

Dear ANZCNS Members,

WELCOME TO THE ANZCNS E-NEWSLETTER FOR MARCH 2020

ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING UPDATE

The 9th Annual Scientific Meeting of the ANZCNS for 2020 has been postponed. New date is 1st-3rd September 2021 at the Pullman Albert Park, Melbourne.

The ANZCNS AGM will go ahead as a teleconference via GoTo Meeting. Details will be sent closer to the date.

SUBSCRIPTION REMINDER

Members are reminded to ensure their ANZCNS membership dues are up to date including previous years. [Membership for 2019/2020 is now overdue.](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BPNA COURSE

The ANZCNS and BPNA have taken the decision to postpone the British Paediatric Neurology Association Paediatric Epilepsy Training courses from July this year to early 2021, dates to be advised.

For more details, please contact Simone at simone.ardernholmes@health.nsw.gov.au

AUSTRALIAN CHAPTER OF THE YOUNG EPILEPSY SECTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE AGAINST EPILEPSY (THE ILAE-YES)

The ILAE-YES is a world-wide organisation of young people in the early stages of a career focused on the care of people with epilepsy, and/or epilepsy research: <https://www.ilae.org/about-ilae/topical-commissions/yes/young-epilepsy-section-yes>

We are trying to recruit more clinicians and researchers to join the Australian chapter of the ILAE-YES with the hope of fostering a national network of individuals interested in epilepsy research, to promote research collaborations, network and share information on relevant grant and scholarship opportunities.

PKAN TRIAL IN AUSTRALIA

Seeking patients for a treatment trial in PKAN, based in Melbourne in collaboration with Susan Hayflick (OHSU, Oregon). We aim to commence this oral therapy trial in early 2020. Please contact Rick Leventer for further details - richard.leventer@rch.org.au

SPINAL MUSCULAR ATROPHY PROJECT

New research project by Associate Professor Michelle Farrar is recruiting participants for a research study called "*Understanding patients and carers decision making in Spinal Muscular Atrophy care.*" The research is being carried out to learn more about what factors (such as benefits of treatment and cost) are important when making decisions related to treatment for Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA). It involves a survey that takes about 15-20minutes to complete. The attached link is for the survey: <https://chere.surveyengine.com/survey/441/523>

UPCOMING CONFERENCES

INTERNATIONAL PAEDIATRIC STROKE ORGANISATION - POSTPONED

INTERNATIONAL CHILD NEUROLOGY ASSOCIATION - Still going ahead but watch this space.

All members are encouraged to obtain full membership of ICNA. Membership is free and can be obtained via the following link <http://icnapedia.formbin.com/forms/join>

2020 CNS-ICNA CONJOINT MEETING

19th-23rd October 2020, Marriott Marquis, San Diego

Abstract submission is now closed.

EUROPEAN PAEDIATRIC NEUROLOGY SOCIETY

14th EPNS Congress, 1-5 June 2021, Glasgow, UK

ASIAN AND OCEANIA CHILD NEUROLOGY ASSOCIATION

The ANZCNS met in April 2018 to map a strategic plan for the organization for the next 5 years. This will be circulated to members. One of the resolutions agreed to at that meeting was to bid to host an AOCNA meeting in the coming years. Currently only a very small fraction of the ANZCNS membership base holds AOCNA membership. The cost of lifetime membership is a one off fee of US\$100. All ANZCNS members are encouraged to apply.

Membership application can be accessed at the following link:

<http://www.aocna.org/index.php/en/membership-application>

16TH AOCCN

3rd-8th AUG 2021, Bangkok, Thailand

EDUCATION AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

ANZCNS CLINICAL CASE FORUMS 2020

Please note the Clinical Case Forums have been temporarily cancelled. We will resume in August.

25th August - John Hunter Children's Hospital, Newcastle

22nd September - The Children's Hospital at Westmead

27th October - Queensland Children's Hospital

24th November - Monash Medical Centre

15th December - Sydney Children's Hospital

Site Training Co-ordinators:

Perth Children's Hospital: **Maina Kava**

Royal Children's Hospital, Melbourne: **Kathryn Irving**

Sydney Children's Hospital, Sydney: **Romain Briest**

Westmead Children's Hospital, Sydney: **Emily Innes**

Queensland Children's Hospital, Brisbane: **Anita Cairns/Sophie Calvert**

John Hunter Children's Hospital, Newcastle: **Gopi Subramanian**

Starship Children's Hospital, Auckland: **Cynthia Sharpe/Gina O'Grady**

Wellington Hospital /University of Otago: **Erik Andersen/Lynette Sadleir**

Gold Coast University Hospital: **Harry Singh**

Royal Hobart Hospital: **Tyson Ware**

Monash Medical Centre, Melbourne: **Michael Fahey/Shabeed Chelakkadan**

If members have brief paragraphs of news, stories or items of interest please forward them to Lejla (admin@anzcns.org.au) or Hooi Ling Teoh (hooiling.teoh@health.nsw.gov.au) and we are happy to include them in our newsletters.

Thank you very much for reading and hoping everyone is keeping well. Remember to wash your hands with soap and water and practice social distancing.

Kind regards,
Hooi Ling and Lejla