

President's Report



Welcome to the 3rd edition of *Gamma Gazette*

It is with great pleasure that I invite you all to read it, as it has been diligently put together by the Vic/Tas branch, under the expert guidance and organisation skills of the Branch Chair, Grace Kong. This edition would not have been possible if not for the contributions from all members. There are new sections, lots of Society news and many tantalising photos as well.

There is an update on the National Registration Process, and I take this opportunity again to congratulate Mark Marcenko and Susan Baldwin for being appointed as the NM Technologist representatives on the Medical Radiations Practitioners Board of Australia (MRPBA). We now await the outcome of the Australian Medical Radiation Sciences Accreditation Council (AMRSAC), which has now been established and seeking 3 Directors with Nuclear Medicine experience. Applications for this closed on 26th August 2011.

The biggest Society event which has happened since the last *Gamma Gazette*, has been the 41st Annual Scientific Meeting held in Darwin from July 16-18, with a sold out pre-conference in Kakadu on July 14-15.

This is the first time that the annual conference was held in Darwin, and I remember when it was suggested that Darwin host the meeting, there was much enthusiasm from our Sydney colleagues, Paul Roach and Dale Bailey to convene this meeting. But perhaps it was the attraction of our pre-eminent invited speakers, or the hidden gems in this relatively uncharted territory in Australia, or perhaps it was the image of our convenors in their very attractive shorts on the website, which brought a huge crowd of >400 people to the conference, which exceeded our expectations. This was undoubtedly a huge success, from the Pre-conference in Kakadu to the Darwin Convention Centre and the invigorating Gala dinner at Pee Wee's, which was more memorable for some than others. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our sponsors for their ongoing commitment to our annual meeting, as without their generosity, this meeting would be unaffordable for our small community. For those of us who had the opportunity to go to the Northern Territory, it was an absolutely wonderful experience where the locals were warm and friendly, and it was not only an educational time but also extremely enjoyable. There is no doubt in my mind that the Organising Committee have made it an adventure for many of us who had the privilege of attending this meeting, and it has been quoted as being the "best ANZSNM Meeting ever", which was echoed throughout the meeting, even from our harshest critics. So I'd like to congratulate the Organising Committee on this resounding success, particularly in organising it by remote control from Sydney, and working with our new Professional Conference Organisers as well. So, while it will be a very tough gig for us Melbournians to follow, we will do our best in 2012.

On that note, I invite you all to save the dates for the next Annual Scientific Meeting in Melbourne, which will be held April 28-30 at the Melbourne Exhibition & Convention Centre in South Wharf. There will be a focus on continuing education sessions and a bumper poster session, with new initiatives. Please follow the link www.ansznm2012.com.au for more information.

I hope to see many of you in Melbourne next year, but in the meantime ... Happy Reading the *Gamma Gazette*.

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