSNM2012.

Five international speakers have agreed to speak at the conference:

- ❖ Professor Valerie Lewington, Professor of Clinical Therapeutic Nuclear Medicine, King's College, London
- ❖ Professor Stefano Fanti, Director of Nuclear Medicine, University of Bologna, Italy
- ❖ Mrs Bernadette Cronin, Radioisotope Services Manager, Department of Nuclear Medicine and PET/CT, The Royal Marsden NHS Foundation Trust., Sutton UK
- ❖ Professor Koenraad van Laere, Clinical Head of Nuclear Medicine, Leuven University Hospital, Belgium
- ❖ Dr Robert Hendel, Director of Cardiovascular Intensive Care Unit and Outpatient Cardiac Imaging, Miller School of Medicine, University of Miami Hospital, USA

All are excellent speakers, and are experts in their field. This is the first ANZSNM conference for all five speakers, in keeping with the theme of Exploring New Horizons.

Mirvac Bunker Bay Resort in the South West of WA is the proposed venue for the Pre-Conference Symposium. The resort has excellent conference facilities and is in a picturesque location, surrounded by pristine beaches and attractive wineries. As the proposed venue is a 3 hour drive from Perth, there will be a short survey at ANZSNM 2012 in order to confirm delegate interest in a Pre-Conference symposium in the South West of WA, prior to confirming this location.

The social program is also progressing well. The Opening Reception will be at the Perth Convention Centre Trade Exhibition Hall. The Gala Dinner will be at the new Fraser's State Function Centre, in an elevated location in Kings' Park, with stunning views of Perth.

ANZSNM 2013 will be launched in Melbourne on April 30th. The organising committee is looking forward to welcoming delegates to Perth in 2013.

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Agenda Item 3.11.2
Conference Update – Adelaide 2013

An organising committee has been formed with representation from all the professional groups and have held initial meetings. Dr Steve Unger and Dr Michael Kitchener are co conveners of the scientific committee, Ms Rachael Dunlop is secretary and Mr Adam Freeborn, treasurer.

After initial negotiations, Plevin & Associates Pty Ltd have been chosen as the local meeting planner and we have made preliminary bookings to hold the meeting at the Adelaide Convention Centre from Saturday 26th to Monday 28th April 2014 with the pre-conference symposium to be held at the Barossa Valley, Novotel resort, on Friday 25th April (Anzac day). As the Barossa is only about one hour's drive away, we can set off mid morning, giving people time to attend the dawn service.

Our next aim is to plan out the scientific content and approach potential international speakers.

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