



# anzsrs

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## ANZSRS Board Communiqué December 2011

### 1 ANZSRS Board of Directors

I hope everyone had a great Christmas and New Year break whether you were on leave or working. Our thoughts once again go out to the people of Christchurch, NZ, who were again shaken by a sizeable earthquake just as they were all beginning to settle in for Christmas. We also remember our colleagues and friends in Australia and other parts of the world who have suffered through natural disasters. The Board held its end of year teleconference late in December and discussed how we can improve on the many issues that have arisen this year.

You may remember that I discussed the ANZSRS GST position in the September Communiqué. I am pleased to inform you all that ANZSRS is now registered for GST. For the majority of our members the only real difference this will make is that you will notice that the membership fee for 2012 will now have a GST component, and also other charges made to the membership, such as CRFS examination fees, will incur a GST charge. The major benefit to the Society is that the Research Grant will now be awarded to the full amount with GST paid. We are able to do this as we can legally claim back the GST thus ensuring that anyone who receives a grant will do so the full amount.

The end of year finances show ANZSRS Ltd remains financially healthy. Now that we are a Company Limited by Guarantee we are in the process of ensuring that all monies from ANZSRS Inc are transferred to new Society bank accounts and that the long term investment account is reinvested under ANZSRS Ltd. All transactions and movements of monies will be audited by our auditor.

#### ANZSRS Website

The Board and the web team have spent many hours looking for ways to make the ANZSRS website a more useable and interactive environment for all. Our dream of electronic forms and the ability to pay membership fees via the website has taken us on a journey that has led us to now look at the development of a new website from the ground up. This will provide us with all the functionality that the Board desires for providing on-line forms and on-line payment, the ability to provide on-line CRFS examination, and also the possibility of training and information videos. The design the Board has taken a look at can also provide each region with its own webpage, can provide for online abstract submission and review and many other features. The web team are putting together a document outlining our requirements so that the Board can go ahead and request quotations from the development of a web site.

#### What is the role of an ANZSRS Director and what do they do?

Election time... The Canberra AGM will see the standing down of two of the Directors. That makes this the time for each and everyone of you to consider whether you would like to be one of the six directors of ANZSRS. The Board will be calling for nominations in early 2012, so please consider who you think would be a good director and nominate someone willing to step up for a 3-year role. The roles are open to all members, and the only qualifications required are those of time and the desire to help move the Society forwards in a way that supports all the members.

## 2 Regional Chairs

One of the key ideas the Board has around a new website design is to give each Region its own webpage. This will give you access to edit and upload your own regional information. If you think it is a good idea for each region to have its own web page available for your use can you please contact Bill Noffsinger and let him know what you would consider putting on the page.

## 3 Membership matters

January is the month for membership fees. This year the fees have remained the same as last year, however, because we are now GST registered all fees will be increased to include GST. The Board has agreed the following fee structure for 2012

### ANZSRS Membership Fees 2012

| Membership Category | Membership fee including GST |
|---------------------|------------------------------|
| Ordinary            | 124.00                       |
| Associate           | 100.00                       |
| OrdinaryT           | 93.00                        |
| AssociateT          | 75.00                        |
| Corporate           | 275.00                       |

## 4 Spirometry

Due to the planned changes in the way spirometry certification is to be offered in the future and the lack of quality control ANZSRS has over the way spirometry courses are offered and taught the Board has agreed to cease endorsing spirometry training courses. This decision was reached after considerable discussion around the available options. ANZSRS is still happy to list spirometry training courses on the website but the ANZSRS name can no longer be linked to the provision of spirometry training.

The updated 2012 Spirometry Buyers' Guide has been endorsed by the ANZSRS.

## 5 ANZSRS Annual Scientific Meeting 2012 - Canberra

I hope everyone managed to complete their abstracts and submit in time for the Canberra ASM, and I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible in Canberra.



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ANZSRS President & Chair of Board of Directors  
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