

Presidents Report:

This is my first report since I took over the role as the President of ANZSNM at the annual conference in Adelaide 2014 and I feel it is my great privilege and honour to serve the society. Special thanks to Elizabeth Bailey, the out-going President, her predecessors and their entire team for the hard-work and excellent contribution over many years that shaped up the image of the society to its current level in Australia and its enviable global standing. I hope to continue in the same vein and maintain such high calibre and build up the strength further, with the continued support from the entire team members of the Federal Council.

I am very happy to tell you that we have a new Secretariat, Drajon Management, to handle the affairs of the society, since the Orb Management services completed their term in May 2014. We have Dr Andrew St. John as the new General Manager and Rajeev Chandra as the executive officer, both of them with very high level of expertise in the management of scientific societies similar to ANZSNM. Andrew has a strong background in clinical biochemistry and Raj is a chartered accountant, so they make an ideal team for managing ANZSNM, They will assist in improving the professional status of our members, membership growth and promote greater awareness of the society within the public and government circles. We hope to work together to address some key issues and build strong fundamentals.

One of my primary tasks is to address the current website of the society, which needs revamping due to technical limitations of the existing platform. The hard work, dedication and contribution over the past years by many members of web-committee are highly appreciated and their continued support would be great. We are working with the secretariat to build the web-site to serve as the "standard platform" to meet the professional needs of the members of the society. The website will be built to perform many tasks such as membership renewal, SIG, CME and accreditation related activities and disseminating information through Gamma Gazette. Federal Council thanks the members of the society for approving a modest increase in the membership fee at the last AGM in Adelaide, to cope with the increasing demands of the society at the national and international levels.

The annual conference of ANZSNM in Adelaide last April was a tremendous success with very high Australian and overseas attendance with the conspicuous participation by the Presidents of SNMMI and EANM. This trend is set to continue and will improve the bilateral relationship between ANZSNM and overseas associations. This is underpinned by International Relations Committee (IRC) chaired by Andrew Scott, with a key role to advise the council on issues concerning ANZSNM relations with international Nuclear Medicine bodies. The other key initiative by the society is the formation of Scientific Advisory Council (SAP) chaired by Dale Bailey. SAP will play a key role in stream-lining the selection of overseas speakers with known expertise and excellent presentation skills. The local organising committee have immediate

access to pick the suitable speakers from the pool of overseas experts, a good recipe for success.

International Relations Committee (IRC) worked tirelessly in securing the bid to host the next WFNMB conference (World Federation of Nuclear Medicine & Biology) in Melbourne in 2018 with Andrew Scott as the chairperson and a team of experts in the council. The baton change will happen at the WFNMB conference in Mexico in late Aug 2014. WFNMB will be instrumental in shaping global nuclear medicine activities especially in education and training activities in the Asia and Oceania region.

The past two years has seen much closer collaboration between the ANZSNM and the AANMS, under its current president Paul Roach, and joint ventures such as the clinical trials group, ARTnet, should see this continuing into the future.

I am privileged work with a team of dedicated members in the Federal Council for their patience and support during the transition phase in sorting many key areas including the new Secretariat, new website and going forward to build the society to new heights with new ideas and aspirations.

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