

President Report – December 2006

In this my last report for the year, I'm pleased to report on progress on the following important Society projects:

Technologist CPD program

In this edition of the Journal there is a separate, important notice regarding a major review of the Technologist CPD program. After the review period, early in the New Year, the CPD point system (with any revisions) will be posted on the web site for member comment. It is hoped that the new System will be in place by April next year. **NOTE:** It is important that the CPD data is up-to-date and technologists need to enter all their accumulated points before the end of the assessment period – 31 December 2006. In addition it is requested that points earned from 1 January 2007 not be entered until the new points system is adopted.

History Project

Mr Paul Richards, a member of our Society with considerable experience in history projects, has been contracted to write the history of ANZSNM. Paul will liaise with State coordinators over the next few months to initiate the interview process and it is important that all Branches are actively involved; the full support of all State Branches is crucial to the success of this important project – as is sponsorship from Nuclear Medicine companies.

I have also requested from Branches that they forward to me a list of names of people who were involved in the early years of the Society, particularly in its formation. It is hoped that a number of these “founding fathers” will be able to attend our first Witness Seminar at the ASM in Adelaide next year.

Research Grant

A research grant committee has been formed and is currently assessing the grant applications. A decision on who will be awarded a 12 month grant should be announced early in the New Year.

World Federation of Nuclear Medicine and Biology (WFNMB) Congress 2014

I have just returned from Seoul where I attended the 4 yearly Congress of the WFNMB, at which I lodged an Expression of Interest for Australia to host the Congress in Melbourne in 2014. We are one of 4 countries (currently) who will be bidding – the others are India, Turkey and Canada. The decision on which country will host the Congress will be made in 2008, and a project team, which will be led by Andrew Scott and myself, is currently being formed.

As I mentioned in my last report, it is important that Australia plays its part in the International arena and, in particular, is supportive of developing countries. A number of our members have been active in IAEA sponsored projects, and I believe ANZSNM can, and should, assist more in this area.

Journal and Website

I'd like to thank Barry Chatterton (Editor), Rachel Bullard (Production Editor), Judi Anderson (Secretariat) and the Editorial Board for their work over the last year in putting together a very professional Journal and Erin McKay for his work as webmaster. The Journal and the website are key elements of our Society. It is very important that you support the Journal by submitting articles – case reports, letters to the Editor, scientific papers etc.

The main Society event each year is our Annual Scientific Meeting and next year it will be held in Adelaide - from April 28 to May 1. Please mark your calendar and start on your abstract now! The deadline is January 15.

Finally, I would like to thank all committee members for their work over the last 12 months and to extend best wishes to Society members for Christmas and the New Year.

Peter Collins