

President's Report



It seems like only yesterday that I was writing the President's Report for the inaugural *Gamma Gazette* newsletter, which was a special bumper edition, and I know many are still having the enjoyment of reading.

We are now at the second edition, which has been diligently put together by the Queensland Branch. I would like to thank Lyndajane (LJ) Michel, Andrew Southee and their team for their hard work. This edition would not be possible without your efforts.

The website tendering process is also well underway and the specifications for the tender include eLearning, CPD, as well as a membership database to name a few. During the formation of the tender document, it was recognised that a website could deliver an accounting system as well as other business or back office related systems. Rather than considering the Society's business process, we have focused the requirements on member activities and addressed common scenarios. This tender was released to potential providers on April 30 and closed May 27. Now the final tenders have come back to the committee for further consideration. This tedious process has been overseen by the Web Committee, chaired by Doug Mackey and his team, including Robert Barnett (Secretary), Peter Collins and Geoff Roff. I'd also like to thank Tracey Smith and Diane Gentilcore who have provided some initial input into the website requirements. A further update will be provided in Darwin.

I'd like to take this opportunity to remind you that the Technologist's CPD site has now been taken offline. If you require any more information on this, please don't hesitate to contact the Secretariat.

The final processes for National Registration for Technologists/Scientists have been submitted. We are informed that the Minister will announce the structure and appointments to the Board in the second half of this year, and we will let you know in due course. In the meantime, I would sincerely like to thank David Lyall, Bridget Chappell, Elizabeth Bailey and Julie Crouch for their continued efforts in this very time-consuming matter over the last few years.

On the international front, there are further ties being established with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in various training and educational activities held here in Australia, overseas and also online. Local experts have contributed in various IAEA initiatives, some of which are online, and can be found at <http://humanhealth.iaea.org> (Human Health Campus). I encourage all members to view this extremely valuable website.

For those who have applied to attend the iPET 2011 meeting at the Agency from November 8-11, you will hear from them in due course. If you have any queries in the meantime, please contact the Society Secretariat for further information. We also had the pleasure of welcoming the Chairman of the Asian Regional Cooperative in Nuclear Medicine (ARCCNM), Prof Hee-Seong Bom in Melbourne in March 2011. We will continue to strengthen our ties with our neighbours in the region to foster the development and growth of Nuclear Medicine and PET.

The 41st ANZSNM Annual Scientific Meeting is steaming along under the supervision of the organising committee, headed by Paul Roach and Dale Bailey. The pre-conference with a Nuclear Cardiology theme is a sell-out (first time ever), and I am sure those who have the privilege of attending will be able to enjoy the charms of Kakadu together with gaining some knowledge in this ever-evolving field of nuclear medicine. The main program in Darwin is also extremely robust with a whole host of renowned international speakers and I strongly encourage as many of you to attend as possible. There are still flights available, and accommodation in Darwin, so if you have not registered...do reconsider & take advantage of the school holidays to bring the family along! More information is available at www.anzsnm2011.com.au

Hope to see as many of you in Darwin as possible.

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