

# **ANZSNR PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

# **MARCH 2021**

This is the first newsletter of the society for 2021. We have had a busy start to the year, with both a council meeting and the 2021 Annual General Meeting (AGM) held.

This year, due to the postponement of the Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM), we made the decision to hold the AGM virtually, via Zoom. We held the meeting on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 6pm AEST and we had 14 attendees, which was enough to meet the mandated quorum of 10.

I would like thank everyone who attended and we were delighted to welcome two distinguished senior members in Prof. Lesley Cala and Prof. Paul Parizel. I am pleased to report that the virtually delivered AGM ran very smoothly and effectively. It was a very convenient opportunity to update members on our progress, finances and some of the important achievements over the last 12 months.

These achievements would not be possible without the tireless work of the Executive Team (Steve Chryssidis and Peter Mitchell) and the Council members to whom I wish to extend my personal gratitude.

For those that were unable to attend, I would like to take this opportunity to update you on the items discussed and ratified at the AGM. Official meeting minutes have been taken by the secretariat, and will be ratified at the 2022 AGM, in accord with constitutional protocol.

# Finance Update – Presentation of the YE 2020 Audited Accounts

The Secretary General, Dr Steve Chryssidis, presented the YE 2020 Audited accounts which recorded a surplus balance:

Total Income	\$258,373
Total Expenditure	\$231,944
Surplus	\$ 26,428

**The income** of **\$258,373** was derived from the following sources:

Subscriptions	\$	28,116
Sponsorship Income	\$ 1	24,136
Interest Income	\$	312
Conference registration	\$ 1	105,808
Total Income	\$ 2	258,373

**The expenditure** of \$231,944 was made up of the following:

\$	8,315
\$	2,499
\$	112
\$	2,585
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When comparing FY2019 and FY2020 a similar surplus balance was noted.

	2020 \$	2019 \$
Revenue	\$258,373	\$201,948
Administrative expenses	(12,578)	(10,000)
Event Costs	(205,855)	(160,903)
Audit Fees	(2,585)	(1,932)
Bank Fees	(112)	(221)
Subscriptions/periodicals	(2,499)	(674)
Other	(8,315)	(3,205)
Profit/Loss	\$26,428	\$25,012

On undertaking the comprehensive YE 2020 Audit, it was revealed that sources of income were not accounted for in the previous year. Adjustments were made accordingly, and the new YE 2019 figure indicates a profit of \$25,012 which is a pleasing result given prior records had suggested a FY19 loss.

The net position at 30 June 2020 was reported as being \$606,927 increased from \$580,498 the previous year. This is very reassuring given that the society is now totally administratively independent from the College.

Given the on-going financial surplus of the society, discussion ensued in relation to use of some funds to support Fellowships, research and teaching. The idea of a donation fund for research was also discussed. These ideas will be further explored and a subcommittee comprised of ANZSNR members – Prof. Patricia Desmond, Dr Catherine Mandel, Prof Paul Parizel and Dr Graham Dunn, will be delegated to progress. If you would like to get involved, please contact the ANZSNR secretariat directly at <a href="mailto:secretariat@anzsnr.org.au">secretariat@anzsnr.org.au</a>

#### Achievements of the society over the past 12 months



- Increase in Fellow members to 130. This is an increase of 27% from 103 at the same time in 2020
- Consolidation of Independent Status (Not for Profit status)
  Decision has been to apply for NFP status for the society, which has many beneficial financial incentives.
- New formal affiliation with British Society of Neuroradiology (BSNR)
- Paediatric Neuroradiology representative co-opted to Council
- MBS Vascular Review participation.
- Specialty recognition of INR (IRC) progress in collaboration with the RANZCR and IRSA
- ANZSNR Participation in IR Training Pathways (IR TPWG), IR Standards of Practice Working Groups and the newly formed RANZCR Tripartite Committee
- Improvements to the current website including advertising of positions vacant for consultants and fellow positions.
- Review and update of Constitution
- Quarterly members newsletters

#### The upcoming 12 months will focus on:

- Modification to ANZSNR Terms of Reference in line with the constitutional updates
- Statements of Purpose for the society
- NFP status attainment
- Social Media participation
- Structure of Council (Require further constitutional changes)
- A face to face 2022 ASM
- Ongoing international society collaboration with reciprocal educational opportunities for members

## **Council and Membership Report**

Council met four times since the last AGM. Five new Councillors were appointed during this period:

- Graham Dunn (NSW)
- Laetitia de Villiers (Qld)
- Christen Barras (SA)
- Benjamin Moon (NZ) and;
- Christine Mignone as co-opted Paediatric Neurology representative.

Casual vacancies still exist in the ACT, NT and Tasmania.

If you are interested in joining the ANZSNR council and reside in any of those locations, please register your interest by contacting the secretariat at <a href="mailto:secretariat@anzsnr.org.au">secretariat@anzsnr.org.au</a>

### **Constitutional Changes**

At the meeting members were asked to vote on amendments put forward to improve and better define the Constitution. These changes were by and large minor and not intended to alter the constitution in any fundamental way but to improve definitions and allow council to recruit any expertise it considers is required.

All proposed changes were approved by attending members and a high level summary of changes is outlined below -

### **Definitions**

Adding a definition of Neuroradiology

### Membership

**Student members** - Removed the requirement of student members to be sponsored on application to the society.

- The definition of Student member was changed from being described as a RANZCR radiologist to a trainee.

**Associate member** - Including health professionals as eligible to be associate member

**Corresponding member** - Including scientists or health professionals as eligible to be corresponding members

#### **Fees and Subscriptions**

Adding ANZSNR Gold Medal recipients to those members who are not required to pay ongoing membership subscriptions

### **The Council**

Updated definition to inform that a member of the Executive Committee cannot be a member of council in any other Capacity.

Addition of clause to state that a past president or secretarygeneral may be co-opted or fill a casual vacancy within Council

Addition of clauses to state that Council has discretion to determine if special expertise, representation, or an exofficio membership is required on Council

#### **Gold Medal**

Additional conditions added to the Gold Medal Award terms, stating that an ANZSNR Gold Medallist must have provided a demonstrable record of exemplary service and benefit to the ANZSNR over many years.

#### **ASM 2022**

Due to the continued uncertainties surrounding COVID, the Council has agreed to change the location for the 2022 ASM from New Zealand to the East Coast of Australia. The reason for this decision is to provide a location that maximises delegates and sponsors attendance.

The Executive are currently seeking convenors for the meeting and the PCO, NC Events is beginning to source venues. Further information on the location of the ASM and the dates, will be provided to members shortly.

We look forward to a successful and well attended meeting in 2022.

#### **ANZSNR Council Updates**

The ANZSNR Council met on the 25 February 2021 and discussed a variety of topics, which are summarised below for members.

### **Branch Councillors' updates**

The Council agenda has been modified. Branch representatives will now be requested to provide an update report at the meeting. This will assist with ensuring local issues are heard by Council and can be acted upon, where appropriate.

# RANZCR IR and INR Training Program Working Group Update

A joint ANZSNR and IRSA submission has been sent to RANZCR stating our position on the length of the newly proposed IR and INR Training pathway for specialty recognition.

The proposal is that the pathway should align with other international pathways for IR training and national programs for other craft groups, which would allow trainees to commence INR training during the 5th year of the current clinical radiology training program.

ANZNSR will continue to advocate for this, to ensure that our trainees are not un-fairly disadvantaged. The ANZSNR representative to the RANZCR IR and INR Training Program Working Group, Dr Will McAuliffe, will continue to represent the views of our members in this space.

# International affiliations – British Society Neuro Radiology (BSNR)

More discussions have taken place with the President of the BSNR to further formalise an affiliate relationship between ANZSNR and BSNR. Councillor, Christen Barras will act as the ANZSNR representative with support provided by Dr Jen Gillespie and Dr Ben Moon. ANZSNR members will be invited to participate in the BSNR's Education Round series, with the resource available to all members of the ANZSNR.

Christen, Jen and Ben will meet with the BSNR on 07 April to discuss formalising the educational opportunity and members will be provided with more details as they become available.

If you would like to be involved in teaching with the BSNR, please get in contact with the ANZSNR secretariat at secretariat@anzsnr.org.au

### **MBS Review of DSA Items Update**

A subcommittee has been formed to work on the Review of DSA items submission for INR procedures. The submission has been finalised and is available to members on the ANZSNR website <a href="https://www.anzsnr.org.au/">https://www.anzsnr.org.au/</a> located in the Members Only section.

I would like to sincerely thank Dr Andrew Cheung, Dr Albert Chui and Dr Ken Faulder for driving the submission and putting forward an excellent proposal for the government to consider. This involved a considerable amount of work and I am grateful for their expertise and assistance. We look forward to hearing back from the Government and will keep members informed.

#### **Statements of Purpose**

With a goal of providing clarity over what it is that our society provides to our members and articulating what our intended purpose is, members of the ANZSNR council have been drafting a series of statements of purpose.

Once finalised, these statements will be housed on the website and will align with the objectives stated in the constitution.

Council members are currently reviewing the ANZSNR Statement of Purpose document with ratification of these likely at the May 2021 Council meeting.



# Calling any ANZSNR Members who are on a RANZCR Committee or Working Group

Are you involved in a RANZCR committee or working group? The ANZSNR Executive would like members who are on an RANZCR Committee or working group to please let the secretariat know so that we can advertise this link and use them as an information point.

Please let us know at secretariat@anzsnr.org.au-

# **SAVE THE DATE!**



The AOCNR 2021 Organizing Committee, together with the Korean Society of Neuroradiology (KSNR), invite you to the 13th Asian Oceanian Congress of Neuroradiology (AOCNR 2021) to be held virtually on April 22-24, 2021 in Seoul, Korea.

The program will include plenary lectures, latest achievements, experiences, and knowledges to share, and lively discussions on future of the neuroradiology and head & neck radiology. Building an international network will also be a key component of this congress to provide quality care beyond borders.

Click here to find out more and register



#### **BSNR - Easter Term Lecture**

The BSNR have invited ANZSNR members to attend the below lecture -

Missing the Gorilla: Radiology, Inattentional Blindness and the Law

### Wednesday 21 April, 6.00pm (GMT) – 3AM Thursday AEST

The lecture will be delivered by -

Paul Sankey, Partner and Senior Solicitor, Enable Law Paul is one of the leading clinical negligence experts in the UK and has a particular interest in and knowledge of how the law applies to radiology.

How do radiologists get into trouble? What is an excusable mistake? How are radiologist mistakes viewed by the law? And what can we do to protect ourselves?

Paul is a fantastically engaging speaker and is well known from his appearances on television and in the media.

Registration is free by clicking here

As the time difference presents a challenge for southern hemisphere participants, the BSNR have agreed to record to the lecture and will make it available to us for our members to access.



#### **ESHNR 2021**

#### Online

The European Society of Head and Neck Radiology is happy to announce its annual congress, 2-4 September 2021 which will be held as a virtual meeting, with a mix of live interactive sessions and pre-recorded lectures. Speakers and moderators will be available for live chats at all times.

To register please visit -

https://eshnr.eu/meetings/eshnr-2021/

#### **ANZSNR Executive**

Dr Con Phatouros - President

Professor Peter Mitchell - Past President

Dr Steve Chryssidis - Secretary-General

**ANZSNR Council** 

Benjamin Moon - New Zealand

Graham Dunn - New South Wales

Andrew Cheung - New South Wales

Elaine Lui - Victoria

Ronil Chandra - Victoria

Tim Phillips - Western Australia

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Vacant - Tasmania

Jen Gillespie - H & N

Christen Barras - South Australia

Vacant - Australian Capital

Territory

Vacant - Northern Territory

Alan Coulthard - Co-opted Member

Christina Mignone - Paediatric

Neuroradiologist