

Agenda Item 4.1



Australian and New Zealand Society of Nuclear Medicine Limited

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Presidents Report

It has been an exciting time of change for the society over the last 12 months, starting with the successful recruitment of Robyn Smith in July last year into the role of General Manager for the ANZSNM. Robyn alongside Genevieve Butler have overseen the go-live of the new website, improved the financial record keeping for the society, liaised with the national registration boards regarding technologist registration and provided operational support to the council, branches and SIG's. They are currently working with a small group of members to prepare an updated strategic plan for the society to reflect current objectives, collaborations and advancements for the profession.

With the successful implementation of national registration for technologists since 1st July 2012, the ANZSNM have been contracted by the MRPB (AHPRA) until December 2013 to provide the supervised practice or PDY program for graduates with no new enrolments to be accepted after 31st October 2013. After this time, the supervised practice program will be overseen by the Accreditation Council of the MRPB, chaired by Marilyn Baird with Allan Scott as the nuclear medicine representative.

Based on the model developed by other professional nuclear medicine bodies such as the SNMMI and EANM, the federal council have undertaken to form a Scientific Advisory Panel (SAP) to advise the individual Annual Scientific Meeting local organizing committee (LOC) in determining the scientific content and invited speaker selection for the ASM. This includes guiding the LOC in selection of named lectures (*e.g.*, Lowenthal, Pioneer, etc.), overseeing the awards and Research Grant process, advising the Federal Council on matters of a scientific nature and to act as a liaison to Federal Council on scientific issues and content of the ASM to meet the needs of the participants and their disciplines. Membership comprises representation from each of the disciplines. The newly elected chair is Dale Bailey with the remaining members including Andrew Scott, Elizabeth Bailey, Sue O'Malley, Vijay Kumar and Cedric Eustance.

Over the last 7 months, the web committee lead by Robert Barnett and Geoff Roff has worked tirelessly to update the website and improve functionality. The continual improvements and ongoing maintenance required to meet the needs of members has demanded that the society engage a professional web administrator to continue with this good work. Future developments include updates to the CPD database, adding a few additional tabs for the ASM and SAP, a CE section to include on-line educational activities and a document search option. On behalf of the council and society members, I would like to thank Robert Barnett for his hard work and dedication in creating and maintaining the current website for the past 12 months. His time and effort has ensured a very successful implementation for all members.

I am pleased to report that the history project is nearing completion with the first draft currently being reviewed. A title and table of contents has been completed with the preferred being *Isotopes, Imaging & Identity – The History of Nuclear Medicine in Australia and New Zealand*. The society wishes to acknowledge the numerous members and colleagues for their varied contributions. The timeline for completion is end June 2013 with a small print run being planned and made available as an e-book.

As launched during the opening ceremony yesterday, the society in collaboration with the AANMS has formed and registered **ARTnet** (Australasian Radiopharmaceuticals Trials network), a clinical trials network to support and facilitate the development of research expertise and protocols within Australia and New Zealand. The network aims to provide assistance and skills to support research activities and to facilitate securing funds to support these activities. It will be inclusive, involving more sites and act as a linkage to national and international bodies such as TROG, AGITG, SNM CTN, WFNMB, ALLG and many others.

Congratulations to Professor Andrew Scott and the members of the International Relations Committee on winning the bid to host the World Federation of Nuclear Medicine and Biology for 2018 in Melbourne. The leadership of the World Federation will be held by Australia from 2014 to 2018 with Professor Scott the President-Elect of the WFNMB. This will create opportunities for sharing our knowledge and undertaking research with fellow colleagues in developing countries.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone on Council and the various Committees, and members of the Society who have assisted me over the last year, and made my job so much easier. With the exciting projects currently underway, the council aims to lead the Society on this path so that we will continue to be regarded as the premier nuclear medicine Society in Australia and New Zealand, representing all professions.

Liz Bailey
President, ANZSNM

