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Explore is the 3rd World Congress of Medical and Scientific Imaging

In keeping with our theme, *'Explore: Discover the Possibilities'*, the 2005 World Congress aims to inform delegates of the latest trends in medical and scientific imaging so that the potential of modern technologies can be fully realised.

Program at a Glance – 3 days of academic papers, a professional exhibition and a unique opportunity to take part in a Great Barrier Reef expedition.

www.discoverthepossibilities.com.au

The Walkley Awards

Two AIMBI members from NSW were finalists of the infamous Walkley Awards: Michael Bain from Animated Biomedical and Stephen Murray, a new member of NSW AIMBI.

Their image "Super Human" was designed for the Bulletin...

congratulations ...



Welcome to the last edition of Network for 2004, as we reflect on the highs and lows of the past year and anticipate the year ahead. Most of us have struggled through this year with the stresses of work pressures, tight or non-existent budgets, unreal deadlines, workplace and technology changes so I hope that many will have opportunity to de-stress a little over the Christmas, New Year break. These pressures have made it hard for members to participate actively and sapped enthusiasm in events put on by each state branches.

As positive role models, I would like to commend Heather Matthews as the New Qld President and the Qld executive rather than succumbing to post conference burnout, they have taken the batten and worked hard to try and actively recruit members and organise interesting and educational meetings. With perseverance and determination these efforts will hopefully be rewarded in the coming year in growth of active members.

Certainly for those that were able to attend the highlight of 2004 year for AIMBI was the "Imagine" Biennial conference at Bribie Island. I hope that the conference delegates have been able to reported back to AIMBI members unable to attend, information on papers presented and knowledge gain at the conference. Welcome to those new members also who have signed up to respective states after having attended "Imagine 2004". So looking forward in 2005 we have the opportunity to join with international peers at the "Explore" 3rd World Congress of Medical & Scientific Imaging being held in Cairns.

Thanks to Julie Murray, Vicki Adams, Chris Barry & others of the Organising Team who have been working hard to bring this conference to fruition and to get the latest information please regularly check the website <http://www.discoverthepossibilities.com.au/> where you can register your expression of interest. I would highly recommend that members try to attend this conference, as this may well be the only opportunity in your professional career when the World Congress is held in Australia.

The "Explore" team have been able to secure excellent world-renowned Australian Keynote speakers in Prof. John Pearn, Steve Parish and David Malin which will lead off packed sessions of professional paper presentations of which many abstracts have already been submitted. The "Explore" website has been visited by interested people from New Zealand, UK, Germany, USA, Netherlands, Singapore, Austria, Japan, Trinidad as well as Australia so it is hoped many of these will be coming delegates.

Planning for Workshops is in the final stages; Levent Efe will present some of these, from Medical Arts and Michael Bain from Animated Biomedical Productions. A Great Barrier Reef

expedition tour is proposed for all full registration delegates and partners can pay to join as well. There is lots to do and see in Cairns and the website has details and links about the tourist attractions and accommodation information. Well worth reading are the World Congress Monthly Newsletters, which has informative background to key presenters and other local information that would be of interest to delegates.

With constantly changing technologies we all need to keep up to date with the latest trends and developments this conference will present a unique opportunity. For example those of us that are photography practitioners that you would have been trained primarily in silver halide technology and my prediction is that film use will have virtually all disappeared in the next 2 to 3 years so we must take every occasion to update our skills base. Also presenting a paper at a world meeting is worth a lot of points if you are registered for the AIMBI "Continuos Professional Development" programme.

So Finally I would like to wish all members and their families seasons greetings and that 2005 may be a great year.

Regards

Peter Merry
AIMBI National President



PRESIDENT'S REPORT



'Scapes WA
photographic landscapes of
Western Australia
By Chris Barry



The Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital Art Gallery
November 26th 2004-January 26th 2005

National Presidents Report

Looking back over the past 2 years, this term of National Council began with the successful Enliven conference at Victor Harbor.

One of the first activities carried out was sending the states a calendar/proposed schedule to facilitate the timing of the AGM, subs payments etc. and I think this has been useful to them.

National Council tightened up our teleconferences to reduce costs – we’ve had a total of 5 – and shared minute taking duties – thankyou David Summerhayes, Peter Merry, John Baird, Rebecca Davies and myself for doing that.

We carried out more discussion via email and the consensus is that it worked well. The R&E’s pilot CPD program is well under way thanks to the work of Heather Mathews, Julie Murray, Glenys Grant and other R&E reps who had the foresight get it started. This important program I feel will serve our members well and attract potential new members, and I encourage all members to enrol when the full scheme goes ahead next year.

Our journal Network has gone from strength to strength especially now that every second copy is online and I’d like to thank Julie for her single-handed commitment to its excellence.

The new Registrar, David Robinson has converted all our member data into MS Excel and the branches can update/maintain their own information. Thankyou David for your persistence in carrying out this onerous task

The new Promotions officer, Rebecca Davies has put together the beautiful new brochure of which the quality sets a new standard for AIMBI leaflets. This brochure is undergoing final changes before printing and we plan for the branches to do a mailout of these soon. Thankyou Rebecca for initiating and organising this project.

The Clinical Governance Subcommittee got under way via email discussions. It just needs a few more reps though, ideally 2 from each state.

Our term as National Council is ending with a wonderful conference which has come to fruition here at Bribie Island due to the perseverance and hard work of Peter Merry, Heather Matthews, Vicki Adams, Des Lund, Noelene and other organisers and I would like to thank them sincerely.

In summary I feel National Council has done a good job during a term without the support of a Secretary position, which sometimes wasn’t easy. Ideally I think it would be good to have a Secretary and a separate Minutes secretary, and 2 participating reps from each branch in addition to the other executive positions.

AIMBI member numbers have been in a steady decline and we haven’t been able to stem this, which has been slightly disheartening, especially for Victoria and Queensland. There is currently not enough support available in Victoria for them to host the next conference alone so it is likely to be a joint effort with another organisation. Our lack of numbers probably is getting to a critical stage and National Council is working seriously on a proposal to find the best way AIMBI can better survive, without losing its identity. Our proposed plan will be put to members within the next 12 months, so watch this space. AIMBI is our professional organisation and we all need it to continue as an important part of our professional development in our individual careers. AIMBI’s strength is in its particular members who are dynamic and work hard for AIMBI over a long period of time and we should feel positive about this.

I’ve enjoyed working with the other councillors in my role as President and I would like to thank them for their support and commitment to AIMBI National Council during the past 2 years.

Angela Chappell
Outgoing National President



Registration & Education Board Report

The R&E Board have awarded the following candidates their higher levels of certification, and we congratulate them for their efforts.

RBI:

Pamela Dawes
Jenny Potts .

Associate:

Paul de Sensi

Fellowship:

Nil

The best RBI portfolio has been awarded to Pamela Dawes for an excellent portfolio of work.



Photo: Presentation of "Canon Best RBI Award" L-R: Angela Chappell, Pamela Dawes, Paul Stewart (Canon) & Glenys Grant

The R&E Board these past two years has consisted of Julie Murray and Eddie Josefiak from NSW, Vicki Adams and Heather Matthews from Qld, Alan Hoare from SA, and Leona Monarch and Glenys Grant from Victoria.

Two years ago the Professional Development Continuing Education Program (CPD) for AIMBI members began with a pilot program. Five members have participated in the program to date, and the R&E Board members would like to thank those members.

Special thanks must be given to Heather Matthews and Julie Murray for their input to this program and the R&E Board this year. Heather, as secretary, has contributed greatly to the running of the Board during my prolonged absence and Julie has run the Continuing education program and also kept enthusiasm alive in NSW for the higher certification levels.

The R&E Board has also made changes to the Certification Program to give a greater reward for participation in AIMBI activities and this is reflected in the various committee involvements this year.

Finally, National Council has given the R&E Board the mandate to continue in their work for the coming two years and we look forward to this challenge.

Thank you for your attention. I now move the adoption of the R&E Board Report.

G. Grant
Chairperson, R&E Board



AIMBI Qld - Vick Adams

AIMBI Queensland still maintains it's small number of members with a small group of activate members.

As all present are sure to appreciate most of our time has recently been given to developing, planning and executing IMAGINE 2004.

The conference has facilitated our working party to have an increased amount of contact with each other and members from around the country and overseas.

This increased contact has been a positive for all committee members empowering us to renew acquaintances and develop new working relationships.

We look tentatively to the future as several members have retired, moved out of the industry or are looking to other horizons.

AIMBI SA - Alan Hoare

A.I.M.B.I. SA has 13 financial members. Although small we maintain contact through e-mail and bi-monthly meetings. Meetings generally take the form of workshops or information sessions followed by dinner.

Some of the topics covered over the previous two years include.

- Tour of a Professional Film processing and finishing lab
- Adobe Photoshop brainstorming session and hands on demonstration
- Microsoft Product update
- Final Cut Pro software demonstration
- Tour of digital printing lab
- Workshop at a Professional video/ DVD production house
- Viewing and talk at David Summerhayes recent exhibition

The South Australian Chapter of A.I.M.B.I. continues to enjoy a close knit membership that offers a high level of professional support and knowledge sharing.

AIMBI Vic - Rebecca Davies

I would like to congratulate the conference committee for all their hard work and diligence in putting IMAGINE together. They have worked under particularly hard circumstances this year due to the alarming drop in financial membership and lack of support for AIMBI nationally.

History has shown Victoria to be a large and vibrant membership but we too have felt the pinch of dwindling membership over the last few years.

The Victorian executive committee has worked extremely hard to encourage members and to provide meetings that are of a very high standard. I would like to thank them for their dedication in trying to inspire members. The Vic committee have organised 12 member meetings over the last two years.

Some of the meetings held included:

- An evening at The Australian Centre for the moving image Members were given a 'behind the scenes' tour of the facilities
- Viewing of the Bill Brandt exhibition at the Monash Gallery
- A session on Privacy and consent presented by Lloyd Ellis (RCH)
- An evening with the photographic department at Melbourne Museum
- Wilderness photography presented by Mark Humphries who has modified a 4x5 inch camera to take trekking around Tasmania.
- 3D molecular imaging presented by Drew Berry

Over this time we have had a regular attendance of about ten members and usually two to three visitors at the meetings.

We are currently in the process of having the history of MPIA/AIMBI (Vic) written.

After going through some of the Victorian historical files it's apparent that there have been issues with inactive membership for quite some time. It seems a small group of people put in a lot of time for very little reward. When AIMBI first started over thirty years ago, the world of scientific photography and illustration was obviously very different. There were constant exciting developments in technology that people were keen to discuss and debate. The growing apathy and indifference toward AIMBI seems also to be a reflection of the times we live in. We appear to be too busy and or tired to attend these types of meetings especially when we have the information superhighway at our constant disposal. Therefore one must unfortunately question the future role of AIMBI in such an environment. The Victorian committee are confident that the discussion to be held about the future of AIMBI at IMAGINE will bring about a positive change for the organisation.

Organising meetings is difficult with the inactivity and non-involvement of members – the future of AIMBI is in a precarious position – it is important that we resolve it within AIMBI and the individual states.

AIMBI NSW - Julie Murray

AIMBI NSW has been able to keep its membership without a decline but we feel that member participation has declined.

Events are organized for members via internet – our most successful interactive device, but, the response on attendance to events is either low or non-existent.

NSW has three new members: 1 renewal from a member previously resigned, 1 new practicing member and 1 student member. We are very happy to achieve this and are keen to involve them as much as possible with participation in events and the future.

As usual our social events were largely attended – many members feel they achieve the same from discussions in a casual atmosphere than organising a formal function.

Minutes

1. Open: 4.50pm

2. Present:

Angela Chappell(SA), Julie Murray(NSW), Albert Sim, Des Lund(QLD), Helen Phelan(NSW), Robert Krause(QLD), Susanne Williams(VIC), Greg Tuchin(NSW), Arthur Wigley(VIC), Alan Hoare(SA), Luke Wensing(NSW), Kevin Hudson(QLD), Noeleen Warnes(QLD), Peter Merry(QLD), David Summerhayes(SA), Christopher Sprod(SA), Pamela Dawes(NSW), Vicki Adams(QLD), Chris Barry(VIC), Kevin Dennes(NSW), Eddy Jozefiak(NSW), Heather Matthews(QLD), John Baird(NSW), Kathy Teagno(VIC)

2b. Apologies:

David Robinson(NSW), Rebecca Davies(VIC), Paul DeSensi(NSW)

3a. Minutes from the 2002 Biennial General Meeting accepted as a true and accurate record
Moved: Vicki Adams Seconded: Des Lund

3b. Business arising from the 2002 Minutes: Nil

6. Reports:

Presidents Report: Angela Chappell (see attached)

-Acknowledged committee

-Brochure production - Rebecca Davies

-Network - Julie Murray

-AIMBI Vic joint venture with conference in 2006?

Treasurer's Report : Glenys Grant (see attached)

Motion to accept treasurer's report

Moved: Glenys Grant Seconded: Kevin Dennis

Branch Reports (see attached)

NSW: Julie Murray

QLD: Vicki Adams

VIC: Rebecca Davies (read by Susanne Williams)

SA: Alan Hoare (to be typed and submitted)

R&E Board Report: Glenys Grant (see attached)

Glenys thanked the R&E board members, Julie Murray - Network editor and Heather Matthews - minutes secretary.

Motion that the report be accepted

Moved: Christopher Sprod Seconded: Eddie Jozefiak

7. Announcement of 2004-2006 National Council Executive

President: Peter Merry

Secretary: David Summerhayes

Minute secretary: Angela Chappell

Treasurer: Glenys Grant

R&E Chair: Glenys Grant

R&E Secretary: Heather Matthews

Network Editor: Julie Murray

Promotions Officer: Rebecca Davies

National Registrar: David Robinson

Webmaster: Adam Leadoux

Archivist: John Baird

Clinical Governance: Terry Oakley and John Baird





Also, Tom Cottier (VIC) was granted Honorary Life Membership

8. Open discussion

JAMM - Journal of Audiovisual Media in Medicine:

A show of hands determined that 2 members currently receive this journal, and 6 additional members may be interested if a discount on membership were offered.

BGM 2006:

The possibility of combining with the World Congress was put forward.

Also the possibility of AIPP sponsorship.

Julie Murray is to give members updates concerning the conference through Network Journal.

Archivist issues - John Baird:

Images in the archives are to be captured digitally, watermarked and possibly put on the web. There is to be further discussion via email.

The Future of AIMBI:

Vicki Adams and Heather Matthews said they felt discouraged that there are only 5 members in AIMBI QLD.

Heather suggested broadening the membership base to include web designers, desktop publishers etc. in an educational forum.

What incentives are there for new members?

What's on offer?

Revision of Mission Statements

Communications with HR department to encourage professional development of staff ie. by being in AIMBI

Promoting ourselves - potential member target lists to be emailed to Julie Murray.

9. Meeting closed at 5.55pm.

NB: AIMBI Members that are interested in a copy of the Treasurers Report please contact Julie Murray on: jmurray@stvincents.com.au