



ANZSNR PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

SEPTEMBER 2022

The ANZSNR Council met in late August and discussed many initiatives of the society. It is with pleasure that I can provide all members with an update and overview of the items discussed.

As always, if you wish to be involved or provide comment, please contact with me via the secretariat—secretariat@anzsnr.org.au



ANZSNR ASM 2023—SAVE THE DATE

Following receiving sponsors acknowledgement of compliance, the RACV at Cape Schanck, Morning Peninsula, Victoria has been secured as the venue for the 2023 ASM. **The dates are 30 March – 02 April 2022.**

Along with convenors, Ronil Chandra and Elaine Lui, the program will be developed with supports from the other Scientific committee members: Lee-Anne Slater (INR) and Shalini Amukotuwa (DNR).

The following international speakers have been confirmed: Howard Rowley (DNR) and Alessandra Biondi (INR). The program is continuing to be developed. Ideas include: Radiopaedia sessions (to be scheduled on the Sunday for trainees and general radiologists), a patient session, Nurses and radiographer session and the platinum plus sponsors to be offered 60-minute session scheduled on the first day that includes an invitation to sponsor a speaker who can also participate in panel discussions during the ASM. Streaming some content to Radiology Across Borders (RAB) as a charitable act has also been discussed.

Michael Barton, JMIRO Editor, is again very supportive of the JMIRO publication of the registrar abstracts. We look forward to offering this fantastic opportunity again at our 2023 meeting.

RANZCR UPDATE

Standards of Practice

The College has recently published the first comprehensive version of the [Standards of Practice for Interventional Radiology and Interventional Neuroradiology](#)

This document establishes a quality framework for interventional radiologists, interventional neuroradiologists, hospital departments and specialist clinics to support the delivery of high-quality patient care and outcomes.

RANZCR 2022 CPD program – ends 31 December 2022

Please ensure you have logged into the RANZCR CPD ePortfolio and have entered your completed 2022 CPD activities. As the College has moved to an annual CPD program it is imperative that you are regularly recording your activities to ensure you remain compliant. The 2022 CPD program closes on the 31 December. If you have any questions regarding the CPD program changes or CPD ePortfolio, please contact CPD@ranzcr.edu.au or [RANZCR CPD Website](#) for further information.

RANZCR ASM 2022 27—30 October 2022 ADELAIDE, SA

The full program is now available to view: <https://www.ranzcr2022.com/>

A RANZCR Interventional Radiology Committee session will be held on Saturday 29 Oct from 10:30am-12:00pm.

This session will see the formal launch of the Standards of Practice for Interventional Radiology and Interventional Neuroradiology, an update on the work towards specialty recognition and the development of the IR and INR Training Pathways, a presentation on the value proposition of IR and INR and a panel discussion to close the session.



Dr Nathan Manning

WFITN Research Grant Winner

Congratulations to Nathan Manning on being awarded a 100,000 Euro research grant for his Research Project on Expanding Novel Therapy awarded by the Research Advisory Committee as part of the WFITN Endowment Fund.

WFITN posted a grant call earlier this year for research projects within the field of Interventional Neuroradiology. The purpose of the grant to support clinical and/or translational research by providing resources for salaries and project running costs for two years to enable and promote research within the field.

Applications were reviewed by the WFITN Endowment Fund scientific committee, composed of members from all continents, based on the following criteria: novelty of research, quality of research, significance, competence, and network/infrastructure (main applicant and potential co-applicant).

RANZCR, IRSA and ANZSNR Tripartite Committee Update

The Tripartite Committee held a meeting on 10 August. The ANZSNR were commended on their excellent initiative; publication of the successful Abstracts in JMIRO which allowed many RANZCR trainees the opportunity to meet their Part 2 Research Project requirements. IRSA expressed a desire to implement the opportunity at their 2023 ASM.

Paediatric Neuroradiology– SPIN 2022

SPIN academics held a series of seminars in paediatric neuroimaging over the weekend of 03-06 August 2022.

It was very successful with over 90 participants attending.

MBS Review Advisory Committee (MRAC) – INR Vascular Review Items Update



Australian Government
Department of Health and Aged Care

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 is comprised of multi-disciplinary and skills-based members including clinical and research experts, as well as allied health, nursing, and consumer representatives.

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. This topic came to the attention of the Department following the MBS Taskforce Review of vascular services and further consultation with the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Radiologists, the Interventional Radiology Society of Australasia and the Australian and New Zealand Society of Neuroradiology.

A review of vascular IR and INR services would give patients access to rapidly emerging, minimally invasive substitute services for open surgery and new procedures that may reduce patient hospitalisation time and improve patient clinical outcomes. Additionally, a standalone IR section of the MBS would give IR providers a clearer and well-defined section in the MBS, whilst still allowing access to all the relevant specialist providers who have an appropriate level of training in the proposed services (e.g., vascular surgeons).

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.

ANZSNR has been invited to provide nominees as representatives to this group. Hal Rice, Albert Chiu and Ken Faulder have been nominated and the Government will decide on whom to appoint to the Working Group.

University of Queensland IR/INR Research Alliance

Dr Nick Brown is leading an exciting and ground-breaking project in collaboration with the University of Queensland.

Since the end of last year, Nick has been working with the University of Queensland's Centre for Business and Economics in Health (CBEH) and key industry partners to establish a new Collaborative Research Alliance for IR and INR that will undertake important cost-effectiveness and health economic assessments of interventional procedures, spanning across multiple jurisdictions including Australia, New Zealand and internationally. The Alliance has now been established, with generous industry support, and we are now forming an advisory committee comprising both clinical experts in IR/INR and dedicated academic researchers with expertise in health economics.

The Alliance in IR and INR will develop a dedicated research program that brings together clinicians, academics, and industry stakeholders to undertake health economic research to demonstrate the high value and cost-effectiveness of interventional procedures in modern healthcare. The data generated by this initiative will then be used to inform advocacy opportunities with key stakeholder such as hospitals (public and private), state health systems, the federal health department and private health funds (to name a few). The objective is to produce data that will advance the real-world specialty fields of IR and INR, to improve evidence-based policy and funding outcomes for IR/INR, and to optimise patient care.

ANZSNR has been asked to endorse and support this work, which we will keep members updated on as it progresses.

AAFITN Meeting, Adelaide 2028

ANZSNR were approached by the Federal and State Governments to ascertain if South Australia could host AAFITN in 2028. Both tiers of Government would provide some financial supports.

The ANZSNR endorsed the proposal for it to be held in Adelaide in August 2028 and should the bid be successful the ANZSNR would support the formation of a committee to oversee it.

Stroke Alliance

Con Phatouros and Peter Mitchell will begin preliminary discussions with Prof Mark Parsons and Prof Bernard Yan to seek out opportunities for the ANZSNR to be actively involved in the work of the Stroke Alliance.

For more information on the priorities of the stroke alliance please visit:
<https://austrokealliance.org.au/>

UPCOMING EVENTS

SLICE Worldwide 2022 - 12 October 2022 to 13 October 2022

SLICE Worldwide is a multidisciplinary meeting on stroke management. It's a 100 % free online event.

This international audio-visual and interactive event are focused on the treatment and care of strokes.

Its objective is to offer an opportunity for constructive dialogue on practical and concrete cases.

[Register Here](#)



14th Asian-Oceanian Congress of Neuroradiology (AOCNR) - 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

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