



New Zealand Society of Gastroenterology

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Since the last newsletter the 9th IBD symposium was held in Auckland (July 25-26). Professor Jack Satsangi, the guest international speaker, and the many national and local contributors made this an excellent meeting which was well attended. The NZGS once again wishes to thank Ferring for their ongoing support of this biennial meeting.

We are now entering a busy time of year for the Society and this newsletter outlines a number of important events and timelines for members.

Annual General Meeting of the Society

This will take place at the ASM on Thursday 20th November at 5pm.

The current Executive comprises:

Murray Barclay – President

John Wyeth – President Elect

Susan Parry – Secretary and co-opted member Colorectal Cancer Screening

Stephen Ding – Elected Member to 2009, second term

Tony Smith – Elected Member to 2008, first term

Alan Fraser – Elected Member to 2009, first term

Russell Walmsley – Co-opted Member – term expires November 2008

Ed Gane – Co-opted Member July 2008 – term expires November 2008.

APDW / APAGE

The APDW was recently held in New Delhi, India. The meeting was done in conjunction with the AGA Institute and as a result had a very successful program, including an endoscopy course. Three of our members were speakers at APDW – Dr Richard Geary on IBD therapy, Mr John Windsor on pancreatic surgery and Dr John Wyeth on functional gut disorders. The Asian Pacific members have encouraged New Zealand to have an ongoing presence at these meetings, especially as they can be considered our local meeting.

Next years APDW will be in Taiwan, 2010 in Kuala Lumpur and 2011 in Brisbane. New Zealand has an opportunity in 2011 to assist GESA with the APDW.

Rules for the Upcoming Election

Our new Society rules with regard to the Executive are outlined below.

- More than 1 member of the Executive can come from the same centre.
- At least one member of the Executive must come from the South Island.
- There are now up to six Ordinary Members of Executive. As a result of this there will be four positions available on the Executive this year and nomination forms are included with this newsletter. Voting for the Ordinary Executive Member positions remain by postal ballot.
- Co-opted membership of the Executive has been modified with the intention that co-opted Members are project or issue orientated and are co-opted for a limited period of time.

You can now vote by proxy at the AGM or EGM. Proxy nomination forms will be sent out with the notice of AGM or EGM.

New Zealand Society of Gastroenterology Fellowship

Ferring NZ Ltd has for some time generously supported a Research Fellowship in conjunction with the NZ Society of Gastroenterology and this year it was awarded to Gregory O'Grady for a project entitled Mapping, Modelling and Manipulating Gastric Electrical Activity.

Annual Scientific Meeting, Rotorua

November 19-21, 2008

David Shaw (Tauranga) and Charles Richardson (Rotorua), in association with Claire Bark from Red Carpet, have been busy organising this meeting. The invited speakers include Professor Jean Frederic Colombel, Professor Darrell Crawford and Dr Michael Bourke with key topics being IBD, Interventional Endoscopy, Genetics, Hepatology Updates and Nutrition. Programme and registration details are available on the website - www.gastro2008.co.nz

Australia and New Zealand Amalgamation

After meeting with executive representatives from GESA a decision has been reached on a closer working relationship with GESA. A committee representing three senior members from GESA and NZSG will meet face to face at least twice per year, usually at the respective Societies ASM to discuss and promote issues affecting gastroenterology, endoscopy and hepatology in Australia and New Zealand. It is hoped this will lead to some shared member privileges between the Societies. The first meeting is scheduled for Brisbane at the AGW. New Zealand will be represented by Assoc. Prof Murray Barclay (President), Dr John Wyeth (President Elect) and Dr Anthony Smith (Executive Member and SAC Member).



The New Zealand Society of Gastroenterology
& NZNO Gastroenterology Nurses Section

Annual Scientific Meeting 2008

19 - 21 November 2008

www.gastro2008.co.nz

DATE November 19 - 21, 2008
LOCATION Rotorua Convention Centre
THEMES Nutrition, Genetics and Live Endoscopy

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Proposed Constitution Changes

The following changes to the Rules of NZSG (Inc) have been notified to the Honorary Secretary of the Society. The changes are simply removing the words struck out in the two sections, numbered 3 and 8 and bring the Rules into line with the changes made in 2007. These changes will need to be voted on at the AGM in Rotorua and to be passed require 2/3 of eligible voters at the meeting (including proxy votes) voting in favour.

3. Membership

- a) The Society shall consist of Ordinary Members and Honorary Members.
- b) Ordinary Members shall be registered medical practitioners or scientists with a particular interest in the science, study and practice of gastroenterology.
- c) Honorary Members shall be men and women distinguished in the field of gastroenterology who have made material contributions to the advancement of this subject or former Ordinary Members of at least 10 years standing who have retired from active professional practice. Such retired members shall be eligible to receive notices, newsletters and attend meetings but shall have no voting rights.
- d) Election of Ordinary Members - a candidate for Ordinary membership of the Society shall be proposed and seconded by a member of the Society. Any such proposal shall be made upon a form approved by the Executive and will contain information on the candidate's qualifications, professional status and special interest in gastroenterology. After consideration of the candidate's interest in gastroenterology he/she may be declared an elected member of the Society by the affirmative vote of at least five (5) of the seven (7) members of the Executive.

7. Election of Executive Members

- a) The Officer Bearers shall remain members of the Executive for the period of their office.
- b) Election of the four elected members of the Executive shall be held each two (2) years. No such member of the Executive shall serve more than three (3) consecutive two (2) year terms although he/she may become eligible again for re-election after the expiry of a further two (2) years.

Regional Meetings

It is important to support our regional neighbour societies. Here are some of the forthcoming meetings in our region:

AGW

Brisbane, 22-26 Oct
www.gesa.org.au

NZSG Annual Scientific Meeting

Rotorua, 19-21 Nov
www.gastro2008.co.nz

Check the website for regular updates.

Changes to Office Staff

We wish to welcome Tamsen Maher as our new office administrator based in RACP office in Wellington. Tamsen has done an amazing job picking up a number of threads over a time when there are a number of major changes happening within the RACP office.

Situations Vacant

Gastroenterologist for a private endoscopy day hospital, Gold Coast, Australia. Would suit a team player who has recently completed specialty training and is interested in long term private practice. Contact: B.J.Chakravarty@bigpond.com

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Also check www.nzsg.org.nz for Society information.

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With the secretariat centralised in the RACP College Offices in Wellington and with the services of an administration officer it is much easier to contact us

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