



Australian & New Zealand Association of Clinical Anatomists Inc.

Newsletter, November 2013

President's report

The ANZACA as an organisation continues to grow, an indication of the support which we have experienced. We have been fortunate to have excellent leadership from our past presidents, Helen Nicholson and Chris Briggs, and I am humbly aware of all they have done to get the association to this stage. Feedback from overseas visitors to our meetings has shown that clinical anatomy is indeed alive in our part of the world.

We have a flat hierarchy, and if you wish to contribute please feel free to give feedback, or become involved further. So how can you be involved (without stopping your research and teaching!)? I think our focus should be on building community. Obviously attending the annual conference is something we find stimulating and rewarding. However it would be nice to have more frequent awareness of each other. A simple way to do this is to log on to the website, and upload your photo. So that we can more easily put faces to names. We anatomists are visual people. You may also wish to post details of your publications there. It may well stimulate collaborations etc.

A number of us will also attend the International Federation of Anatomical Associations (IFAA) which will be held in Beijing in 2014, so please put that in your diary. If you can't get to Beijing, there is a chance that we will be putting a bid in to host the next conference (2019) in Australia. Equally now is the time to start thinking about hosting a future ANZACA meeting at your institution. Having been involved in hosting a couple of times, I can say that it is a rewarding experience and benefits your department/school. Don't forget we have a facebook page, or you are welcome to put forward an article to our next newsletter, or even an article on our website.

I look forward to seeing you at the end of November in Brisbane.

-Phil Blyth

ANZACA President



Are you coming to the ANZACA conference in 2013?

The conference website is updated regularly so all members who are planning on joining us in Brisbane should check the website every few days for updates on:

- Preconference workshops
- Conference program
- Keynote speakers

The conference will be held on the 29th and 30th November at the St Lucia campus, The University of Queensland. We have a number of preconference activities planned for Thursday 28th November and a post-conference 'Meet the Speakers' event on Sunday 1st December.

Please see the conference website for further details:

<http://www.uq.edu.au/sbms/conferences/anzaca/>

ANZACA Travel Fellowship Report

I would like to thank ANZACA for funding my travel fellowship application in 2013 for the following activities:

- Presentation of papers at European Association of Clinical Anatomy (EACA) in Lisbon, June 2013
- Meeting with Dr Helen French at Royal College of Surgeons Ireland (RCSI) Dublin to discuss collaborative research on EMG in hip OA patients
- Meetings with heads of Anatomy departments at RCSI (Prof. Clive Lee) and Trinity College (Assoc. Prof. Paul Teirney)

EACA conference

- Presented 2 oral presentations and 2 posters
- Interesting to get greater feedback and questions on the teaching paper and I think that in fact this is really the thing that binds us all together in the various clinical anatomy associations. We have varied research programs that may or may not be of relevance to others at such meetings but virtually all of us teach and the final day of the conference devoted to teaching was probably the most interactive day
- Poster sessions were probably not as well organized as ours and reinforced my belief that the 1 minute oral presentation strategy that we have used at previous ANZACA conferences is important as it prompts people to go and look for particular posters

Research visit to RCSI

- Very useful discussions that I hope will come to fruition when we get to an RCT stage of our current project. I should add that we are currently trying to collaborate on this project with researchers with similar interests at both Otago and RCSI

Anatomy department visits

- Two very different departments but with interesting parallels for all of us working in anatomy departments in various universities. I won't say which is which but ...
 - Dept A had a relatively new (and no doubt expensive) facility for teaching but the staff were so busy teaching they had little time for research – an issue I think many of us share. They are a dedicated group of academics that take great pride in providing high quality teaching. However, the new facility was intentionally designed to attract outside groups of clinicians for anatomy-based workshops. It is relatively lucrative and hopefully will assist in funding some research as long as the department doesn't get taxed too much by their university!
 - Dept B had a facility that dates back to well into the last century but the department has a very high profile research program. I asked how they got the time to conduct so much research and was told that they don't worry much about teaching they still teach 'what they covered in the 1920s'!
- I think for most of us a point somewhere in between is the ideal, and the more we can share ideas about how to provide high quality teaching and collaborate on high quality research the better we will all be

I would encourage other ANZACA members to take advantage of the travel fellowship as it has certainly been a worthwhile experience for me and will facilitate development of my teaching, research and professional activities in Clinical Anatomy.

-Rod Green, 17th September, 2013

Dr Claudia Diaz
Discipline of Cell biology & Anatomy
RMIT University

ANZACA NEWS

A great story on teaching anatomy!

Dr Claudia Diaz (Anatomy, RMIT University, Melbourne) and her team of student artists have run two marathon painting sessions this semester. The student models, Zac O'Brien (anatomical man) and Steven Zaal (Skeletal man) were living canvases over 18 hours for each project. These are part of five projects to be run in 2013 as part of an RMIT Research grant "Body painting: a Powerful Approach to Teaching Surface Anatomy to Health Science students." This project aims to bring anatomy to life for students, to shock, motivate and impress students. Body painting is used weekly in anatomy practical classes at RMIT to study surface anatomy. Emphasis is placed on the process of body painting, that is the identification, palpation, drawing in of landmarks, drawing in of origins and insertions, and finally the painting. In this way all students can participate and gain the same benefit without having to be great artists. This teaching and

learning approach to anatomy produces students that can achieve the desired learning outcomes (higher grades), and are engaged, confident, self-direct learners. This has been published recently in a book: "Education in Anatomical Sciences", Editor Paul Ganguly, chapter titled "Innovation in Anatomy Teaching".



To see and read more click on the link:

<http://www.theage.com.au/victoria/zac-muscles-his-way-into-class-to-help-students-bone-up-on-anatomy-20130802-2r523.html>

YouTube time lapse video:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EbAKRYfVg0I>

<http://www.northernweekly.com.au/story/1780052/bundoora-rmit-bring-skeleton-man-to-life/>

Information provided by Claudia Diaz, RMIT University, 30 September, 2013

List of upcoming conferences – prepared by Dr Monika Zimanyi

Association of American Medical Colleges

2013 Annual meeting

Philadelphia, PA, USA, November 1-6, 2013

<https://members.aamc.org/eweb/DynamicPage.aspx?webcode=MeetingHome>

Human Anatomy and Physiology Society (HAPS)

Southern regional conference

Ft. Worth, TX, USA, November 2, 2013

<http://www.hapsweb.org/displaycommon.cfm?an=1&subarticle=400>

Society for Neuroscience

Neuroscience 2013

San Diego, CA, USA, November 9-13, 2013

<http://www.sfn.org/>

6th International Epithelial-Mesenchymal Transition Meeting

Alicante, Spain, November 13-16, 2013

<http://www.emtmeeting.org/>

American Society for Cell Biology 2013 Annual Meeting

New Orleans, LA, USA, December 14-18, 2013

<http://www.neworleanscvb.com/ascb/>

Anatomical Society Winter Meeting

Newcastle upon Tyne, UK, December 16-18, 2013

<http://www.anatsoc.org.uk/>

The British Association of Clinical Anatomists

Manchester, UK, December 18, 2013

<http://www.liv.ac.uk/HumanAnatomy/phd/baca/meetings/bacaw13.html>

American Association of Anatomists

Annual Meeting at Experimental Biology 2014

San Diego, CA, USA, April 26-29, 2014

http://www.anatomy.org/content/annual_meeting

Human Anatomy and Physiology Society (HAPS)

Jacksonville, Florida, USA, May 24-29, 2014

<http://www.hapsweb.org/displaycommon.cfm?an=3>

The American Association of Clinical Anatomists

Orlando, Florida, USA, July 8-12, 2014

<http://www.clinical-anatomy.org/upcomingmeetings.html#Denver>

Are you running an anatomy workshop in that may interest other anatomists?

Please email monika.zimanyi@jcu.edu.au or kristy.weir@ug.edu.au the details so that we can include it in upcoming newsletters to encourage education of our educators.

Visit the ANZACA Facebook page

Go to <http://www.facebook.com> and search for 'ANZACA'

If you would like to contribute items to the ANZACA Facebook page please contact Jamie Chapman – Jamie.Chapman@utas.edu.au

VISIT THE ANZACA WEBSITE - <http://anzaca.otago.ac.nz>

ANZACA BANNER COMPETITION!

The ANZACA is planning to produce a fold-up banner (2.0 m tall and 0.8 m wide) to be used at the annual conference and for other ANZACA activities. The banner will help to publicise ANZACA and provide an outline of our aims and objectives, as shown on the ANZACA website <http://anzaca.otago.ac.nz>

Would you like to achieve the fame and glory of being the designer of the ANZACA banner? We are currently calling for submission of banner designs. These will be uploaded to the ANZACA website and members will have the opportunity to vote for their favourite design. The turn-around time is very quick because we hope to use these banners at ANZACA 2013!

Here are two examples:



Instructions

Submissions need to be:

- 2.0 m tall x 0.8 m wide
- 300 dpi RGB

File size will be large so any images incorporated into the design need to be of a high resolution. We suggest you use Adobe Illustrator, Adobe Photoshop or GIMP (freeware). Do not use Microsoft PowerPoint as this will not allow a 2.0 m file

The banner must incorporate the ANZACA logo. Please use the logo available on the ANZACA website as a placeholder http://anzaca.otago.ac.nz/images/ANZACA_logo_long.png

The banner must also incorporate the association's aims and objectives (see link above)

Save the final version of your image file as EPS, PDF, PNG or AI.

To submit your banner design please email a downsized version (40 cm x 16 cm) to Phil Blyth (phil.blyth@otago.ac.nz) in any of the formats listed above. Submissions need to be received by Wednesday 6th November, 2013. Voting will commence for a short period after this date.