

Dear ANZCNS Members,

WELCOME TO THE ANZCNS E-NEWSLETTER FOR JUNE 2020.

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.

SUBSCRIPTION REMINDER

Members are reminded to ensure their ANZCNS membership dues are up to date including previous years.

To pay for membership for previous years, or to check if your membership is current, please contact the ANZCNS office at admin@anzcns.org.au.

To pay subs for the last membership cycle (2019/2020) please [click here](#).

The ANZCNS board has decided to alter the subscription fees for 2020/2021 to reflect the impact of the COVID 19 pandemic on our organisation's educational activities, in particular and the need to cancel the 2020 Melbourne annual scientific meeting. Please note that the below fees are only for 2020/2021 and will be reviewed again the following year.

Ordinary membership \$250 and Overseas membership \$140. This is a 30% reduction from usual fees.

Trainees and Associate membership to be waived for 2020/2021 cycle.

To renew for 2020/2021 and update your details please [click here](#).

ANZCNS 9TH ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING UPDATE

The 9th Annual Scientific Meeting of the ANZCNS for 2020 has been postponed.

New date is 1st-3rd September 2021 in Melbourne at the Pulman Albert Park.

The annual ANZCNS AGM will go ahead by video-link on Wednesday, 2nd September at 5.30pm AEST. GoTo Meeting details will sent closer to the time.

ANZCNS BOARD PLANNING DAY

The ANZCNS Board of Directors will be holding a half day virtual meeting in the next month to formulate an organisational plan, focusing on workforce issues, education and training, research and good governance (as priority areas in our organisation's strategic plan). Discussion will also focus on a review of the ANZCNS constitution and the development of a financial plan, aligned with the objectives of the ANZCNS, to ensure organisation's funds are used in way that is of maximal benefit to the membership. This plan and an updated constitution will be circulated to the ANZCNS membership for feedback prior to this year's annual general meeting, which will be conducted online in early September 2020.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW-ANZCNS 2020 TRAINEE RESEARCH FORUM

Date: September 22nd, 2020

Location: Online forum at NSW/VIC/ACT/TAS 11am-2pm; QLD/SA 10.30am-1.30pm, WA 9am-12MD, NZ 1pm-4pm;

Abstract Submission opens: Now

Last date for abstract submission: **midnight on Friday 17th July 2020.**

Acceptance notification by Friday 31st July.

All trainees are encouraged to present, and make themselves eligible for the fantastic prizes on offer, including fellowships for all abstracts accepted for oral presentation.

Please use the following link to submit your abstract(s):

<https://seedevents.currinda.com/register/event/41>

Eligibility Criteria

1. Currently registered as a trainee or ordinary member of the ANZCNS

AND

2. Registered with the RACP as a Neurology Advanced trainee and in the 1st-3rd year of Neurology training

OR

2. Currently enrolled full-time or part-time in a PhD and not holding a staff specialist position

Prizes

1st Prize: Dr Ian Hopkins Memorial Prize for best presentation - \$1000

2nd Prize: \$750

3rd Prize: \$500

\$300 prizes for all other accepted presentations

NEW-RACP ANNOUNCEMENT

If there are any supervisors and trainees concerned about training this year, please note the change to college requirements for this year. For further questions, please contact the RACP representative:

Australia: Dr Alexandra Johnson at Alexandra.Johnson@health.nsw.gov.au

New Zealand: Dr Gina O'Grady at GinaO@adhb.govt.nz

<https://www.racp.edu.au/news-and-events/covid-19/education-and-training/changes-to-requirements>

NEW- NATURAL HISTORY STUDY OF PELIZAEUS-MERZBACHER DISEASE (PMD) AT RCH/MCRI – INVITATION FOR FAMILIES

The Murdoch Children's Research Institute, in collaboration with the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, is studying the natural history of PMD in order to understand how PMD progresses over time in individuals of all ages. This study will involve the collection of information from existing medical records of individuals with PMD with consent from the individual, parent or guardian. The study is retrospective and will not require these individuals to do anything other than provide consent to access medical records.

If you know of a family with a child who has been diagnosed with PMD and they are interested in participating, please pass on their details so that we can contact the family and/or send the information and consent form.

Please do not hesitate to contact Rick Leventer at richard.leventer@rch.org.au or the study coordinator Eloise Uebergang on (03) 8341 6382/ Eloise.Uebergang@mcri.edu.au if you have any questions.

INTERNATIONAL PEDIATRIC NEURORADIOLOGY TEACHING NETWORK

The ASPNR offers FREE weekly lecture series in the field of paediatric neuroradiology. Pre-registration is required. The lecture times are not friendly to AEST as it is at 0200 on Sunday but occasionally the lecture times are more suitable.

Link: <https://asprn.org/awards/international-pediatric-neuroradiology-teaching-network/>

RACP NEUROLOGY TEACHING

The RACP has for some time been looking at banking recorded teaching sessions for the trainees. If anyone is interested in recording a teaching session on a neurology topic of their choice, please contact Dr Sampaio: hugo.sampaio@health.nsw.gov.au

SPINAL MUSCULAR ATROPHY PROJECT-STILL LOOKING FOR PARTICIPANTS

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>

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.

ANZCNS EDUCATION AND TRAINING COMMITTEE (ETC)

The ETC needs a new trainee member to represent the trainee voice. Membership is not onerous, and attendance at a few meetings per year is required (often via teleconference). If curious, speak to the outgoing member, Emma MacDonald-Laurs, as to what is required. Please let either Emma or Alex Johnson Alexandra.johnson@health.nsw.gov.au know if you are interested.

UPCOMING PROVISIONAL FELLOW JOBS

QUEENSLAND

We are advertising two Neurology Fellow positions at Queensland Children’s Hospital in Brisbane for next year starting February 2021. The applications close June 30.

The link to the Smartjobs website is <https://smartjobs.qld.gov.au/jobs/QLD-H20CHQ345392>

The position of Paediatric Registrar (in the role of Paediatric Neurology Fellow) at Queensland Children's Hospital will:

- Provide direct medical care to assigned patients under the direction and supervision of the Director of Paediatric Neurosciences.
- May be required to work shifts, including weekends and public holidays, be on-call (1:3) for neurosciences
- Deliver medical services through participation in clinical duties at Fellow level and in accordance with the policies, practices and Values of the Children's Health Queensland Hospital and Health Service.
- Demonstrate commitment to evidence based practice, research and quality improvement activities, including undertaking clinical audits and clinical risk management activities.
- Assist in the professional development of junior medical staff and the training of medical and allied health students.

For further information please contact Dr Sophie Calvert by email Sophie.Calvert@health.qld.gov.au

VICTORIA

Royal Children's Hospital and Monash Medical Center will only be advertising internally for 2021.

NEW SOUTH WALES-application closed!

UPCOMING CONFERENCES

INTERNATIONAL PAEDIATRIC STROKE ORGANISATION - POSTPONED

INTERNATIONAL CHILD NEUROLOGY ASSOCIATION

Still going ahead and early registration late May to June. More will be announced June 30th.

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,

19-23 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 August 2021, Bangkok, Thailand

EDUCATION AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

ANZCNS CLINICAL CASE FORUMS 2020

23rd June - Perth Children's Hospital

28th July - Royal Children's Hospital Melbourne

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

22nd September - The Children's Hospital at Westmead including 2020 Trainee Research Forum

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**

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

Kind regards,

Hooi Ling and Lejla