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## Regional Report 2015

### Queensland

**Chair: Kiara Sclip**

**Vice Chair: Claire Shackleton**

**ANZSRS representatives members on external committees (name, committee and organization): Nil**

**New members:** The QLD ANZSRS region welcomed eight new members in 2015. They are:

- Mary-Ann Douglas
- Rachel Kaye
- Tracy Marios
- Emily Hall
- Moss Waris
- Nick Mckean
- Teal Derboghossian
- Penny Jell

### **2015 Activity and Achievements:**

In 2015 Queensland had the privilege to host the Annual Scientific Meeting on the Gold Coast. Many of our Queensland members (Jarrod Warner, Mark Davis, Claire Shackleton, Andrew Southwell, Emma Smith and myself) were on the Local Organizing Committee for the meeting and the ASM ran very smoothly and successfully. Two Queenslanders won awards at the ASM. Claire Shackleton from QCMRI won the Best Oral Award for her talk titled "Airway distensibility is not influenced by changes in growth in pre-school aged children" and Emma Smith from the Prince Charles Hospital won the Young Investigator Award for her presentation "Time to best lung function post lung transplant".

The first bi-monthly branch meeting in 2015 was held Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March and as usual the first meeting for the year provided an opportunity for our members to have a practice run through posters and talks that were to be presented at the Gold Coast ASM 2015. This initial meeting is usually held a few weeks prior to the ASM and gives members presenting at the ASM an opportunity to polish their presentations and to get valuable feedback from our members. It also gives rise to the opportunity to share and discuss research that has been taking place in different labs.

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The second meeting took place on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May, and was the first meeting to take place in our new location of the Lady Cilento Children's Hospital. Previously the meetings were being held at QCMRI at the Royal Children's Hospital and discussions had taken place as to where the next suitable and convenient location would be. Our main speaker for the night was Dr. Chris Zappala from QRS and he presented his talk titled "Serial FVC in IPL and Relevance to New Drugs".

The 5<sup>th</sup> of July 2015 saw Claire Shackleton step down as ANZSRS chair and I stepped up to chair from vice.

The first meeting I hosted as chair was held on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July. Our guest speaker for the night was Dr. Sarah Gleeson from the Princess Alexandra hospital presenting her talk titled 'Linking Radiology and Physiology'. Dr. Gleeson discussed techniques for reading scans and showed many examples of how common pathologies appear on various images modalities. Sean Deegan from the Lady Cilento Children's Hospital (LCCH) was up next and he presented an interesting case study on a young girl who was recently admitted to LCCH with Guillain-Barre Syndrome.

Our next meeting on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> of September was special as we had an approved Regional Allowance Travel Application. Gary Nolan, the Scientific Director of the Sleep and Respiratory Unit from Townsville Hospital, presented his talk titled 'RSU\_APP: An integrated SQL database and application interface for sleep and respiratory medicine'. Gary was requested to present at a meeting as there was interest from several lung function laboratory managers in this application.

The last meeting of the year took place on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> of November. Our guest speaker was Dr. Scott Bell who co-presented with Darren Smith from the Prince Charles Hospital with their case study on semi diaphragmatic dysfunction in a patient who had dyspnea post-operatively. Grace Madden from the Mater Hospital was up next and presented an overview of the current standards/guidelines for subjects wishing to scuba dive with her presentation titled 'Diving with asthma'.

The meetings throughout the year ran smoothly and were well attended. To celebrate the end of a fantastic year we had an end of year celebration/Christmas party at The Canvas Bar on the 4<sup>th</sup> December.

