

# SCT Newsletter

November 2013



Welcome to November's Newsletter.

After all the excitement of Guy Fawkes, and Halloween, we can now look forward to a well earned Christmas break!

The Cardiac Society (CSANZ) annual scientific meeting is in New Zealand 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> June 2014. The physiologists meeting will be taking place on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June. This CSANZ physiologist meeting will be on the topic 'AF, stroke and cardiac technology'.

Take advantage of this opportunity to build networks and share information between other healthcare professionals at a newly developed Dunedin Centre.

You will be within walking distance of vibrant cafes and restaurants in a modern city with a great history and a strong Scottish connection. You will be close to the home of the famous Royal Albatross and Yellow Eyed Penguins, and just a scenic bus ride away from Queenstown and the Southern Alps!

The SCT are providing fellowships to attend CSANZ Dunedin.

As the World Congress of Cardiology will be replacing CSANZ Australia this year, we will be providing fellowships for this scientific meeting in Melbourne.

The World Congress of Cardiology is in Melbourne 4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> May 2014.

We will be offering 2 fellowships to attend this meeting of up to 1000 NZD. If you wish to apply for these two fellowships, please do as soon as possible. Early bird registration closes 4<sup>th</sup> December, so not long!

Due to the short duration for early registration however, we will be keeping applications open till **20<sup>th</sup> January 2014**.

The early bird registration for CSANZ Dunedin will be closing by the 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2014, the SCT will be offering 5 fellowships of up to 500 NZD, and applications for this will also be open till **20<sup>th</sup> January 2014**.

## Annual General Meeting

Due to a technical issue the AGM will now commence Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2013 at 0800.

The previous minutes and audited books were emailed to SCT members previously.

Please can at least 1 representative from each hospital connecting via video conferencing facilities confirm that they are connected to the Vivid network? If you are, there is no additional work to set up for the conference.

**If you know that an SCT member is not receiving the newsletter, or you are changing physical address or email address, please contact [info@sct.org.nz](mailto:info@sct.org.nz).**

## Report from Professional Development Group Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2013

Present at the meeting: Fiona Riddell, Michelle Baylis, Sharron Matthewson, Angela Morgan, Liane Dawson, Kellie Timmins.

The following items were part of our discussion:

The consultation paper from ANZSRS regarding spirometry training. This paper is supported by our gp, and will replace current training programmes. We will wait to see when, where and how often these courses will be available.

Setting standards and providing training for ECGs performed by other staff – we discussed the need to train hospital staff, and possibly General Practice staff. It could be a possibility to set up an on-line training programme in the future.

HWFNZ has proposed training models which would provide training for a number of different professions. If these changes occur, we would have to employ only those coming through the new undergraduate degree. These staff would be considered qualified Physiologists, and be paid as such. Registration would need to change. Further workplace training would clearly be required. The content of MTEX would have to change. We won't really know exactly how these all will change until the new system is in place.

Peter Larson: Update from Otago. The course numbers have been very small this year – hopefully this is an anomaly. Otago is not allowing students to progress onto the second year unless they are employed in the profession. With the low numbers currently, and the uncertainty the HWFNZ proposal is creating, it is impossible to create a justifiable case for the development of a Masters programme, or an Echo course. If the HWFNZ decision is released early next year, the Echo Course is a possibility for the following year. If the HWFNZ proposal goes ahead, MTEX year 1 would have to change – a significant amount should be covered in the undergraduate degree. What is offered in MTEX level 2 would then have to be looked at. For the present course, Peter will develop an outline of the current course so that Team Leaders are able to have an overview of MTEX including assignment due dates, contact course dates, exam dates etc.

We have not previously had Return to Work Policies, but we have been working on these for those who have had significant time out of the workforce.

We have also been looking at an alternative pathway for Technicians who have the qualifications and potential to move into a Physiology role. This pathway will enable this to be done in less time than previously, and less expense for the Hospital.

We are also hoping to have the CCP exam available on line, but this is on hold at present awaiting the outcome of HWFNZ proposal.

CSANZ NZ meeting is in Dunedin next year – the topic for the SCT day is Stroke/AF and Cardiac Technology – we would love to have some talks on these topics. We really encourage abstracts to be submitted for the Affiliates Prize also. It has been great to see so many more in the last couple of years, and we need to keep this up.

This was the first meeting that we invited one of our newer Team Leaders to attend our meeting. We will circulate this, so we can have increased communication between the teams around the country, and so we can help support each other. At this meeting, we invited Liane Dawson from North Shore Hospital. At our next meeting we have invited Jenny Tang from Palmerston North.

Our next meeting will be in early April 2014, so feel free to let any of us know items you would like addressed at this meeting.

## Advertisements



### AH134-13 Cardiac Physiologist

- Make a fresh career choice and join one of the region's largest employers
- Permanent fulltime or part time
- Monday – Friday + on-call & outreach work

Applications are invited from qualified, experienced Cardiac Physiologists. Expertise in the sub-specialties of ICDs, pacemakers or electrophysiology will be an advantage.

Wellington Cardiac Physiology is a well-equipped team of 20 staff, working predominantly from their purpose built facility based in the Regional Hospital. We provide an integrated service including echocardiography, pacing/ICD follow up & implants, catheter lab with full cardiac diagnostics support. Training is a key element to both local service continuity and regional development of diagnostic services.

Applicants must be:

- Eligible to register with the Clinical Physiology Registration Board (NZ)
- Suitable post-graduate relevant qualifications will be an advantage
- Hold a full drivers licence
- Able to take part in an on-call roster
- Experienced with at least two of the following points:
  - All aspects of pacemaker and ICD follow up and implants
  - Training of junior staff
  - Catheter Lab monitoring, ETT, Holter analysis

All candidates applying for any of our current vacancies must complete an online C&C DHB application form by clicking the 'Apply' button (applications for positions will not be accepted unless accompanied by one). Please submit your CV and cover letter in Word or PDF format.

Interested? For a copy of the role description and to apply, follow this link:

<https://capitalhealth.careercentre.net.nz/Job/Senior-Cardiac-Physiologist/Wellington-Hospital/2061>

For further information on this role, please email [Recruitment@ccdhb.org.nz](mailto:Recruitment@ccdhb.org.nz). Please indicate vacancy number and job title in the subject line.

Applications close **30 November 2013**.



**The Society of Cardiopulmonary Technology (NZ) Incorporated**

c/o Cardiac Physiology, Level 3, Auckland City Hospital, Private Bag 92024, Auckland, New Zealand  
Website: [www.sct.org.nz](http://www.sct.org.nz) Telephone: +64 9 3074949 extn. 24323 Email: [edsec@sct.org.nz](mailto:edsec@sct.org.nz)

**SCT CSANZ FELLOWSHIP (NZ)**

**(Five available)**

SCT is providing funds for 5 SCT members to contribute towards the CSANZ Dunedin conference up to a maximum of 500 NZD. Funding is available for the Cardiac Society of Australia and New Zealand Annual Scientific Meeting in New Zealand.

**Conditions –**

You must include estimates of the cost involved in attending the meeting.

You must be an ordinary or affiliate current financial member of SCT.

Applications must be received by the **20<sup>th</sup> January 2014**.

Applications will be discussed by the SCT council at the following meeting after this date. Applicants will be advised within 1 week of the outcome of their application.

If accepted, you will be required to send a copy of your conference registration form and original receipts for reimbursement to a maximum of \$500.

By accepting this funding you agree to submit a written conference report to the SCT Council within 1 month of attendance. This report may be used in the SCT newsletter.



## The Society of Cardiopulmonary Technology (NZ) Incorporated

c/o Cardiac Physiology, Level 3, Auckland City Hospital, Private Bag 92024, Auckland, New Zealand  
Website: [www.sct.org.nz](http://www.sct.org.nz) Telephone: +64 9 3074949 extn. 24323 Email: [edsec@sct.org.nz](mailto:edsec@sct.org.nz)

### SCT CSANZ FELLOWSHIP (NZ MEETING)

1. Full name: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Position: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Work address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

4. phone number \_\_\_\_\_

5. Email: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Please provide your years of relevant work experience:

7. Are you presenting at the main CSANZ meeting or at the SCT/MTEX meeting?

Yes / No

If so, please attach details of the presentation title and CSANZ presenting session time to this application form.

8. Please provide a list of the previous meetings you have attended in the past 5 years (national and international) to this application form.

9. What do you wish to gain from this course/conference?

10. Have you previously applied for SCT funding?

YES / NO

Date:

11. If you were successful, which meeting were you funded to attend?

12. Has leave been approved by your manager in order to attend this course/conference?

YES / NO

If your application is accepted you will be required to send a copy of your registration form and original receipts for reimbursement.

You will be required to submit a written conference report to the SCT Council within 1 month of attendance – this report may be used in the SCT newsletter.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



## The Society of Cardiopulmonary Technology (NZ) Incorporated

c/o Cardiac Physiology, Level 3, Auckland City Hospital, Private Bag 92024, Auckland, New Zealand  
Website: [www.sct.org.nz](http://www.sct.org.nz) Telephone: +64 9 3074949 extn. 24323 Email: [edsec@sct.org.nz](mailto:edsec@sct.org.nz)

### **SCT CSANZ FELLOWSHIP (WCC)**

**(two available)**

SCT is also providing funds for 2 SCT members to contribute towards the World Congress of Cardiology conference up to a maximum of 1000 NZD. Funding is available for the World Congress of Cardiology Melbourne.

#### **Conditions –**

You must include estimates of the cost involved in attending the meeting.

You must be an ordinary or affiliate current financial member of SCT.

Applications must be received by the **20<sup>th</sup> January 2014**.

Applications will be discussed by the SCT council at the following meeting after this date. Applicants will be advised within 1 week of the outcome of their application.

If accepted, you will be required to send a copy of your conference registration form and original receipts for reimbursement to a maximum of \$1000.

By accepting this funding you agree to submit a written conference report to the SCT Council within 1 month of attendance. This report may be used in the SCT newsletter.



**The Society of Cardiopulmonary Technology (NZ) Incorporated**

c/o Cardiac Physiology, Level 3, Auckland City Hospital, Private Bag 92024, Auckland, New Zealand  
Website: [www.sct.org.nz](http://www.sct.org.nz) Telephone: +64 9 3074949 extn. 24323 Email: [edsec@sct.org.nz](mailto:edsec@sct.org.nz)

**SCT CSANZ FELLOWSHIP (International meeting)**

**13. Full name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**14. Position:** \_\_\_\_\_

**15. Work address** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**16. phone number** \_\_\_\_\_

**17. Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**18. Please provide your years of relevant work experience:**

**19. Are you presenting at the meeting?**

Yes / No

**If so, please attach details of the presentation title and CSANZ presenting session time to this application form.**

**20. Please provide a list of the previous meetings you have attended in the past 5 years (national and international) to this application form.**

**21. What do you wish to gain from this course/conference?**

**22. Have you previously applied for SCT funding?**

YES / NO

Date:

**23. If you were successful, which meeting were you funded to attend?**

**24. Has leave been approved by your manager in order to attend this course/conference?**

YES / NO

If your application is accepted you will be required to send a copy of your registration form and original receipts for reimbursement.

You will be required to submit a written conference report to the SCT Council within 1 month of attendance – this report may be used in the SCT newsletter.

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**General Enquiries:** [info@sct.org.nz](mailto:info@sct.org.nz)  
**Education Enquiries:** [edsec@sct.org.nz](mailto:edsec@sct.org.nz)  
**Newsletter Inclusion:** [jcadogan@adhb.govt.nz](mailto:jcadogan@adhb.govt.nz)  
**Treasurer Enquiries:** [treasurer@sct.org.nz](mailto:treasurer@sct.org.nz)

If you wish to speak to an SCT Council member phone: +64 9 6309924

### **Contributions to the newsletter**

All contributions are welcome.

This may be in the form of a case study from any discipline within the fields of cardio-respiratory. A detailed description and interpretation of your findings should be included.

Contact - [Jcadogan@adhb.govt.nz](mailto:Jcadogan@adhb.govt.nz)

A case study written for the Newsletter earns 10 points towards your continued professional Development. Remember, case studies are to be made confidential.

Thank You

James Cadogan