



ANZSNM Ltd
Annual General Meeting 2013

DRAFT MINUTES

Date: Sunday, 14th April 2013
Time: Opened at 10.15am
Venue: Riverside Theatre, Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre, Perth WA

1. ATTENDANCE

1.1 Present:

Elizabeth Bailey, Peter Collins, Andrew Scott, Alla Turlakow, Sam Berlangieri, Graeme O'Keefe, Cedric Eustance, Darin O'Keefe, Richard Smart, Vijay Kumar, Heather Patterson, Allan Scott, Clayton Frater, Carol Target, Diane Cheong, Ros Francis, Liz Thomas, Amy Evans, Aurora Poon, Marcia Wood, John Baldas, Lisa Geyer, Grace Ha, Alan Ting, Jenny Calcott, Suzanne Fredericks, Elizabeth Clingan, Jennifer Brand, Gabriel Cehic, Geoff Schembri, Katherine Roy, Tale Liiv, Christian Testa, Kunthi Pathmaraj, Kera Pethybridge, Natalie Tavare, Theo Kitsos, Jack Meadows, Sammi Williams, Yasmin Tasker, Dominic Morgan, Angela Osley, Amy Johnson, Angela Duong, Grant Mitchell, Danielle Stewart, Vanessa Charles, James Westcott, Catriona Green, Justine Trpezanovski, Wesley NG, Sze Ting Lee, Sam Berlangieri, Hamish Ferguson, Steven Tsokas, Robert Cooper, Mark Marcenko, Susan Baldwin, Erwin Lupango, Jason Williamson, Victoria Brookes, Martin Blake, Melanie Dela Cruz, Stephanie O'Donnell, Adrienne Little, Culann Farrell, Karen Wiki, Pru Burns, Ghee Citon, Sally Sojan, Dylan Bartholomeusz, Douglas Smyth, Lynda Jane Michel, Geoff Roff, Zlata Ivanov, Grace Kong, Karen Winnett, Prue Lamerton, Jane Hassall, Pauline Collett, Marko Trifunovic, Chek Poh Beh, Georgina Santich, Jeanette Farmilo, Jennifer Guille, Emma Brook, Kathryn Adams, Joanne Landman, Kathryn Linn, Subanesan Nadesapillai, Jackie Bague, Victor Kalff, Thomas Barber, Ken Yap Rachel Edison, Penny Wilkinson, John Richards, Monica Rossleigh, Penny Maton, Geoff Bower, Divesh Kumar, Brenda King, Erin McKay, Graeme Snowdon, Joe Cardaci, Allan Nickley, Uwe Ackermann, Elaine Campbell, Zlatko Capari, Ann Bernar, Emlyn Jones, Robyn Smith.

1.2 Apologies:

Dr Timothy Cain, Dr Andrew Tauro, F A Khafagi

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Moved Lynda Jane Michel Seconded Richard Smart

That the Minutes from the ANZSNM AGM held on 28th of April 2012 at the Melbourne 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 Dianne Cheong Seconded Bill McDonald

That the President's Report be received.

CARRIED

4.2 Treasurer's Report – attached.

Moved Susan O'Malley Seconded Peter Collins

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 Nursing SIG – attached

4.8 Technical Standards Committee (TSC) – attached

4.9 International Relations Committee (IRC) – attached

4.10 2014 Adelaide – attached

4.11 2015 Queensland - attached

5. SPECIAL RESOLUTION

MOTION:

Proposed Geoff Roff Seconded Elizabeth Bailey

That the Constitution of the Society be amended:

- 1) To remove all references to the Accreditation Board.
- 2) To change clause references due to the removal of clauses 65 & 66. (as circulated to Members and attached to this agenda)

CARRIED

Geoff Roff, Treasurer, advised that he was seeking legal advice to determine whether it was adequate to ratify the change to the Constitution through a positive vote of 75% of the members in attendance or 75% of the total membership entitled to vote. He advised that the outcome will be communicated to members post ASM. However he asked for a vote on the motion from those present and the motion was carried.

6. LIFE MEMBERSHIP

MOTION:

Proposed Marko Trifunovic Seconded Tracey Smith

That Professor Richard Smart be granted Honorary Life Membership:

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. BUSINESS WITHOUT NOTICE

MOTION:

Proposed Liz Thomas Seconded Ros Francis

That Agatha van der Schaaf be granted Honorary Life Membership:

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. FEDERAL COUNCIL POSITIONS 2013

Council positions for the coming year were confirmed:

President	Elizabeth Bailey
Vice President	To be confirmed
Treasurer	Susan O'Malley

Branch Representatives

NSW	Dale Bailey
Vic/Tas	Sze Ting Lee
Qld	Lyndajane Michel
SA	Dominic Mensforth
WA	Ros Francis
ACT	Sharon Mosley
NZ	Sue O'Malley

SIG Representatives

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

President Elizabeth Bailey thanked Julie Crouch and Doug McKay for their excellent work in the Accreditation Board prior to it being disbanded due to implementation of the National Registration program. In addition, she conveyed appreciation to the Federal Council Members stepping down and welcomed the new council members. A presentation was made by the WA branch to Geoff Roff for his contribution to the WA Branch.

9. DATE & VENUE OF 2014 AGM

Adelaide Convention and Exhibition Centre, April 25-28 2014

10. CLOSE

President Elizabeth Bailey thanked all in attendance and closed the meeting at 11.15am

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

Agenda Item 4.2 Treasurer's Report

The Melbourne ASM in 2012 returned a sizeable profit. However, the Society incurred a loss overall in 2012 mainly due to increased activity and projects undertaken by the Society and the transition to the new General Manager and Secretariat arrangement. The full details of income and expenditure are included in the audited accounts to be posted on the website for members to view following the ASM.

As a company we had equity of \$857,898 at the end of 2012 with most being represented by cash in the bank.

Our bank balance as of Friday 11th of April is as follows:

▪ Cheque Account	\$219,55.69
▪ High Interest Account	\$807,708.45
▪ Debit Card	\$3,928.08
▪ WFNMB Aus	\$20,268.10
▪ WFNMB World Congress	<u>\$50.00</u>
	\$853,910.32

Geoff Roff
Treasurer, ANZSNM

Agenda Item 4.3

ANZSNMT Report

The TSIG continues to be busy, with many activities underway. The bulk of our work continues to be related to the MRPBA and the transition to National registration. We have also continued our work in the areas of CPD and the PDY year. A working party has been formed to continue on the Scope of Practice project. And lastly, we are organising another symposium for late July this year.

Clayton Frater continues to chair the CPD sub-committee. This subcommittee has been active in assessing activities for CPD suitability, developing guidelines, and answering queries. They are investigating methods for accurately quantifying hours for activities such as the conference, and scanning methods that could link to the online CPD database. Additionally, they are working to ensure that the requirements of our CPD program meet those of the MRPBA, as we are currently an accredited provider of CPD by the MRPBA.

Tale Liiv continues to chair the PDY subcommittee, and this subcommittee have been continuing to administer our PDY program. Systems have been put in place to inform the MRPBA directly of PDY's passing out of the program, so that the turnaround time with documentation is reduced. A shortened program was also developed to suit the MRBA ruling on the Uni of SA graduates, who require only a minimum 6 months of supervised practice. We also welcomed James Green to this committee as the general member.

The Scope of Practice working party has been reformed. Julie Crouch has agreed to chair the group, and we are in the process of selecting representatives from each state, and both public and private sectors, to work together towards creating a "Scope of Practice" document. We hope to have this document prepared and out for review in the next 6 months.

This years' Annual TSIG Symposium will be held on July 27th in Coffs' Harbour at the Novotel Pacific Bay Resort with the theme "Rural, Regional and Remote – Nuclear Medicine Outside of a Major City". We will be seeking speakers and sponsorship over the next few weeks, and hope to have a preliminary program available shortly.

The move to National Registration is still not complete, and a large amount of the TSIG's time has been spent discussing and preparing submission papers to MRPBA consultations and draft guidelines. We have held a face to face meeting with the chair of the MRPBA and 2 of his colleagues. This has opened dialogue with the group and they have since sought to make these meetings a regular occurrence.

The Accreditation Committee of the MRPBA has been announced and initially there was no person on the committee with any expertise in either Nuclear Medicine or Radiation Therapy selected. We formally replied to this with a letter expressing our dissatisfaction. We were assured that they were looking to source people to assist the committee in these areas. We have been informally notified of the Nuclear Medicine selection, and we are satisfied that the person is appropriate. The importance of this committee cannot be underestimated as it will be responsible for setting the criteria for the academic institutions to produce practitioners in each of the fields of medical radiations practice.

In the last month we have written 2 submissions to the MRPBA in response to their draft guidelines for supervised practice and provisional registration requirements. We await the findings of these, as these will determine the requirements for NMT's to undergo supervised practice or provisional registration. The ANZSNM is contracted to provide supervised practice/PDY programs for 2013, but cannot enter any new participants after the end of October. It remains to be seen what the requirements will be for graduates from university programs at the end of this year.

Membership of the TSIG committee has remained stable. Prue Lamerton is attending her last meeting as the NZ representative. We thank Prue greatly for all of her hard work over the years, especially during her tenure as the TSIG secretary. Her input, experience and enthusiasm will be missed by all of us. Stuart Carter (Auckland Ascot PET centre) will be the incoming NZ representative.

Marcia Wood
TSIG Chair

Agenda Item 4.4

AANMS Report

AANMS name change

Over the past year the Association's change of name and corporate structure has been completed. As an organisation with a membership comprising both nuclear medicine physicians and radiologists who have also completed formal training in nuclear medicine, the Association's new name: "***Australasian Association of Nuclear Medicine Specialists***" better recognises the "mixed" membership.

Fellowships

With the new name, AANMS Council has also established Fellowships of the new Association. 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. The first such Fellowships have been awarded this year and to mark the occasion, the AANMS is holding a Fellows' Dinner during the Perth conference so Fellowship certificates can be personally awarded.

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 Continuing Assessment Program. The AANMS Basic Sciences Course is an important part of the training program for new specialists and the AANMS 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 newer Cross-Sectional Anatomy Course, which is now in its seventh year, and the planned Nuclear Medicine Masterclass, will provide expanded CPD options for Nuclear Medicine Specialists, particularly with the expanding role of other imaging in association with nuclear medicine services.

Government 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 recently announced its intention to look at nuclear medicine diagnostic reference levels (DRLs); the AANMS has representation on the committee working on this project.

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 announcement of a joint venture between the AANMS and ANZSNM to establish a cooperative research entity in nuclear medicine 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

AANMS representative

Agenda Item 4.5

PHYSICS SIG Report

The ANZSNM Physics SIG AGM was held on Saturday 13 April 2013 at 12:00 pm at the ANZSNM Conference and was attended by 11 members. The minutes of the AGM will be available on the Society website in due course, but of more immediate note is that the SIG committee was re-elected for another term.

The Physics SIG held a symposium on “PET/MRI for Beginners” at the University of Sydney on 15 February 2013. We had around 120 registrants and a mixture of physicists, physicians, and technologists. I would like to thank Dale Bailey, Chithra Sathiakumar, and Graeme O’Keefe for their help as the organising committee, and to Kathy Willowson, Matthew Griffiths, Marissa Bartlett, and Leighton Barnden for their further assistance. I would also like to thank all of the sponsors who helped make the symposium financially possible, especially the gold sponsors Siemens and Insight Oceania. From the positive feedback I received, the symposium was considered a success and I was especially pleased with the response to the remote presentation on clinical PET/MRI imaging given by Professor Pamela Woodard from MIR/University of Washington in St Louis. PDF copies of the presentations will be on the Physics SIG web page when I receive the last of the talks, with the exception of some embargoed material pending publication.

The Physics SIG received support from the Federal Council to hold two symposia this year so we could get back to our regular cycle of holding them in December. However, the timing of the February symposium was liked and we have decided to drop the December symposium and go with February again next year. The topic being looked at is radionuclide therapies, especially I-131, Lu-177 and Y-90, and their corresponding imaging and safe use.

We had a request from ARPANSA to put forward a representative from the Physics SIG to join a liaison panel looking at diagnostic reference levels in nuclear medicine. Jocelyn Towson was put forward and she is joining Richard Smart who is also providing physicist input to the panel.

The Physics SIG is still looking at the objectives it wants to put forward for the SIG and this was briefly discussed at the AGM yesterday. I hope to have something to the Federal Council in the next few months once it has been endorsed by the SIG members.

Finally, the Physics SIG was looking at a two-page newsletter to go out to SIG members quarterly with news from members, updates on local practice, changes to standards, useful websites, etc., with the target audience being the Physics SIG members. It was decided yesterday that we should look at putting this into the Gamma Gazette because there may be items of interest to other members. So with the permission of the membership, we would like to look at doing this, as a kind of ‘physics corner’ in the Gazette.

Darin O’Keefe
Physics SIG Chairperson

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Radiopharmaceutical Science SIG Report – presented by Jennifer Guille

Representation:

The SIG is becoming well represented on a variety of panels and committees.

Federal Council	J Guille
Technical Standards Committee	J Guille, G Snowden
Dose Calibrator Survey	
PET Dose Calibrator Survey	
Scientific Advisory Panel	V Kumar
RACI Liaison Committee	A Katsifis
Nuclear Medicine Liaison Panel ARPANSA	D Bodetti, J Baldas, Z Ivanov
Accreditation Sub Committee	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

Quality Projects

Accreditation Syllabus – expected date of working party is Mid July, with initial examinations and trial of system to be complete by October 31, 2013

MQ Masters of Radiopharmaceutical Science – first intake of students (6) in July, 2012, graduate Dec 2013 or later. Two students currently undertaking Major Research Project under supervision of A Katsifis and J Guille. Programme ‘rested’ for 2013, expect to run 2014.

Standardization of QC methods - BP methods are often unsuitable for use in a normal NM department. In their place ‘other’ methods are often employed, usually distributed by word-of-mouth, and these usually have not been validated. We are attempting to gather information on those methods currently in use, to validate those with merit so that they can be deemed an ‘acceptable alternative’ by the TGA.

ANZSNM Website

Specialist Practice Register – a request was made to place ‘methods’ on the ANZSNM website. For the newer practices, such as preparation of Ga-68 peptides, there may be a number of methods in use, with no one method yet established as the ‘Gold Standard’. A ‘Register of Practitioners of Special Practices’, which lists the names of practitioners willing to be contacted for advice on a topic, and their contact details, is to be compiled for addition to the SIG section of the ANZSNM Website.

Information about **how to manage and report ‘abnormal behaviours of radiopharmaceuticals’** – will be written and added to the website.

Jennifer Guille

Radiopharmaceutical Science SIG Chair

Agenda Item 4.7
Nursing SIG Report

During the last two years it has become difficult to maintain a SIG committee for nursing and I have held several discussions with the Federal Council and General Manager raising my concerns about the sustainability of the SIG.

However, a successful Nurse Symposium has been held in Perth in conjunction with the ASM and the future of the SIG was discussed. It was agreed to recommend for Federal Council to disband the Nursing SIG and to suggest that a Nurse Symposium be held during the annual scientific meeting. This proposal was put to the Federal Council and fully supported. It was agreed that members would be able to attend this annual Nurse Symposium free of charge and other delegates would pay a nominal fee.

The Council also agreed for Erwin Lupango to act as the Nurse Member Liaison Officer.

Erwin Lupango,
Nursing SIG Chair

Agenda Item 4.8

Technical Standards Committee Report

The TSC has not met together however the individual Working Groups have progressed their allocated tasks working independently.

Dose calibrator Quality Assurance

This WG has met with Mark Reinhard from the Activity Standards Laboratory at ANSTO to further discuss the proposed Dose Calibrator Proficiency Testing Program (DCPTP). He reported that the National Measurement Institute has now recognised that a minor change to the Regulation is required to enable ANSTO to issue calibration sources referenced to the Secondary Standard maintained by the Activity Standards Lab (ASL). This legal issue has effectively delayed the program for 12 months. It is expected that this change should not delay the program further.

A trial of the program will be undertaken at three clinical sites in Sydney in May 2013.

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

The working party has made reasonable progress recently over the past several months.

- The group has discussed all major issues identified from comments made by the members and has come to a consensus view to resolve all of these issues.
- The working party has also formed the view that guidance on minimum QC requirements for a wider range of nuclear medicine instrumentation would be valuable, but that this should be in a separate document. The scope of that document would cover the range of equipment detailed in the EANM document Routine quality control recommendations for nuclear medicine instrumentation.

It is hoped that a draft document, incorporating decisions made at the March teleconference, will be ready for the TSC meeting being held at the ANZSNM meeting on April 13.

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

This WG completed its task in 2012 with the publication of version 2.2 of the *Requirements* document. The Chair of this WG continues to answer any queries about the current document, with referral to other members if necessary.

Software phantoms and clinical software validation

- Work continues on the online software audit tool but further work is needed before it can be made available as a beta test version for selected testers.
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- The Online audit tool will assist ANZSNM in its training role as incoming WFNMB leaders.

Paediatric administered activity schedules

This new WG was established following a request to the ANZSNM Federal Council for a policy on paediatric administered activity schedules. The WG will review best-practice in paediatric administered activity schedules, with a view to a recommended policy.

Professor Richard Smart,
TSC Chair

Agenda Item 4.9
International Relations Committee Report

A verbal report was provided by Andrew Scott, Chair of the IRC:

It has been a very exciting and successful year for the IRC having successfully bid to hold the WFNMB Congress in Melbourne in 2018 and to compose the Executive Committee of the WFNMB for the years 2015-2018. As President-Elect of the WFNM until 2014, I am joined by the IRC executive committee consisting of Mr Peter Collins, A/Prof Vijay Kumar and Dr Sze Ting Lee as well as the members of the IRC. I acknowledge the efforts of the committee in winning the bid to hold the world congress in 2018. We will now be focusing on the promotion of Nuclear Medicine around the world, in collaboration with the IAEA, EANM, SNMMI, AORNMB and ASNM, especially with education and training, clinical procedures and research in Nuclear Medicine. ANZSNM is well regarded in the international nuclear medicine community and has a strong profile with the key international societies. Recently Dr Sze Ting Lee was appointed to the newly formed Asia & Oceanic Society of Nuclear Medicine.

Agenda Item 4.10.1
Conference Update – Adelaide 2014

The 44th Annual Scientific Meeting of the Australian and New Zealand Society of Nuclear Medicine, which will be held in Adelaide, South Australia from the 25th – 28th April 2014. The Meeting will be held at the Adelaide Convention Centre located centrally in the city of Adelaide, overlooking the River Torrens and the new Adelaide Oval.

The theme of the meeting is “A Fusion of Ideas, Modalities, and Disciplines”, with an emphasizing the place of Nuclear Medicine in the multi-disciplinary practice of medicine. Renowned international speakers from Europe and USA, including Professor Sam Gambhir, Professor Wim Oyen, Associate Professor Clemens Decristoforo and Professor Jamshid Maddahi, have agreed to speak at the conference, in addition to local and interstate experts both in Nuclear Medicine and associated fields such as Oncology and Surgery.

The Pre-conference Symposium, focusing on the integral value of molecular imaging in modern medicine, will be held at The Farm, a brand new conference venue in the heart of the beautiful Barossa Valley, only one hour from the centre of Adelaide

The scientific conveners are Dr Michael Kitchener and Dr Steve Unger aided by a very active committee with excellent guidance and planning by the PCO Plevins and associates. At the time of the council meeting the venues and main speakers had been confirmed, the website was active, advertising brochures produced, block bookings for accommodation made and sponsorship prospectus produced so that we could approach potential sponsors at the Perth meeting. A separate budget summary to date was forwarded to the secretariat.

Dylan Bartholomeusz
Local Organising Committee – ASM 2014

Agenda Item 4.10.1
Conference Update – Queensland 2015

Following an assessment of the ACT as a destination for the 2015 ASM, a decision was made not to hold the 2015 ASM in Canberra. It was therefore recently decided to hold the 2015 conference in Queensland. The last ASM in QLD was the very successful conference held at Jupiter's Casino in 2007. The Local Organising Committee for 2015 is still being established but I am pleased to confirm the following participants will join me: Dr Bruce Goodwin, Melinda Wilson (branch Chair and TPCH), Zach King (Tech TPCH) and the joint QLD Branch Secretaries Katherine Roy and Nikki Weinert.

We are in the preliminary stages of selecting a destination and venue and a professional conference organiser to assist us. The Secretariat and General Manager team have experience in organising conferences and we intend to utilise this resource in addition to a local conference organiser in order to rationalise the conference management expenditure.

We look forward to bringing you an exciting and vibrant ASM in beautiful Queensland! Please pass on any ideas you have for the event to the Secretariat.

Lynda Jane Michel,
Local Organising Committee 2015 ASM QLD