

SCT Newsletter



End of year 2014

Season's greetings and welcome to the end of year newsletter. On behalf of the SCT I hope all members are enjoying the festive period after the hard work of 2014. The eagle eyed among you may have noticed that this issue of the newsletter was slightly delayed. This was due to the arrival of my first (and only, as my wife informs me) child in early November who unfortunately for you all stopped me writing a newsletter as well as stopping me getting a good night's sleep, maintaining a tidy appearance and generally functioning like an adult. Anyhow, I digress. I appreciate that this newsletter is not intended for my personal news and so I'll swiftly move on...

New SCT council members

In 2014, valued council members Kara Edwards and James Cadogan stepped down. On behalf of the SCT I would like to thank them for all their work. Two new council members have been elected and we would like to warmly welcome them. Here is a short introduction to your new council members;

I'm Belinda Bennett and I am a Cardiac Physiology Technician for the Auckland DHB. I am relatively new at the job having started mid-2012. I really like the mix of patient contact, physiology and technology in this role. I have a BSc. in Physiology from Victoria and a Master of Business and Technology from the University of New South Wales. Past work experience includes being a computer programmer, a naval officer teaching computer applications, science technician at Victoria Uni and Scott Base and I once had a business making children's meals! So a bit of this and that. I look forward to my time on the Council and am honored to be your new Treasurer.

Hi, I'm Megan Stevens and I am a Cardiac Physiologist for the Southern District Health Board working at Southland Hospital. I started at Southland Hospital in the December of 2011 after I completed my BSc in Physiology and Anatomy at Otago University. I completed my diploma in MTEX at the end of 2013. I enjoy a challenge and have an interest in pacing. I look forward to my time on the council.

Annual general meeting

The SCT annual general meeting was on the 29th of October 2014 and you will find the minutes to this meeting as a separate attachment.

Contributions to the newsletter

I'm going to try my hardest to make 2015 the year of the newsletter case study! Submissions from any discipline within cardiology and respiratory would be very welcome. Please e-mail anything you would like to submit to me at gary.zealand@hbdhb.govt.nz Please remember to ensure that case studies are made confidential.

CSANZ meeting 2015

The CSANZ meeting will be held in Auckland from the 4th-6th of June 2015. As always this meeting will be a great opportunity to learn and catch up with colleagues from other centres. An SCT symposium will run on Thursday afternoon on the 4th of June on the theme of 'Heart failure in adult congenital heart disease'. The SCT will give notice of fellowships available to contribute to the cost of attendance to this meeting and anyone who is a CSNZ member is also eligible to apply for the allied health CSANZ fellowship for meeting attendance.

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