



June 2007

Welcome from the ASM Convenor



On behalf of the ANZHNS Local Organising Committee, I have pleasure in inviting you to attend the 2007 Annual Scientific Meeting of The Australian and New Zealand Head and Neck Society to be held at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre, Brisbane from 26 to 28 July.

from the University of Chicago will join with local experts to provide an up to date stimulating programme.

An increased understanding of the functional impact of various treatment approaches has prompted the inclusion of two sessions devoted to rehabilitation and outcomes, which will be offered alongside the main program. These sessions feature the expertise of one of our invited speakers, Corina van As-Brooks and will be of particular interest to speech pathologists and dieticians.

Brisbane is a fast growing cosmopolitan city, known for its vibrant and relaxed lifestyle. The Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre is in an enviable location within the South Bank precinct, an urban leisure and recreational venue unique for its focus on creative, cultural, entertainment and lifestyle activities. Delegates can relax and enjoy the many attractions that this area has to offer.

We look forward to seeing you all in Brisbane in July.

Ben Panizza, Convenor

The Organising Committee has developed a scientific programme that reflects the multidisciplinary nature of the Meeting and presents the clinician with the opportunity to expand their knowledge of cancer cell biology, new approaches and techniques for the management of head and neck cancer, emerging methods for reducing the side effects of treatment, and the difficulties faced in managing advanced or recurrent disease.

Our three medical speakers are world experts in their field with a wealth of experience. Each of them combines their day to day oncological work with strong research backgrounds. Gary Clayman a Head and Neck Surgeon from MD Anderson, David Brizel, a Radiation Oncologist from Duke University and Ezra Cohen, a Medical Oncologist



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ANZHNS 9th Annual Scientific Meeting

Thurs 26th—Sat 28th July 2007, Brisbane Convention Centre

Visit www.anzhns.org for information.

- Accommodation Closing Date: Monday 18th June
- Travel Grant Applications Closing Date: Friday 29 June



East-West Symposium on Nasopharyngeal Carcinoma

July 30—Aug 2, Sunshine Coast.

Website: <http://npc2007.qimr.edu.au/index.html>.

Guest speakers: Prof Alan Rickinson, Prof Anne Lee, Prof Lori Frappier, Prof Nancy Raab-Traub, Prof Yi-Xin Zeng



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Board Nominations

The Constitution requires that those candidates seeking election to the Executive Committee be provided to its members one month prior to the AGM. The new Board will be voted in at the next AGM to be held in Brisbane at the 2007 ASM on Friday, 27th July 2007

Proposed changes to the Executive Committee are:
Dr June Corry—President; Dr Swee Tan—Vice President; Dr Sandro Porceddu — new Ordinary Board Member.

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ANZHNS Lectureship / Visitor Scheme—Applications sought

The Board of ANZHNS has made available a sum of money in 2006/2007 to fund persons of eminence within the medical field, to visit Australia and New Zealand and provide all or several of the following:

- a) lectures, seminars and scientific workshops
- b) hospital grand round sessions
- c) undergraduate and/or post-graduate teaching
- d) advice and assistance to staff of the host institution with specific research projects.

The purpose of these grants is to engender better health outcomes for patients with Head and Neck cancer in Australia and New Zealand.

Two forms of support will be made available. These are:

- a) the Annual ANZHNS Visiting Lectureship, to bring to Australia and New Zealand a person of international eminence, who has extensive clinical and research experience and is a leader

in his/her field of expertise. The nominee should be able to commit themselves to this purpose for between two and four weeks.

- b) The ANZHNS Visitors Scheme which will support the visits of distinguished clinicians/scientists to an Australian and New Zealand city for periods of up to 5 working days. One or more grants will be available each year to support this scheme.

Applications should be sent to:

**The Secretary
The Grants Sub-Committee
The Australian and New Zealand Head and Neck Society**

Applications close on the 30th June 2007.

The Appointment of the ANZHNS Lecturer and Visitor will be announced by the Board of the ANZHNS at the AGM on 27th July 2007 based on the recommendation of its Grants Sub-Committee.

1. The ANZHNS Lectureship

Conditions of Award

1. ANZHNS Lecturers would be eminent clinicians/biomedical researchers who are experts in their field.
2. They should have excellent skills in communicating with the public as well as with health professionals.
3. Lecturers would be sponsored by the applicant who may be from an Institution (such as a University, Teaching Hospital or College) or Medical Association associated with training and education (such as Divisions of General Practice or Specialist Medical Societies)
4. The applicant will provide a comprehensive itinerary for the visit which should extend for a minimum of two weeks and a maximum of 4 weeks duration.
5. The ANZHNS will in turn provide a grant of up to \$5,000 to the successful applicant to assist with air travel, ground transportation, and accommodation costs.
6. The final grant will be based on the sum of the individual item costs listed above.
7. The successful applicant will be expected to:
 - (a) deliver a high profile public lecture to health professionals and members of the community at a venue to be determined by the sponsoring institution. This lecture will be named the "Australian and New Zealand Head and Neck Society Foundation Lecture".
 - (b) meet with health professionals and members of the community in the city they are to visit to discuss health concerns and their improvement, in those areas.
 - (c) participate in relevant undergraduate teaching programmes.
 - (d) meet with researchers and post-graduate students in the host institution to provide advice and support for their research.
 - (e) meet with members of the media to highlight the importance of medical research to Australia and New Zealand.

Applications should include:

- (a) Details of the proposed lecturer: Including a detailed curriculum vitae of the proposed lecturer, details of his/her area of

expertise and interest, the dates and duration of the proposed visit.

(b) Details of the applicant: Including the name, department and institution of the applicant, as well as the proposed itinerary for the visit.

Applications close on the 30th June 2007.

2. The ANZHNS Visitor Scheme

Conditions of Award

1. ANZHNS Visitors should be persons of eminence in their field, with extensive clinical and research experience.
2. They will be invited by a host institution to contribute to activities such as grand rounds, scientific workshops, research colloquia, etc.
3. ANZHNS visitors should be invited from within Australia. International speakers who are already attending meetings elsewhere in Australia may be invited to Adelaide under this scheme from whichever Australian city they are visiting.
4. Direct visits to an Australian or New Zealand city from an overseas centre will not be funded by the ANZHNS Visitor Scheme.
5. The duration of the visit should be no more than five working days.
6. The ANZHNS will in turn provide a grant of up to \$5,000 to the successful applicant to assist with air travel, ground transportation and accommodation costs.

Applications should include:

- (a) Details of the proposed lecturer: Including a detailed curriculum vitae of the proposed lecturer, details of his/her area of expertise and interest, the dates and duration of the proposed visit.
- (b) Details of the applicant: Including the name, department and institution of the applicant, as well as the proposed itinerary for the visit.

Applications close on the 30th June 2007.

Constitutional Amendments

At the most recent meeting of the ANZHNS Executive Committee, it was agreed that the following changes to the Constitution be put forward for voting on by the ANZHNS membership at the next ANZHNS Annual General Meeting, which is to be held in Brisbane on 27 July 2007.

1. To allow two consecutive 1-year terms for position of President:

Explanatory comments: Currently the President may be in office for a period of only one (1) year. The intended change will allow the President to stand for re-election as President, for a maximum of two consecutive 1-year terms. A new clause will be inserted as a result of the intended changes that will allow the Vice President the option to stand for re-election for a maximum of two consecutive 1-year terms where the President opts to stand for a second 1-year term.

The relevant Constitutional clause (17.3) as it currently stands is:

17.3 Terms of Office.

- (i) The terms of office of office bearers will be: President one (1) year, Vice President (President Elect) one (1) year, Treasurer three (3) years but eligible for re-election thereafter, Secretary three (3) years but eligible for re-election thereafter.
- (ii) Each Ordinary Member of the Executive Committee is, subject to these rules, to hold office for a maximum of three (3) years following the date of election, but is eligible for re-election.

Clause 17.3 would be amended as follows (amendments are in italics):

17.3 Terms of Office

- (i) The terms of office of office bearers will be:
 - (a) President one (1) year, *with the option to stand for re-election as President, for a maximum of two (2) consecutive 1-year terms;*
 - (b) Vice President (President Elect) one (1) year;
 - (c) Treasurer three (3) years but eligible for re-election thereafter;
 - (d) Secretary three (3) years but eligible for re-election thereafter.
- (ii) *Notwithstanding clause (i)(b) of this rule, where the President opts to stand for re-election under clause (i)(a) of this rule, the Vice President (President Elect) will have the option to stand for re-election as Vice President, for a maximum of two (2) consecutive 1-year terms, to coincide with the President's re-election.*

2. Voting changes for Ex-Officio members

Explanatory comments: Co-opted members of the Executive Committee (eg, Chair of Organizing Committee for ANZHNS ASMs) currently have the same voting rights as those Executive Committee members who have been elected by the ANZHNS membership at an AGM. The proposed changes removes those voting rights. This will allow the Executive Committee to have regard to the intellectual input of the co-opted members but the right to vote will remain only with the Executive Committee members elected by the ANZHNS membership.

The relevant Constitutional clause (24) as it currently stands is:

24 Voting and Decisions

- 24.1 Questions arising at a meeting of the Executive Committee or of any sub-committee appointed by the Executive Committee are to be determined by a majority of the votes of the members present at the meeting.
- 24.2 Each member present at a meeting of the Executive Committee or of any sub-committee appointed by the Executive Committee (including the person presiding at the meeting) is entitled to one vote but, in the event of an equality of votes on any question, the person presiding may exercise a second or casting vote.
- 24.3 Subject to rule 23.5, the Executive Committee may act despite any vacancy on the Executive Committee.
- 24.4 Any act or thing done or suffered, or purported to have been done or suffered, by the Executive Committee or by a sub-committee appointed by the Executive committee, is valid and effectual despite any defect that may afterwards be discovered in the appointment or qualification of any member.

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Clause (24) would be amended as follows (amendments are in italics):

The Executive Committee

24. Voting and Decisions

24.1 Questions arising at a meeting of the Executive Committee or of any sub-committee appointed by the Executive Committee are to be determined by a majority of the votes of the members present at the meeting, *subject to rule 24.5.*

24.2 *Subject to rule 24.5,* each member present at a meeting of the Executive Committee or of any sub-committee appointed by the Executive Committee (including the person presiding at the meeting) is entitled to one vote but, in the event of an equality of votes on any question, the person presiding may exercise a second or casting vote.

24.5 *Co-opted members acting in a capacity as directed by the Executive Committee are not entitled to vote on any question arising at a meeting of the Executive Committee.*

Upcoming Conferences & Courses

- ☞ Head & Neck Course, 6-7 July 2007. Organised by the University of Queensland and the Princess Alexandra Hospital. Enquiries: Judy_Hawkins@health.qld.gov.au
- ☞ FESS Course with Skull Base Component, 13-15 July 2007. Organised by the University of Queensland and the Princess Alexandra Hospital. Enquiries: Judy_Hawkins@health.qld.gov.au
- ☞ **ANZHNS 9th Annual Scientific Conference,**
July 26-28, 2007. Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre, QLD.
Website: www.anzhns.org Enquiries: (+61 2) 9954 4400
- ☞ East-West Symposium on Nasopharyngeal Carcinoma 30 July–2 August 2007.
Sunshine Coast, Australia. <http://npc2007.qimr.edu.au/index.html>
- ☞ Glioma 2007, 16– 18 August 2007.
Sofitel Wentworth Sydney, Australia. Website: www.dconferences.com.au/glioma
- ☞ Back to Prince of Wales, Meeting, 6– 8 September 2007.
Crowne Plaza, Coogee, Australia. Enquiries: mail@dconferences.com.au
- ☞ Oral Cancer, Challenges and Solutions, Sat 6th October 2007.
Eastman Dental Institute, London, UK. Enquiries: jm.seabrook@elsevier.com
- ☞ 60th Annual General and Scientific Meeting of the NZ Society of Otolaryngology Head & Neck Surgery,
13 - 16 November 2007. Rydges, Queenstown, NZ. Website: www.orl.org.nz/conference2007
- ☞ Thyroid Conference, 15– 17 November 2007.
Sheraton, Noosa, Australia. Enquiries: Judy_Hawkins@health.qld.gov.au
- ☞ 11th Asia-Oceania ORL Head & Neck Congress, 21-25 November 2007.
Royal Cliff Hotel, Pattaya, Thailand. Website: www.asia-oceania2007.org
- ☞ UpOver DownUnder V, International ENT Meeting, 26 January–2 February 2007.
Campitello, Italy. Enquiries: Judy_Hawkins@health.qld.gov.au
- ☞ 7th International Conference on Head and Neck Cancer, July 19–23, 2008,
San Francisco Marriott, San Francisco, CA, USA. Website: www.ahns.info/meetings/
- ☞ 4th World Congress of the International Federation of Head & Neck Oncologic Societies (IFHNOS)
June 15- 19, 2010 Seoul Korea. Website: www.ifhnos2010.org