

Dear ANZCNS Members,

WELCOME TO THE ANZCNS E-NEWSLETTER FOR AUGUST 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 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, however we still ask that you renew your subscriptions so your record is up to date.

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

ANZCNS 9TH ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING

The 9th Annual Scientific Meeting of the ANZCNS will be held between 1st - 3rd September 2021, at the Pullman Albert Park, Melbourne.

ANNUAL ANZCNS AGM (virtual)

Date: Wednesday, 2nd September at 5.30pm AEST.

The ANZCNS recently held a strategic planning day to update the plan for the society in the coming years. The plan and updated constitution will be circulated to the ANZCNS membership for feedback prior to the AGM, please look out for it.

We will be running the AGM via GoTo Webinar and all members will be sent exact registration instructions by email shortly. You will be able to join from your computers/tablets, as well as smart phones and land lines.

WHAT YOUR BOARD HAS BEEN UP TO OVER THE LAST 2 YEARS

The Society has had significant achievements in three priority areas from our 2018-2020 organisational strategic plan:

1. Membership

- advertising of trainee positions via the ANZCNS newsletter

2. Learning and development

- holding regular ANZCNS Clinical Case Forums, with improved attendance
- running successful annual scientific meetings in Perth and Sydney
- making significant progress in the organisation of BPNA PET courses with the

establishment of a national steering committee, allocation of seed funding and drawing up of an MOU

3. Governance and systems

- allocating officeholder roles among the directors
- convening a strategic planning day to identify priority projects aligned with the strategic plan to be funded by the Society. Priority options will be presented at the AGM and feedback will be sought from the general membership via a survey.
- commencement of work on an organisational financial plan, that includes 5 year financial projections, which aims to achieve a sound financial position to facilitate funding of priority projects, selected by the general membership over the next 3 years.

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: Closed

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

Log-in instruction will be emailed to all members closer to the time.

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>

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.

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>

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 CONFERENCES

NEW-INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF PARKINSON'S DISEASE AND MOVEMENT DISORDERS,

Venue: Virtual and Free

Date: September 12-16, 2020

Online registration now open, <https://mds.execinc.com/edibo/IC20V>

INTERNATIONAL PAEDIATRIC STROKE ORGANISATION - POSTPONED

INTERNATIONAL CHILD NEUROLOGY ASSOCIATION

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>

UPDATED-2020 CNS-ICNA Conjoint Meeting

VENUE: Virtual

Date: 19-23 October 2020, likely will open earlier and end later to accommodate
Online registration opens in mid-August.

NEW - EPILEPSY SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA (ESA) VIRTUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING

VENUE: Virtual

DATE: 5th - 6th November 2020

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

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

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/>

ANZCNS CLINICAL CASE FORUMS 2020

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

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

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