

“Adrenaline Rush”

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Editorial

Well, the Christmas season is nearly upon us and I wish you all a very Safe and Merry Christmas.

It has been two months since the last edition of ‘Adrenaline Rush’, but a whole lot has been happening within the NZRC. Perhaps the most significant has been the appointment process for the Executive Officer position. We had thirteen applicants, all of an extra-ordinarily high calibre, and we have interviewed five. If I could have my way I would employ all thirteen. Sadly however, if we did that though their careers would be short (as we’d run out of finances) so we’ll have to stick with one. Suffice to say, the recruitment process is reaching its completion, and in the next edition of Adrenaline Rush I expect to be able to introduce our new Executive Officer.

From the Chair

I recently attended an excellent meeting with the ARC on 26/27/28th November in Melbourne. The discussion regarding ANZCOR (Australia and New Zealand Committee on Resuscitation) approach to guideline review was the most important item of business for the NZRC. The following is the timetable for the review process:

27/28th April 2010

Consensus on Science document to be signed off by ILCOR. CoS document embargoed and submitted for publication to the journals Circulation and Resuscitation.

15-17th July 2010

Joint NZRC and ARC (ANZCOR) meeting to review/prepare guidelines in response to the resuscitation evidence being published in CoS. Councils will have confidential pre-publication access to CoS for this purpose.

28/29th October 2010

CoS document will be published in the journals. Public access to CoS available from this date. Final draft ARC and NZRC guidelines circulated for comment with feedback required by 24th November 2010.

26/27th November 2010

Joint ARC NZRC (ANZCOR) meeting to review feedback received and ratify guidelines.

December 2010

Release of ARC and NZRC (ANZCOR) guidelines.

Spark of Life Conference 7-9th April 2011 Perth Australia

Release of new educational materials

ERC Conference December 2010 Porto Portugal

Formal presentations on guidelines around the world from ILCOR member Councils: i.e justify why you have chosen to be different in your guidelines before your peers!

We need to identify within NZRC the appropriate people available to work on the ALS/BLS/Paediatric/NLS guidelines in this process. These people will need to sign confidentiality agreements, as the CoS material must remain embargoed until publication date in the journal.

Regards, Richard

Medical Advisory Committee

As per the strategic plan, the Medical Advisory Committee has been working tirelessly to prepare for the 2010 guideline review process, and the development and release policy statements and guidelines. With the 2010 guideline review process in mind Richard has been 'formalising' our relationship with the ARC and hence the timetable of meetings described above.

We have also been working hard on the development of policy statements.

This month attached there are two draft documents:

- 1) Terms of reference: Guideline development process 2010/11.
- 2) Recommended equipment for In-Hospital resuscitation

These are draft documents and we will appreciate your feedback. Feedback needs to be returned to me before the 22nd January for consideration by the Medical Advisory Committee before we meet on the 2nd of February.

Education Committee

From the editor:

It is with much sadness that I have to announce that Andy Swain has resigned from the position of Chair of the Education Committee. Andy accepted this role at the beginning of the year and has worked tirelessly to progress the role and function of the Education Committee. Sadly though, Andy has needed to give up the role in order to concentrate on his many other commitments. In my mind chairing this subcommittee would have to be by far the most time consuming and difficult role of any within the NZRC executive. We have been very grateful to Andy for the extra-ordinary work and clarity of direction he has provided.

CINZ Chair

Last month Steve Jenkins, Christine Craig, Sarah Walker and I had the pleasure of experiencing "southern hospitality" when we travelled to Dunedin for a CORE instructor course. Thanks go to the faculty but also to Robyn Chirside, Jane Wilson, Lesley Dennison and Meg Martin who contributed to the organization and success of the course. As a hectically busy 2009 draws to a close, I can't help but think that 2010 will be equally as busy, if not more so. Hopefully you will all take some time over the festive season to recharge batteries and spend quality time with family and friends. Stay safe and look forward to a happy and prosperous New Year. My New Years resolution; "regularly back up your hard drive".

Kevin Nation

Conference 2010

To date progress is steady and consistent. Registration and submission of abstracts can be completed on-line via the NZRC website. Have you been working on your presentation?

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!

Rob Frengley

