

ANZSNR PRESIDENT'S REPORT

DECEMBER 2021



As we approach the end of the year and look forward to taking a break with our families and friends, I wanted to take this opportunity to provide a brief precis of the year that's been and extend my sincere gratitude to all members for their on-going commitment and support to the society during 2021. A special thanks as well to all my fellow executive and council representatives. It is increasingly difficult to relinquish precious free time in ever burgeoning workloads and the commitment by our office bearers is remarkable.

We have seen another challenging year that prevented us from proceeding with our 2021 Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM). Although a difficult decision to make, it has proven the correct one, with inter-state and international travel (to New Zealand) providing serious challenges and with many events unable to proceed due to the strict social distancing requirements. It is disappointing that we did not have the opportunity to engage face to face this year, however we did run a successful virtual AGM and are planning for a large meeting in March 2022, in Sydney. We look forward to welcoming you all and providing you with an excellent scientific and social program at the Hilton Hotel. Please make sure you take advantage of the early bird offer, which is further discounted for members. More information on the 2022 ASM is provided below. Thanks go to convenors Drs Andrew Cheung and Nathan Manning (and the Scientific Committee) for the relentless enthusiasm and hard-work in crafting a superb programme.

This year we introduced an updated Council Agenda structure that has facilitated opportunities for each State/Country Representative to provide an update on any local news or issues of interest or relevance to the society. Additionally, we have representatives across subspecialty areas such as Head and Neck and Paediatric Neuroradiology which has proven to be successful in identifying educational opportunities and liaisons within our membership. Our international affiliations, particularly with the British Society of NR and our Singapore colleagues, has continued to go from strength to strength and I'd like to thank Christen Barras for driving this collaboration. Thank you to the entire Council members for continuing to guide and make sagacious decisions on behalf of the society.

I am very pleased to announce that our application as a society for a not-for-profit status (which comes with many financial benefits and would allow to approach industry sponsors to support initiatives that will benefit our members) has been officially approved. This should provide a strong foundation going forward with our plans for a Research subcommittee.

Lastly, I'd like to wish you all a relaxing, and enjoyable holiday season. I look forward to another busy year for the ANZSNR in 2022 and advancing our subspecialty field of practice of Neuroradiology and its components amongst our patients, fellow clinical and paramedical colleagues, medical industry and at all levels of administrative governance.

2022 Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM)

Earlybird registrations now open until 21 January 2022— anzsnrasm.com

Register prior to the 21st January and go in the draw to win 2 Sydney Harbour Bridges climbs valued at \$600



ANZSNR ASM 2022 — Sydney, 11-13 March

Abstract submissions for the 2022 ASM are being received up until 10 January 2021 and accepted abstracts will be published in the Journal of Medical Imaging and Radiation Oncology, the official journal of The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Radiologists.

The 2022 ANZSNR is being planned as a face-to-face event. If for any reason it is not viable for presenters to attend face to face, they will have the option to attend online.

We are excited to be introducing several firsts to the ASM:

- Selected abstracts to be published in the JMIRO
- Neurointervention Course on the opening Thursday
- Diagnostic Course on the closing Sunday
- Neurointervention and Diagnostic Neuroradiology/ Head and Neck Radiology parallel program

The ASM organising committee and the Professional Conference organisers are very busy ensuring this will be our best and most ambitious ASM yet!

Our vision is to reunite with our colleagues not in a nostalgic way but in a way that continues to push the science and patient outcomes forward.

As an ANZSNR member you will receive a discount on your ASM registration. Registrations open at [anzsnrasm.com](https://www.anzsnrasm.com)

For all information go to <https://www.anzsnrasm.com/>



Survey - Management of Covert Brain Infarction

The Stroke Research Centre Bern, Switzerland is conducting a survey on covert brain infarction, to gather information on current practice and attitudes towards covert brain infarctions from medical practitioners who encounter them in their daily work.

Although covert brain infarction (previously known as a *silent stroke*) is the most frequent incidental finding in cerebral imaging, there is little information to guide management and therefore expert opinions differ on diagnostic work-up and preventive management.

This survey aims to collect data that may contribute to addressing that problem and identify priorities for research.

The survey, which takes about 10 minutes to complete, can be found [here](#).

CCINR Guidelines Update



CCINR have consulted with stakeholders regarding changes to the CCINR guidelines.

ANZSNR have submitted their approval for CCINR Guidelines to be updated as follows:

Under 4.3, the current Guidelines state that “The applicant must provide a supervisor-certified logbook of procedural experience. The Conjoint Committee expects the logbook to demonstrate that the INR training program provided the applicant with exposure to and participation in a range of areas a-k.

To better reflect modern practice, it was preferable to amend the current requirement of:

(g) 10 cases of the use of particulate embolisation material, including 5 as primary operator; to instead state:

(g) knowledge of the use of particulate embolisation material.

Secondly, to better reflect the general increase in clinical procedures conducted in stroke, the current number of cases be increased from 40 to 50, so requirement:

(k) 40 cases of endovascular treatment of acute ischaemic stroke will increase the number to state:

(k) 50 cases of endovascular treatment of acute ischaemic stroke.

Once all parties involved in the consultation approve, the changes will be made.



UPCOMING EVENTS

BSNR Christmas Lecture
22 December—5.00am AEDT

What it's like to be a Radiologist to the Pharaohs

Professor Sahar Saleem, Professor of Radiology Cairo University is in many people's eyes the world's leading paleo-radiologist, specialising in the radiology of the Ancient Egyptians. She is an internationally renowned speaker, and has scanned many royal mummies, including Tutankhamun, Thutmose III and Hatshepsut. Her research has revealed ancient secrets, including helping to solve the mystery of the murder of Ramesses III.

Professor Saleem divides her time between working close to the Pyramids and working as a senior Neuroradiologist and Fetal Imager in Cairo, where she is also a director of the training programme.

Registration is free by [clicking here](#).

BSNR look forward to you joining us for this Christmas Special!

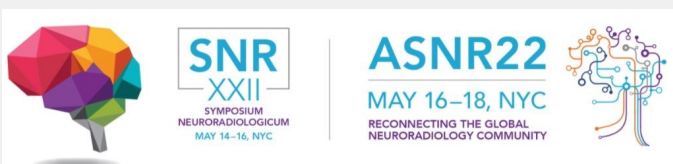


Symposium Neuroradiologicum XXII and ASNR 2022 Annual Meeting

Sat 14 May 2022 - Wed, 18 May 2022

Save the date for next year's Symposium

Neuroradiologicum XXII and ASNR 2022 Annual Meeting in NYC May 14-18! Virtual and in-person presenting of the latest research and educational topics in global neuroradiology. #ASNR22 #SNRXXII



RANZCR IR/INR Training Pathway Working Group Update

Specialty recognition for IR and INR is a key priority of the College and the recent announcement by RANZCR President, Dr Lance Lawler, confirms that the College will be pursuing the submission of an initial application in Australia in 2022.

RANZCR held two, one-hour online events during November. The events were offered to provide information on the process that the College will undertake to attain protected specialist titles for Interventional Radiology and Interventional Neuroradiology. It was also an opportunity for members to be involved in an interactive Q and A session and provide feedback.

ANZSNR was represented panellists Dr Andrew Cheung and Dr Will McAuliffe.

ANZSNR also provided feedback into RANZCR's consultation. RANZCR requested feedback as to how the changes may impact on the following key areas:

- Coordination and continuity of health care
- Quality and safety of care
- Workforce
- Financial impacts
- Business implications

To view the full details of the consultation and provide further individual feedback [click here](#)

Prostheses List Reforms

In late September, ANZSNR provided comments in response to the Department of Health's Prostheses List consultation paper and planned Prostheses list reforms.

No response has been received to date and further updates to members will be provided when the review is completed.

MBS Review Update—Vascular (Chair)

ANZSNR comments in response to the Vascular Committee Report were provided early in 2021. The report is currently still in draft; however, the MBS Committee have met with representatives of ANZSNR in October to consult further on potential changes to the current items.



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Membership Renewals

Thank you for supporting ANZSNR as a member during 2021.

2022 membership subscriptions renewals are due by 31 December 2021.

To ensure you continue to receive member benefits, please click the links below to renew your membership for 2022.

Student Renewal - <https://anzsnrorg.memberspace.com/member/plans/6e177ade1p>

If you are no longer a student and are now practicing as a radiologist, please use this link (add link) to join as a Full Member.

Fellow Renewal - <https://anzsnrorg.memberspace.com/member/plans/26b8b22fcp>

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any queries.

Advertising Positions Vacant



Members are invited to both advertise and search for Fellowship and Consultant positions that are available nationally and overseas via the ANZSNR website- <https://www.anzsnr.org.au/positions-vacant>

If you are interested in advertising a position, please let the ANZSNR secretariat know at secretariat@anzsnr.org.au

Current Council Members

Council members have been appointed to representative the views and ideas of members in their state, territory or country.

If you have any local issues that need to be discussed by council, please go through your representative, who can be contacted via secretariat@anzsnr.org.au

Benjamin Moon	New Zealand
Graham Dunn	New South Wales
Andrew Cheung	New South Wales
Elaine Lui	Victoria
Ronil Chandra	Victoria
Tim Phillips	Western Australia
Laetitia de Villiers	Queensland
Vacant	Tasmania
Jen Gillespie	H & N
Christen Barras	South Australia
Vacant	Australian Capital Territory
Alan Coulthard	Co-opted Member
Cristina Mignone	Paediatric Neuroradiologist