

ANZSRS Fellowship and Society Research Medal

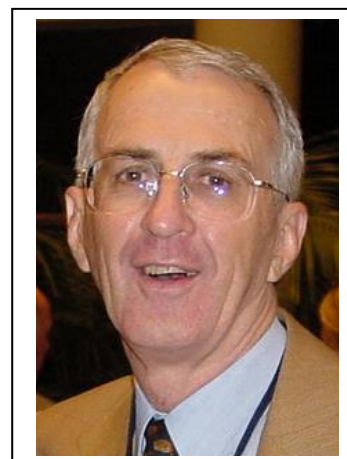
Associate Professor Alan J Crockett

MPH, PhD, Grad Cert HE, CRFS, FANZSRS, PSM

Nominated by:

A/Prof David P. Johns and Dr Sandra D. Anderson

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Summary of Major Scientific Contributions (at the time of nomination)

At the time of nomination Associate Professor Alan Crockett had recently retired from the position of Chief Medical Scientist, Respiratory Unit at Flinders Medical Centre after a career in Respiratory Medicine spanning 38 years. Alan held a fractional appointment as Associate Professor, Director of the Primary Care Respiratory Unit within the Department of General Practice, University of Adelaide. He was also Honorary Chief Medical Scientist and Associate Professor/Reader in Respiratory Medicine at Flinders Medical Centre.

He had been involved in teaching medical and health science students and researching into critical appraisal and evidence based medicine (EBM) since 1987 and has held the position of Deputy Chair of the Australian Centre of Evidence Based Practice since its inception in 2000.

Alan was the first graduate of the Masters of Public Health at the University of Adelaide and held qualifications in respiratory technology in the USA and Canada (Graduate Certificate of Health Economics, University of Aberdeen). He was elected Fellow of the Australian Institute of Science Technology in 1976. He was awarded a Public Service Medal for “outstanding contribution to community health” in the Order of Australia Awards for Australia Day 2003.

Alan had published more than 70 professional and peer-reviewed papers and had produced six detailed reports on projects based on EBM for the NHMRC and Australian Lung Foundation. He had received more than \$1.3 million in research funding. Up to 2004 he had supervised 6 Masters and co-supervisor of 5 Doctor of Philosophy candidates. In addition, Alan had delivered more than 25-invited guest presentations at international conferences and more than 50 invited guest presentations at national scientific meetings.

Alan was recognised as one of the world’s leading experts in domiciliary oxygen therapy, impulse oscillometry and health economic evaluation of patients with COPD. He had contributed to many associated institutional guidelines and advisory panels that have guided policy management both locally and internationally.

Importantly, it was through Alan’s initiatives that ANZSRS was founded. He personally organised the initial meeting of the Society in Sydney and had served two terms as President.