



## PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

As the last update for 2022, I would like to acknowledge and thank everyone who has been involved and supported the society throughout the year. It's been a successful and busy year, and the progress and achievements we have achieved would not be possible without the support of our volunteers and members.

At the recent Council meeting, I summarised some of the key highlights from this year:

- Roll out of the Research grants initiative, this includes constituting the subcommittee through an EOI process to support the allocation of grants for a commencement date in 2023.
- ASM 2022, very successful meeting in very trying circumstances and congratulations to Nathan Manning and Andrew Cheung for their roles convening.
- Appointment of Ken Faulder and Albert Chiu representing ANZSNR to review the INR vascular MBS items as part of the Federal Governments MRAC working group
- Excellent progress made in working towards specialty recognition and working collaboratively with RANZCR and IRSA to achieve this.
- Continue to improve our international outreach and affiliate opportunities for members
- A healthy & sustainable financial balance sheet with cash assets having grown.

- WA member, Albert Chiu has resigned as the ANZSNR representative to the Tripartite Committee and Laetitia de Villiers will replace him from 2023. The council thanked Albert for his work on this committee over the past 2 years.
- Congratulations were extended to SA Councillor, Christen Barras, for successful convening the RANZCR ASM 2022 in Adelaide.
- Thanking Ms Bianca Heggelund for her tremendous support to the society over the past 12-months and pleasingly we have secured a contract with Amplexa going forward for the next 2-years.

The ANZSNR Council has met 4 times this year. This is a large commitment for our already busy councillors, so on behalf of the Executive team, thank you for your contribution, insight, and expertise. I am very pleased to announce and would like to warmly welcome, the recent appointment of a New Zealand Councillor, Dr Shane Lee, currently working as an INR in Auckland. Shane originates from Wellington; he completed a 2-year INR fellowship in Auckland and is now an appointed INR in Auckland.

We are looking forward to having Shane represent NZ and congratulate him on his appointment as the 2024 ASM Convenor which will be held in New Zealand, location to be confirmed. A special thanks goes to Ben Moon, out-going New Zealand councillor, for his many years of service on the ANZSNR council.

As always, if you wish to be involved or provide comment, please contact with me via the secretariat – [secretariat@anzsnr.org.au](mailto:secretariat@anzsnr.org.au)

Lastly, I would like to wish you all an enjoyable, safe and restful holiday season. I look forward to catching up with many of you face-to-face at the 2023 ASM on the beautiful Morning Peninsula in late March.

Members are reminded to take advantage of the early bird offer and register now. The accommodation is being held at a very reasonable rate so to avoid missing, I highly recommend securing accommodation.

Further details on the 2023 ASM, including links to register, are provided on page 2.



ANZSNR  
ASM  
**2023**



**THURSDAY  
30TH MARCH -  
SUNDAY  
2ND APRIL, 2023**

**RACV CAPE SCHANCK,  
MORNINGTON PENINSULA**

**On behalf of the ASM  
Organising Committee  
2023, members are  
invited to register for the  
discounted early bird rate.**

Our 3-day interactive and dynamic ASM, commencing on Thursday 30th March at midday and concluding at lunchtime on Sunday 02 April, will be held at the RACV, Cape Schanck on Victoria's Morning Peninsula, a 90-minute drive from Melbourne.

A coach service from Tullamarine Airport will be offered for delegates, further details will be provided following your registration to attend.

With all borders fully opened, we will be joined in person by two internationally renowned presenters in the fields of neuroradiology and interventional neuroradiology.

**Professor Alessandra Biondi (INR)**  
Department of Neuroradiology and Vascular Radiology  
Besançon University Hospital, France

**Dr. Howard A. Rowley**

Professor of Radiology, Neurology,  
and Neurosurgery

Joseph F. Sackett Professor of  
Radiology at the University of  
Wisconsin, Madison

## ACCOMMODATION

Attendees are encouraged to book their accommodation as early as possible to guarantee the special reduced accommodation rate available for delegates and speakers wishing to stay at the RACV Cape Schanck.

Accommodation bookings can be made via this link [www.anzsnrasm.com/accommodation](http://www.anzsnrasm.com/accommodation)

Unsold rooms will be released closer to the ASM, and normal rates will apply.

## PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

[www.anzsnrasm.com/program](http://www.anzsnrasm.com/program)

## CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

**A reminder that the Call for Abstracts is open, and we welcome submissions from all wishing to submit a paper related to research in neuroradiology.**

The abstract submission deadline is 31st January 2023, and all submissions will be notified of the outcome by 14 February 2023.

Abstract presenters must register to attend the ASM. Selected abstracts will be presented orally on Sunday 2nd April and ALL accepted abstracts will be published in the JMIRO!

We look forward to welcoming you to the Morning Peninsula next year.

**To take full advantage of  
the early bird discounted  
registration offer,  
we encourage you to  
REGISTER NOW**

[www.anzsnrasm.com/  
registration](http://www.anzsnrasm.com/registration)



## 2023 SUBSCRIPTION FEES NOW DUE

### Membership subscription renewals for 2023 are now due.

The subscription year runs from 01 January to 31 December each year. Please note fees must be paid by 31 March 2023.

The 2023 fees have been adjusted to accommodate inflationary increases and CPI and are set at AUD\$240 plus GST for Full (Fellow) Members and at \$65 plus GST for Student Members.

Members are reminded that they are offered the following benefits:

- Heavily discounted ASM registration rates
- Access to an extensive library of previous ASM educational content
- Discounts on registration fees for Conferences with our international affiliates including the WFNRS, WFITN, BSNR and ESNR
- Opportunity to join the ANZSNR Council to advocate and drive initiatives for the professions (Full members only)
- Opportunity to join the ASM Organising Committee
- Access to small research grants
- Networking opportunities
- Access to members-only resources; quarterly members newsletters, positions vacant and much more.

To make payment, please check your email which includes the payment link. If you have not received the email or require it to be re-sent, please contact the secretariat –

[secretariat@anzsnr.org.au](mailto:secretariat@anzsnr.org.au)

## ANZSNR RESEARCH SUBCOMMITTEE – APPOINTED MEMBERS

The ANZSNR Council has approved the awarding of research grants valued at \$5,000 exclusively for ANZSNR members.

Eligible recipients must be current ANZSNR members and <10 years FRANZCR. The grants will be awarded under the governance of two groups; the Research Sub Committee and the Research Grants Review Group.

Following an Expressions of Interest (EOI) process, we are pleased to announce the appointment of the following members to the Research Subcommittee –

Prof Patricia Desmond  
Prof Sandeep Bhuta  
Prof Paul Parizel  
Dr Daren Gibson

The Research Sub Committee will:

1. Identify and seek funding opportunities to support research grants, this includes sponsorship from industry partners.
2. Set criteria for the awarding of the research grants.
3. Allocate research grant applications to the research grants review group members.
4. Approve the recommendations of the research grants review group for awarding research grants on an annual basis.
5. Make recommendations to the ANZSNR Council regarding the awarding of grants on an annual basis.
6. Oversee the work of the research grants review group.
7. Identify and promote research opportunities across Australia and New Zealand for the benefit of the members of the ANZSNR.

The [Terms of Reference](#) can be viewed here. The Subcommittee will meet in early 2023 to commence planning and inviting members to join the Research Grants Review Group.

## ESHNR - CALL FOR CASES

The European Society of H&N Radiology is running a series of case-based webinars in 2023.

ANZSNR members interested in submitting some interesting cases for review are invited to do so.

Click [Here](#) for further detailed information including instructions for uploading cases.



**eshnr**

european society of  
head and neck radiology

## TRIPARTITE COMMITTEE – UPDATE

The latest meeting of the Tripartite Committee was held as a face-to-face meeting at the RANZCR ASM in October. The meeting focussed on specialty recognition and the associated process for progress. The next meeting is a face-to-face meeting at the ANZSNR ASM in March 2023.

It has been a positive collaboration in 2022 and the society looks forward to continuing this in 2023.



## INR/IR TRAINING PATHWAY WORKING GROUP UPDATE

The Working group are currently meeting the defined timelines with regards to the curriculum development for INR. The first module is a clinical practice module and work is currently underway on integrating EPA's and assessments with the syllabus/learning outcomes. The projected timeline is to have this completed by 2023 ready to be sent for consultation to RANZCR members.



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## AUSTRALIAN STROKE ALLIANCE (ASA) COLLABORATION

Myself and Peter Mitchell met with Mark Parsons and Bernard Yan from the ASA who are both extremely supportive of an ANZSNR collaboration. As there is a large focus on using imaging as part of stroke servicing, one member of the ANZSNR has been invited to sit on the Pre-Hospital Stroke Council. We look forward to continuing to provide you with updates as work on this group progresses next year.



Australian  
Stroke Alliance



Australian Government  
Department of Health and Aged Care

## MBS REVIEW ADVISORY COMMITTEE (MRAC) – INR VASCULAR REVIEW ITEMS UPDATE

Established in 2021, the MBS Review Advisory Committee (MRAC) is an independent and clinician-led non statutory committee, which guides the work of the MBS Continuous Review. The MRAC undertakes reviews that examine how the MBS is used in practice and recommends improvements to ensure the MBS is contemporary, evidence-based, and supports universal access to high value care for all Australians.

The Department of Health and Aged Care nominated and requested a review of vascular interventional neuro radiology (INR) services by the MRAC.

At its meeting of 5 August 2022, the MRAC endorsed a review proposal on vascular interventional radiology. The Committee further agreed to the establishment of an expert clinical working group to undertake this review, consisting of a subset of MRAC members and key external stakeholders.

The working group will be required to develop a draft report and recommendations, which will be subject to extensive targeted and open consultation processes prior to finalisation and submission to Government. Acceptance and subsequent implementation of MRAC recommendations are then subject to Government consideration.

Albert Chiu and Ken Faulder have been accepted as the ANZSNR nominees to the working group. Congratulations on your appointment and we look forward to seeing the progress being made on this vital work.

# UPCOMING EVENTS



## 14TH ASIAN-OCEANIAN CONGRESS OF NEURORADIOLOGY (AOCNR) 2023 – Save the Date

Singapore, 18 - 20 August 2023

The meeting is held in conjunction with the Annual Scientific Meeting Singapore Congress of Radiology/Workshops in Interventional Radiology Education Singapore, with neuroradiology theme.

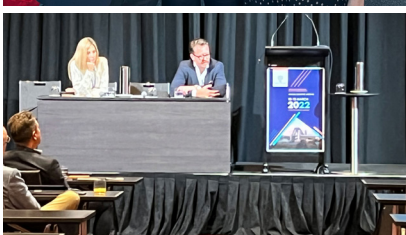
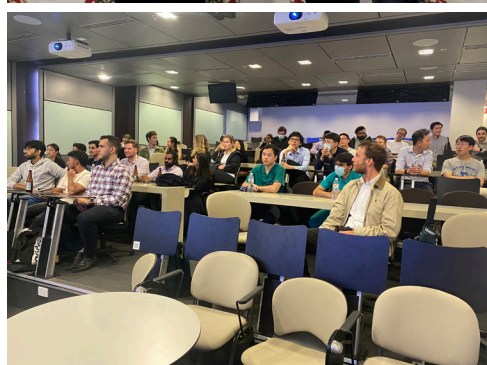
Registration Opening Date: 20 March 2023

Abstract Submission Date: 1 March 2023

[aocnr2023.org](http://aocnr2023.org)

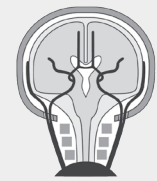
## 2022 HIGHLIGHTS

✓ Con and President of ESNR at RANZCR ASM



▲ 2022 ASM

▲ UNSW Med students/JMO event



# ANZSNR

## ANZSNR COUNCIL MEMBERS

### ANZSNR Executive Team

President  
Dr Con Phatouros  
2022 - 2025

Past President  
Professor Peter Mitchell  
2022 - 2025

Secretary General  
Dr Steve Chryssidis  
2022 - 2025

The ANZSNR Council consists of the Executive plus the below elected representatives.

NZ - Shane Lee 2022-2025

NSW - Graham Dunn 2020-2023

NSW - Andrew Cheung 2022-2025

VIC - Elaine Lui 2022-2025

VIC - Ronil Chandra 2020-2023

WA - Tim Phillips 2022-2025

QLD - Laetitia de Villiers 2020-2023

SA - Christen Barras 2022-2025

H&N - Jen Gillespie 2020-2023

Paediatric Neuroradiology  
Cristina Mignone 2020-2023

Co-opted member Alan Coulthard