

**ANZSNM
Annual General Meeting 2014**

DRAFT MINUTES

Date: Sunday 27th April 2014
Time: opened at 12.10pm
Venue: Hall C, Adelaide Convention Centre

1. ATTENDANCE

1.1 Present: Elizabeth Bailey, Sze Ting Lee, Sam Berlangieri, Dale Bailey, LJ Michel, Dominic Mensforth, Darin O'Keefe, Jennifer Guille, Vijay Kumar, Sue O'Malley, David Binns, Andrew Scott, Roslyn Francis, Nicholas Farnham, Marcia Wood, Bridget Chappell, Sharon Mosley, Victor Kalff, Ian Kirkwood, Liz Thomb, Yung Kao, Daphne James, Douglas Smyth, Rochelle McCredie, Dale Seavey, Deborah Calnan, Nicole Ayars, Prue Gilby, Rebecca Chapman, Chantal Amoraro, Dawn Mathers, Debra Huddleston, Rebecca Hussey, Paul Sotiropoulos, Andrew Russon,. Justin Williamson, Robyn Francis, Mehrdad Ghasemzedah, Peter Collins, Giovanni Biblo, Mary-Anne Kealy, Fiona Murton, Jarryd Whebell, Jeanette Farmilo, Jacqui Bague, Martin Blake, Naomi Basserabie, Karen Jones, Diana Gentilcore, Rachael Dunlop, Christina Blefari, Michael Kitchener, Robert Howman-Giles, Diane Cheong, Jennifer Brand, Rhonda Harrup, Reza Garzan, Laurel Knott, Richard Dutschke, Chek Poh Beh, Jon Boelchoud, Daniel Armao, Monica Rossleigh, Andrew Scott, Trish Mead, Melanie Crowther, Vicky Sigalas, Sara Knayfati, Dai Nguyen, Barry Chatterton, Kevin Smidt, Amy Bubner, Mathew Haase, Alana Martin, James Green, Narida Nuimann, Lauren Umersbach, Rahel Pralhoten, Karen Lindsay, Sarah Hatzinikoleis, Rey Casse, Alan Scott, David Bell, Eunice Boake-Dankwa, Katherine Stanton, Adam Freeborn, Paul Marks, Michael Hofman, Gabrielle Cehio, Zlatko Capari, Jo-Anne Pinson, Danielle Lutze, Christine Pavell, Andrea Alfaro-Pique, Georgina Santich, Tahne Watson, Tim Cain, Jacky Maggs, Annette Cotter, Michael Kelly, Dianne Liolls, Lynda Murray, James Schuster, Salnia Mohamed, Tony Kidd, Tui Tuinh, Mihaslan Matusira, Max Bellon, Ben Crouch, David Vuong, Nicholas Siebera, Jessica Welch, Bridget Chappell, Marcia Wood, Anna Bedford, Steve Mathews, Jane Cameron, Madison Annandale, Nick Daur, Jim Bilney, Mandeep Mathui, Manoj Bhatt, Johan Asp, Adrian Suavicaire, Alex Fok, Tess Smith, Elyse Langeludolecke, Kristos Kyriacou, Rachel Watherston, Amanda Nutt, Justine Trpezanovski, Nicole Sorenson, Anne-Maree Holmes, James Shephard, Alla Turiakou, Bill MacDonald

1.2 Apologies: Martin Cherk, Eva Wegnerm Aurora Poon, David Thomas, Zlatka Ivanov

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Moved Lynda Jane Michel Seconded Sue O'Malley

That the Minutes from the ANZSNM AGM held on 14th of April 2013 at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre be confirmed and accepted as a true record.

CARRIED

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

No items were raised.

4. REPORTS –attached as indicated

4.1 President's Report – attached.

Moved Sze Ting Lee Seconded Nick Farnham

That the President's Report be received.

CARRIED

Sue O'Malley acknowledged the contribution of Liz Bailey to the ANZSNM during her 2 year term as president.

4.2 Treasurer's Report – attached.

Moved Dale Bailey Seconded Sam Berlangieri

That the Treasurer's Report be received.

CARRIED

4.3 ANZSNMT – attached

4.4 AANMS - attached

4.5 Physics SIG - attached

4.6 Radiopharmaceutical Science SIG – attached

4.7 Scientific Advisory Panel (SAP) - attached

4.8 Technical Standards Committee (TSC) – attached

4.9 International Relations Committee (IRC) – attached

4.10 Future ANZSNM Annual Scientific Meetings

4.10.1 2015 Queensland– attached

4.10.2 2016 Rotorua, New Zealand - attached

5. SPECIAL RESOLUTION

MOTION:

That the Constitution of the Society be amended by:

1) Altering Clause 9 Under Membership:

9. The annual subscription payable by members of the Society will be such as the Society in general meeting will from time to time prescribe.

To

9. The annual subscription payable by members of the Society will be such as the Federal Council will from time to time prescribe. An increase in annual subscription of greater than 20% must be ratified by the members of the Society at the Society Annual General Meeting. (as circulated to Members and attached to this agenda)

Proposer: Susan O'Malley

Seconder: Elizabeth Bailey

CARRIED

6. FEDERAL COUNCIL POSITIONS

President – Vijay Kumar

Treasurer – Sue O'Malley (12 months) & Dominic Mensforth (12 months)

Branch Representatives:

NSW Dale Bailey

Vic/Tas David Thomas

Qld Lyndajane Michel

SA Dominic Mensforth

WA Roslyn Francis

ACT Sharon Mosley

NZ Justin Williamson

SIG Representatives:

Physics Darin O'Keefe

Radiopharmacy Science Doug Smyth

ANZSNMT Elizabeth Bailey

Sue O'Malley will continue as treasurer for 12 months and then handover to Dominic Mensforth.

Special thanks to Sze Ting Lee for her role on the committee, most recently as past president.

7. BUSINESS WITHOUT NOTICE
RANZCR/AIR/ACPSEM workshop

8. DATE & VENUE OF 2015 AGM
Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre, April 2015

9. CLOSE
President Elizabeth Bailey thanked all in attendance and closed the meeting at 1.00pm

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. We have had a professional secretariat and General Manager working to improve the administrative and financial support to the members and to assist the council with developing a 5 year strategic plan for the society. The strategic plan was finalised in June 2013 and is available via the ANZSNM website (www.anzsnm.org.au)

The ANZSNM have been contracted by the MRPB (AHPRA) until December 2014 to provide the supervised practice or PDY program for graduates with no new enrolments to be accepted after 31st October 2014. After this time, the supervised practice program will be overseen by the Accreditation Council of the MRPB, including course accreditation, The MRPB anticipate having the revised competency standards available for comment in the next 2 to 3 months.

The Scientific Advisory Panel have been working on the program for the combined RANZCZR/AIR/ACPSEM meeting to be held on Saturday 6th September 2014 at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre, with a theme of PET in Radiotherapy Planning. A one-day registration will cost \$250 to \$300 with full access to all sessions including radiology and radiation oncology. A flyer and weblink promoting the meeting will be distributed to members after the conference, The SAP have been working closely with the LOC for Brisbane to finalise speakers and awards promotion.

I am pleased to report that the history project is now complete with the final book *Isotopes, Imaging & Identity – The History of Nuclear Medicine in Australia and New Zealand* being distributed and available to members in February this year. The society wishes to acknowledge our numerous members and colleagues for their varied contributions. The book will soon be available through wikibooks and we encourage members to continue to update and document important achievements for the society and its' members Those photos that were not included in the book will be available on the website via the member login soon.

The ANZSNM has collaborated with the AANMS to form a joint venture and registered the **Australasian Radiopharmaceuticals Trials network (ARTnet)** a clinical trials network to support and facilitate the development of research expertise and protocols within Australia and New Zealand. ARTnet was officially launched yesterday, during the conference with the membership of the Executive Board and Scientific Committee now finalised, as listed below. This is an exciting venture and we hope that members will actively engage with this group. The website is now live and we are reviewing the possibility of a regular quarterly newsletter and membership options. The project officer will continue to be contracted for 20hours per month until 31st December 2014 to finalise the website and trial management procedures.

Executive Board:	Liz Bailey (ANZSNM representative) Paul Roach (AANMS representative) CEO AANMS GM ANZSNM
Scientific Committee	Ros Francis (Chair) Dale Bailey (ANZSNM) Doug Smythe (ANZSNM) Louise Campbell (ANZSNM) Michael Hofman (AANMS) Stuart Ramsay (AANMS) Martin Cherk (AANMS) Andrew Scott (independent reasearcher) Vince Riviere (Consumer representative)

A new General Manager and consulting group have been contracted starting 1st May 2014 til 30th June 2015 to take over the administrative, financial and strategic management of the society. ARC Consulting is a management team that includes Andrew St John who has a background as a Clinical Biochemist and executive member of the Australasian Association of Clinical Biochemists (AACB) and Rajeev Chandra a professional chartered accountant. We look forward to working with Andrew and Rajeev to achieve the objectives of the society.

I would also like to take this opportunity on behalf of the council and membership to thank Robyn Smith and Genevieve Butler for their hard work over the past 2 years. Robyn has contributed significantly to the operation of the Society providing executive level support to the Federal Council, sub-committees and the SIGs. Robyn has been instrumental in improving the administration support to our membership. We wish her all the best in her future endeavours.

My term as President is now complete. I would like to thank you, the members for the opportunity to take on this role which has been both challenging and exciting. It has allowed me the opportunity to improve international, relations for the society, especially technologists, work with an enthusiastic team of people to form ARTnet and to learn and gain skills from collaborations with others professionals. I would like to especially thank all the council members for their support over the past 2 years, it has been a pleasure to work with you.

Liz Bailey
President ANZSNM

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Treasurers report - Presented by Sue O'Malley

As per the auditors' report, profit and loss, balance sheet

Agenda Item 4.3

ANZSNMT Report – Presented by Nick Farnham

The Technologist Special Interest Group has been very active this year, Consultation Papers, CPD Activities, PDY Program, Scope of Practice and Changes to Mallinckrodt Award.

We had several important roles to fulfill. The first was to provide a response to the Reports and papers put out by AHPRA and the MRPBA. In total provided responses to 10 papers, 3 of which were confidential and response only sort from the two professional bodies and 7 papers that were listed below:

- Public consultation on a review of the English language skills and Criminal history registration standards
- International criminal history checks - further public consultation
- Draft accreditation standards
- Draft accreditation process
- Supervised practice guidelines
- Professional capabilities for medical radiation practitioners
- Cross-Board consultation on common guidelines and shared *Code of conduct*

The 5th Annual Day Seminar was held in Coffs Harbour last year. It had a well-balanced program that included presentations on PET Department Setups, Rural PDY Programs and Research. Once again it was well attended and highlighted the TSIG's push for CPD activities.

This year's annual day seminar will be held in Queenstown NZ on Saturday 26th July.

Clayton Frater has continued as chair of the CPD subcommittee and is continually providing suggestions to continue improving and expanding the CPD program of the ANZSNM.

In November 2013 the TSIG and ANZSNM renewed its contract with the MRPBA to provide the National Registration Supervised Practice Program for Nuclear Medicine Technologist/Scientists which will run through to November 2014. Geoff Roff has provided statistical reporting to MRPBA and assisted with coordination of the PDY program, working alongside the TSIG to provide a comprehensive Program.

Over the past 18 months the Scope of Practice Working Party has been assembling the Scope of Practice Documents for Nuclear Medicine Technologist's. After TSIG and members consultation the Document will be presented at the Adelaide ASM with a Panel Discussion.

Over 12 months ago the idea was brought to the TSIG to look at increasing the profile of research by Nuclear Medicine Technologists / Scientists in Australia and New Zealand. We have looked to achieve this by adapting the prize for the Mallinckrodt Award. Over the past 12 months there have been lengthy discussions between ANZSNM President Elizabeth Bailey and Executive of the SNMMI-TS which has led to an exciting prospect for the ANZSNM.

The proposed changes to the award are:

- The rules behind presenting the award, how it is judged and reporting requirements have not changed
- The prize for winning the Awards is as follows: The monetary prize Sponsored by Mallinckrodt will increase from \$1500 to \$2000.
- The monetary prize will be used to fund the winner to present their successful presentation at the SNMMI Annual Meeting the following year. I.e. The 2014 winner will present at the 2015 SNMMI meeting. The presentation will be held in an ANZSNM run session as part of the Technologist Program
- The winner will be invited by the SNMMI-TS to present at this session and will be provided with complimentary registration for the meeting.

In line with this the SNMMI-TS will be holding a similar award for Technologists as part of their annual meeting, with the winner of this award to be invited to present at the ANZSNM Annual Scientific Meeting the following year.

Elizabeth Bailey will be taking over as Chairperson of the TSIG after this AGM.

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ANMS Report – Presented by Sam Berlangieri

Fellowships

Following its change of name and structure in 2012, the AANMS has awarded the first Fellowships of the new Association (FAANMS) over the past 12 months. This initiative has been extremely well received, and 268 Fellowships have been awarded to date. AANMS Fellowships recognise the distinct nuclear medicine training and experience, adherence to a philosophy of quality nuclear medicine and ongoing professional development in the specialty.

Training and CPD

The AANMS continues its involvement with the training of new nuclear medicine specialists through the Joint Specialist Advisory Committee, the Basic Sciences Course and the Continuous Assessment Program. The AANMS Basic Sciences Course is an important part of the training program for new specialists and the AANMS greatly appreciates the ongoing involvement of a number of physicists and radiopharmacists who provide excellent lectures and practical session supervision for this course, both at the course venue, and also in the Nuclear Medicine Departments where the practical sessions are provided.

The Cross-Sectional Anatomy Course is now in its ninth year, and continues to attract both nuclear medicine physicians and trainees, and radiology and radiation oncology trainees, as well as medical trainees and practitioners from other streams (e.g. RMOs and Basic Physician Trainees).

The AANMS will hold its inaugural Masterclass on Thyroid and Parathyroid Disease over 22 – 26 September 2014 in Rarotonga, Cook Islands. The key speakers will be the internationally-renowned thyroid specialist, Professor Mike Tuttle from Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Centre, and A/Prof. Mark Sywak from Royal North Shore Hospital.

Government and Industry Liaison

The AANMS has continued its involvement in discussions on diagnostic imaging, access to radiopharmaceuticals and expanded public funding of PET services. These are ongoing activities. In relation to PET, the AANMS is preparing a number of MSAC applications seeking new Medicare items for PET services. ARPANSA continues to promote nuclear medicine diagnostic reference levels (DRLs); the AANMS has representation on the committee working on this project.

The Association has also run several workshops on radiopharmaceuticals, bringing together representatives from the AANMS, ANZSNM, industry and government to discuss important issues such as access, funding, substitution and registration. These workshops have allowed the AANMS to more closely define the future agenda for registration of new radiopharmaceuticals and in negotiations with the TGA.

Ongoing liaison with ANZSNM

Unusually, the two current Presidents of the AANMS and ANZSNM are located in the same nuclear medicine department, so liaison has stepped up several notches over the past year! This has been a good development and we hope to continue this closer level of communication in coming years. The formal launch of the joint venture between the AANMS and ANZSNM to establish a cooperative research entity in nuclear medicine – the Australasian Radiopharmaceutical Trials Network – is an exciting development for the two organisations and both organisations are looking forward to the implementation of this proposal.

A close working relationship between our two organisations will be particularly important in the lead up to the WFNMB meeting in Melbourne in 2018, which was secured by the Society last year.

Sam Berlangieri FRACP FAANMS

AANMS representative

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PHYSICS SIG Report – presented by Darin O’Keeffe

The ANZSNM Physics SIG AGM was held on Saturday 26 April 2014. The minutes of the AGM will be available on the Society website in due course.

The Physics SIG held a very successful joint Physics SIG – Radiopharmaceutical Sciences SIG Symposium on “Theranostics: Hot Science, Cold Facts” at the Austin Hospital in February. Thank you again to the organising committee and the commercial sponsors. Most of the PDFs from the presentations will soon be on the ANZSNM Physics SIG CPD pages. We have the University of Sydney booked for Friday 13 February 2015 for the next Physics SIG Symposium, with the topic still being finalised.

Some members of the Physics SIG are participating in a project being led by Peter Collins & Erin McKay on software tools for scheduling, processing and recording the results of quality control testing of gamma cameras. We hope more details of this will come out over the coming year.

Finally, with a move to dual-training of diagnostic imaging medical physicists in diagnostic radiology and nuclear medicine, it is unclear how a nuclear medicine department could employ a dedicated nuclear medicine physics trainee as part of succession planning. This requires further exploration because it is a concern with an ageing workforce.

Darin O’Keeffe
Physics SIG Chairperson

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Radiopharmaceutical Science SIG Report – presented by Jennifer Guille

- Professional registration.** Guidelines for the registration of radiopharmaceutical scientists (RPS) have been developed, and are currently being ratified by ACPSEM. Upon acceptance of the guidelines, RPS will be invited to apply to be included on the Register. Initially, ‘limited’ Registration, based on qualifications and experience, will apply. The registered RPS will receive ‘unlimited’ registration on completion of the Certification programme.
- Competency Standards.** Competency standards are currently being developed by a working party. They are near to completion, with segments sent to various groups for comment. We still intend having the weekend working party to finalise details, but need to choose a time when most people are available. The process determines competency in a range of general and specialist areas, requiring the submission of a portfolio to the examining committee. A successful submission will confer ‘Certification’ on the applicant. Certification is being managed through ACPSEM.
- Registrars positions.** We are in talks to try and arrange some funded training positions that will enable new graduates to work under a mentor to gain appropriate experience.
- The SIG is well represented on a variety of panels and committees.** This is both a consequence of, and recognition that we are functioning as an increasingly cohesive group.
 - Federal Council J Guille
 - Technical Standards Committee J Guille, G Snowden
 - Dose Calibrator Survey
 - PET Dose Calibrator Survey
 - Scientific Advisory Panel V Kumar
 - RACI Liason Committee A Katsifis
 - Nuclear Medicine Liason Panel ARPANSA D Bodetti, J Baldas, Z Ivanov
 - Accreditation SubCommittee J Guille (Chair) , E Browne, A Katsifis, P Lam, D Henderson, G Chan, T Boudier, J Poon, V Kumar, D Bodetti, D Kumar
 - TGA Working Party G Chan
 - ARTnet Scientific Committee D Smyth
- Education.** Six students will graduate with Masters of Radiopharmaceutical Science by July 2014. A further student intake will occur in 2015. Macquarie University are working with us to provide the units as online offerings which will ultimately enable education of potential students outside the Sydney area.
- QC Harmonisation Project.** The aim of this project is to verify the most common practices against the appropriate monographs. The reason is there are a large number of QC procedures in use in Australia that have not been verified. When complete the recommended methods will be placed on the ANZSNM website. This will be a slow process due to the amount of work required and limited resources.
- A register of contacts** for specialty practices will be available to upload to the ANZSNM website in the near future.
- The Radiopharmacy Practice Guidelines** are currently under review. Divesh Kumar and Gordon Chan are undertaking this project.
- Executive Committee.** The AGM of the RPS SIG accepted the nomination of Douglas Smyth as Chair of the SIG 2014 – 2016. Gordon Chan remains as Secretary, Jennifer Guille as Immediate Past Chair.
- Improving continuity of the Executive.** Currently, the Executive consists of the Chair, Secretary, and Immediate Past Chair.

This does not work well for the encouragement of potential from the next generation, nor, in some cases when the outgoing Chair leaves the field. Thus, it was suggested that the Executive consist of:

 - The Chair – a 2 year appointment
 - Secretary – a 2 Year appointment
 - Outgoing Chair – a one year appointment (Yr 1)
 - Incoming Chair – a one year appointment (Yr 2)

This would keep the Executive at 3, but allow a year overlap for the outgoing Chair to support the new Chair, and a year overlap of the incoming Chair to gain some insight to the requirements of the position. This was not ratified by the meeting, but left for future discussion.

Jennifer Guille
Chair Radiopharmaceutical Science SIG

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Scientific Advisory Panel - presented by Dale Bailey

ANZSNM Scientific Advisory Panel

Report for Federal Council – Apr 2014



SAP Composition (Apr 2014)

Representing	Name	Role	Term expires
Physics SIG rep & Chair	Dale Bailey	Chair	ASM 2015
Physician rep	Andrew Scott	Named lectures	ASM 2015
Radiopharm SIG rep	Vijay Kumar	Research Grant	ASM 2015
<i>Technologist SIG rep</i>	<i>Cedric Eustace</i>	<i>(Inactive)</i>	<i>ASM 2015</i>
NZ rep	Sue O'Malley	Awards at ASM/2016 meeting liaison (TBC)	ASM 2015
Fed Council rep	Liz Bailey	Awards at ASM	ASM 2015
LOC rep – next meeting (SA ASM 2014)	Steve Unger	Convenor 2014	ASM 2014
LOC rep – (QLD ASM 2015)	Zachary King	Committee member 2015	ASM 2015
ANZSNM Secretariat	Robyn Smith	Secretariat	N/A

The SAP has communicated at regular intervals over the past year and provided advice on a number of issues, viz:

- Help with guidance and organisation of awards and judging for ASM 2014
 - ANSTO Award;
 - GMS Poster Prize;
 - RadPharm Award;
 - Gammasonics Award;
 - Mallinckrodt Award.
- Response to request for speakers at ASM 2015 (specifically, paediatric PET/MRI);
- Providing a one-day programme on behalf of the ANZSNM for the RANZCR/ACPSEM/AIR Combined Scientific Meeting (Melb, Sep 4-7, NM symposium on Sep 6 - current programme attached);
- Clarification that SAP will provide short-list of potential candidates for Named Lecturerships for the LoC to select from commencing with the ASM 2016 in NZ;
- Successful administration of ANZSNM Research Grant 2014;

The SAP will meet at 5:30pm on Friday Apr 25 during the Adelaide ASM (MR6-Adelaide Convention Centre).

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Technical Standards Committee Report – presented by Darin O'Keefe

Thank you to Richard Smart, the outgoing Technical Standards Committee (TSC) Chairperson, for his much appreciated role over the past few years and for his continuing role on one of the working parties, even though he has retired from the committee.

The TSC welcomes Chris McLaren as the ACT representative and Stuart Ramsay who has replaced Alex Pitman as the AANMS representative. We are still missing New South Wales and Queensland branch representatives on the committee, so please make yourself known to your branch chairperson if you are interested in being the representative for these branches.

The TSC has four active working parties:

Dose calibrator calibration checks

The dose calibrator proficiency testing program working party is working with Mark Reinhard from ANSTO on calibration checks for dose calibrators. ANSTO is using the title the “Australian Nuclear Medicine Traceability Program”. We believe there are still some details of this program to be discussed with ANSTO to achieve maximum benefit for the ANZSNM membership. However, I would like to reinforce that the administered activity is our primary determinant of patient dose (and indirectly image quality) and we endorse the importance of National traceability of dose calibrator calibration for individual radionuclides.

Gamma camera minimum quality control programme

The ANZSNM document ‘Minimum Quality Control Schedule for Gamma Cameras’ has been endorsed by the Federal Council and I will be introducing that document at a workshop this afternoon. We hope to follow-up with another workshop at the Brisbane Annual Scientific Meeting next year. I do need to point out that due to a communication problem on my part the document was tabled too late with the AANMS to receive feedback from their members. We will be forwarding that document along with the final draft of the supporting ‘guidelines’ document for comment by the AANMS.

Software phantoms and clinical software validation

There has been a lot of hard work by Peter Collins and Robbie Barnett on this project, but they now require beta testers and persons from each branch to provide ongoing support for use of the tools that have been developed. A request went out to each branch chair asking for such a person, but they have only received one response from the Victorian Branch. This is a great tool for running software audits and as a training tool for you to compare your processing with pre-established clinical results. If you are interested in participating, please talk with your branch chairperson or Peter Collins.

Finally, we have a relatively new working party looking at paediatric administered activity schedules and that working party is meeting for the first time after this AGM. Our objective is to make a recommendation to the Federal Council on a paediatric administered activity schedule, especially the adjustment of administered activity by patient morphology.

On this last point, I would like to take this opportunity to mention that the Nuclear Medicine Global Initiative plans to launch an online global paediatric administered activity survey in May and it will run for only two weeks. The survey will allow us to see our results for Australia and New Zealand as well as globally. So please make the effort to complete it for your facility for three reasons: (a) to contribute to the global data collection; (b) to provide regional results that we can use; (c) to show our northern hemisphere colleagues that we have a significant contribution to make as a region.

Darin O'Keefe TSC Chair

Agenda Item 4.9 - International Relations Committee Report – presented by Andrew Scott

The IRC has increased its activity over the last 12 months, as a prelude to taking over the leadership of the World Federation of Nuclear Medicine and Biology (WFNMB) in August 2014. These activities have primarily involved a series of meetings with the leadership of major overseas Nuclear Medicine societies, and planning new initiatives in advocacy, technical standards, teaching and quality programs.

At the SNMMI Annual Scientific Meeting in Vancouver in June, Prof. Andrew Scott with President Elizabeth Bailey met with the SNMMI leadership to discuss a range of issues relevant to each Society, including teaching and training, credentialing, Mo-99 supply, workforce planning, and reimbursement issues.

The participation of the ANZSNM in the SNMMI Global Dose Optimization initiative, through the active involvement of Dr Darin O’Keeffe, was also gratefully acknowledged. Further meetings at the SNMMI conference were also held with the Asia-Oceania Federation of Nuclear Medicine and Biology (AOFNMB) Executive, and WFNMB Executive, with Prof. Andrew Scott, Prof. Vijay Kumar, and Dr Sam Berlangieri participating.

Important outcomes from the meetings included engagement of the ANZSNM in planning for major teaching and training programs within Asia-Oceania, and confirmation of plans for ANZSNM to participate in the WFNMB conference in 2014. There was also acknowledgement of our support for the creation of a new nuclear medicine journal in the Asia-Oceania region – the Asia-Oceania Journal of Nuclear Medicine and Biology – which has Prof. Dale Bailey as an Associate Editor.

The IRC has also been involved in the organisation of an IAEA International Conference on Integrated Medical Imaging in Cardiovascular Diseases, held in Austria in September 2013, with A/Prof. Nathan Better and Prof. Barry Elison representing Australia in the Program. In November 2015, members will be participating in the International Conference on Clinical PET and Molecular Nuclear Medicine (iPET III): Trends in clinical PET and radiopharmaceutical development. In the meantime, Ms Kunthi Pathmaraj has also been involved with the IAEA initiative, QUANUM (Quality Management Assurance in Nuclear Medicine Practices) in the Asia-Pacific Region, and is an official consultant and auditor of this IAEA program. Ms Heather Patterson has continued to be the key coordinator for the Foundations in PET-CT course, which is an annual 2 week course held in Sydney open to all professionals in Nuclear Medicine in the region. Heather also continues in her role in the DATOL (Distance Assisted Training On-Line) project, with support from IAEA and availability of materials through the IAEA website in the future. The structured courses with assessment will still be through National Registration, coordinated and monitored through Australia.

At the European Association of Nuclear Medicine (EANM) Annual Scientific Meeting in Lyon in October, Prof Andrew Scott and Dr Sze Ting Lee met with current Presidents of the World Association of Radionuclide Therapy (WARMTH) and WFNMB, and have agreed to foster closer relationships and collaborative efforts of both Societies and the World Journal of Nuclear Medicine. President Elizabeth Bailey, Prof Andrew Scott, Dr Sze Ting Lee and Dr Peter Collins also met with the executive of various international societies. The ANZSNM will have two CME sessions at the upcoming SNMMI Annual Scientific Meeting in St Louis in 2014, and President Bailey has also secured a CME session at the EANM technologist group in Sweden in 2014. Following on from these closer relationships with our international counterparts, there will be senior executive representation from the SNMMI and EANM at the ANZSNM Annual Scientific Meeting in Adelaide, including the current President of the SNMMI, Dr Gary Dillehay, and the EANM representative, Prof Wim Oyen.

Planning is also underway for the leadership of the WFNMB to be assumed by Prof Andrew Scott and his executive in 2014, at the WFNMB congress. In view of the health of the current President of the WFNMB (Prof Estrada) and the upcoming WFNMB Congress in Cancun, he has requested that Andrew Scott take the lead in the strategic planning and WFNMB activities over the next 5 years. The plan is for the initiatives of the WFNMB to be more engaged in developing strategic policies and programs for teaching, training and quality engagement with the IAEA and WHO leading up to the WFNMB congress are being pursued. These activities will be separate from that of the IRC.

Prof Scott will also be representing the ANZSNM at the Technical Meeting on Future of Nuclear Medicine and Diagnostic Imaging, to be held at the IAEA headquarters in May, 2014. The expected output of the meeting is to acquire a clear picture on the regional needs, scientific trends, and vision of the societies which will shape the Nuclear Medicine and Diagnostic Imaging path in the future and obtain advice from experts to be considered in planning of International initiatives and in particular for strategizing the activities of the Nuclear Medicine and Diagnostic Imaging Section of IAEA.

We would like to thank the Federal Council for their continued support, with Prof Vijay Kumar being accepted by Council to take over from Dr Sze Ting Lee, who steps off Council at the April meeting, who has been the IRC representative on Council over the last few years.

Prof Andrew Scott
Chair, IRC

Agenda Item 4.10.1 Conference Update

Queensland 2015

- Plevin & Associates have taken over the reigns as PCO for 2015. A handover has been given to them from Robyn Smith and we are working together to get back on track.
- Logo and Masterhead have been agreed on and are now available
- Website has been established www.anzsnm2015.com.au
- Plevins will be liaising with this year's sponsors in order to encourage them to participate in ANZSNM 2015. Sponsorship packages offered are hoped to be similar to those of 2014. They have prepared a prospectus.
- Confirmed speakers are:
 - Dr David Lisle
 - Dr Robert Howman-Giles
 - Dr Markus Schwaiger (Munich)
 - Steven Zedler (Pioneer Lecture)
 - Marissa Bartlett (Lowenthal Lecture)

After some rejections, invitations have gone out to Dr Frank Roesch (Mainz) and April Mann (SSNMI-T). We are still waiting for replies.

LJ Michel
Federal Council Rep LOC

New Zealand 2016

New Zealand is hosting the 20156 meeting in Rotorua 23-25 April 2016.

The PCO for this event is Outshine, who were the PCO for the ASM in 2004 (Wellington) and 2010 (Auckland).

The main venue is the Rotorua Conference Centre which is located in the heart of Rotorua through the gardens. This venue has been secured with required deposit.

The other locations are under consideration, but the LOC have visited the potential locations for the pre-conference symposium, Gala dinner, Saturday Night Party and Physicians dinner.

We have determined that there are 2 direct flights from Sydney to Rotorua twice weekly and this is scheduled to increase by 2016 leaving from other large Australian cities providing direct flights.

There is also plans to increase the aircraft capacity from Auckland to Rotorua.

The Scientific committee has been considering the theme and has been in consultation with the Scientific Advisory Panel. The idea of Quantitation in Nuclear medicine is being considered.

Matters are well in hand with our designated PCO and the formation of our committee which consists of 3 scientific committee members and 3 social committee members.

We are hoping for a bumper turnout with this meeting. There is much to attract our members to this meeting with a fabulous site and good solid scientific meeting.

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