

The CEO's desk: coming up – WFUMB 2009

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WFUMB Sydney 2009

Since my last message, promotional activities by ASUM have already started for the WFUMB 2009 World Congress to be held in Sydney from 5–9 September 2009.

Dr Stan Barnett, Convenor of WFUMB 2009 was one of 15 invited overseas speakers to participate in a combined meeting of Latin American Federation of Medicine in Biology and Ultrasound Associations (FLAUS). He shared the podium with such luminaries as Dr Barry Goldberg, Thomas Jefferson University, Dr Alfred Kratochvil, Vienna, Dr Byung Ihn Choi, Seoul National University and Dr Giovanni Cerri, Sao Paulo, Brazil.

As well as delivering four papers at Cancun, Stan took every opportunity to promote ASUM, Sydney and WFUMB 2009. His presentation and distribution of Sydney postcards to the delegates have already generated a lot of interest.

If any ASUM member is travelling overseas as an international speaker and wishes to include slides of WFUMB 2009 and Sydney in your presentation please contact me at carolinehong@asum.com.au

33rd ASUM 2003 Annual Scientific Meeting

ASUM had a fantastic response at the 33rd ASUM 2003 ASM. The meeting attracted about 500 delegates and exhibitors over the four days. The first

day was a Skills Day with concurrent workshops. The next three days consisted of plenary and concurrent sessions.

ASUM was privileged to sponsor Prof Hiroki Watanabe, Immediate Past President of WFUMB, to present the WFUMB Lecture on the topic of *Accreditation for Ultrasound in the World*.

Dr Kanu Bala was also sponsored by ASUM to attend the meeting. He presented on the topic of *Ultrasound Education in Bangladesh*. Invited international keynote speakers included Prof Anil Ahuja from Hong Kong, Prof Wolfgang Holzgreve from Switzerland, Dr Thomas Stavros from USA, Mr Timothy Hartshorne from the United Kingdom and Prof Seung Hyup Kim from Korea. ASUM was also very fortunate to be supported by more than 50 local speakers of very high standards from Australia.

Assoc Prof Jan Dickinson, Convenor, and her local organising committee, Michelle Pedretti, Chelsea Hunter and Elvie Halauskwicz are to be congratulated for the success of this meeting.

The continuing support of our sponsors, in particular, Toshiba, our platinum sponsor, GE, Philips and Siemens also contributed to the overall success of the meeting.

March 2004: Multidisciplinary Workshop

We are proud to announce, as a result of popular demand for our recent multidisciplinary workshop (MDW) held this year, that we will hold another one on 5–6 March 2004 at the Gold Coast, Queensland, Australia. It is a great concept – with ultrasound workshops running concurrently in general, obstetrics and gynaecology, vascular, cardiac, abdominal, breast and others.

The FMF accredited Nuchal Translucency course will be held on Thursday 4 March 2004. This MDW is also a great opportunity to network in one venue with colleagues from all disciplines of ultrasound. If you have

always wanted to visit Australia and in particular, visit the stunning beaches, subtropical rainforests and great entertainment theme parks at the Gold Coast, WFUMB and affiliated society members are welcome to attend at ASUM member rates. Email to asum@asum.com.au or visit our website at www.asum.com.au

September 2004: 34th ASM

Sydney has once again been chosen as the city to hold the 34th ASUM 2004 ASM. We promise an interesting scientific and social program.

Prof Giovanni Cerri will be the WFUMB lecturer and will be sponsored by ASUM. We also have international invited keynote speakers including Jane Bates from the United Kingdom, Kathleen Carter, Dr Harris Finberg and Dr John McGahan from USA.

Sydney is one of the world's great cities and hosted the 'Best Olympic Games ever' in 2000 according to Juan Antonio Samaranch when five million visitors attended the Olympic city. For overseas colleagues, if you have never been to Australia before, Sydney is the gateway to this beautiful country, with beautiful sandy beaches, great cosmopolitan lifestyle and world-class modern and sophisticated infrastructure. All WFUMB and affiliated society members are welcome to attend at ASUM member rates. Email asum@asum.com.au or visit our website at www.asum.com.au

Research and grants

We were fortunate to be able to allocate the surplus from last year's ASM to research and grants. Several projects are being considered, including a proposal between ASUM and BMUS on a sonographer exchange program for research projects, to be started soon.

ASUM–BMUS presidential exchange

The ASUM–BMUS Presidential exchange, which started during Dr Stan Barnett's presidency, will continue. Jane

Bates, President of BMUS has been invited as a guest speaker at ASUM 2004 ASM to be held in Sydney. Dr Glenn McNally, ASUM President will also attend as an invited guest of the BMUS 2004 meeting.

The Asia Link program

ASUM continues to liaise with ultrasound societies in Indonesia (ISUM), Malaysia (MSUM), Korea (KMSU), MUST (Thailand), Pakistan (USP), Bangladesh (BSU), Singapore (MUSS) and Japan (JSUM).

The ASUM and KMSU exchange program remains strong, with invited speakers from both societies at the annual scientific meetings each year.

Prof Seung Hyup Kim was the keynote invited speaker at ASUM 2003 in Perth. Dr Roger Davies is the invited speaker at KMSU 2004 in Seoul.

MUST and ASUM hosted a joint meeting in Bangkok from 6–7 November 2003. The speakers at this meeting were Dr Stan Barnett, Dr Glenn McNally, Dr Simon Meagher, Prof John Harris, Mrs Jenifer Kidd, Dr Kittipong Vairojanavong, Dr Laddawan Vajragupta, Dr Ekachai Kovavisarach, Dr Walailak Chaiyasoot and Ms Marsha Neumyer.

WFUMB 2009 Promotions Team

The WFUMB 2009 World Congress Promotions Team from ASUM, consisting of Dr Stan Barnett, Dr Glenn McNally and Dr Caroline Hong will

ASUM Prizes and Awards announced at Annual Scientific Meeting

Chris Kohlenberg Teaching Fellowships 2003

Sponsored by GE Medical Systems Ultrasound: Value \$6000

Mrs Jenifer Kidd NSW

Dr Matthew Andrews Vic

In 2003/4 the Teaching Fellows will conduct meetings in Queensland, South Australia and the Northern Territory

Best Research Presentation Award

Sponsored by Siemens: Value \$1500

Awarded for the best proffered research paper at ASUM 2003

Dr Neil MacPherson NSW

Beresford Buttery Overseas Traineeship 2003

Sponsored by GE Medical Systems Ultrasound: Value \$6,000

Ms Teresa Clapham Qld

be attending the AFSUMB 2004 Congress to be held in Utsunomiya, Japan in May 2004. Prof Kouichi Itoh, President of JSUM, has kindly offered promotional opportunities for the ASUM and WFUMB 2009 meetings at this Congress. Members are welcome to contact the AFSUMB 2004 Congress Secretariat by email to afsumb2004@congre.co.jp to register for the meeting, which will be held from 17–21 May 2004. This is an opportunity to visit Japan and also to meet ultrasound colleagues from all parts of Asia at this meeting.

Corresponding members of ASUM welcomed

Members of all WFUMB and AFSUMB affiliated societies are welcome to join as Corresponding Members of ASUM for a small fee. Application forms can be downloaded from the ASUM website www.asum.com.au. This allows access to many benefits, including: discounted registrations at ASUM meetings and workshops, complimentary subscription to the quarterly ASUM Ultrasound Bulletin and periodic CD ROM image libraries, and to be on our mailing list for educational material and news about all the latest meetings and workshops.

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Best Sonographers Research Presentation Award

Sponsored by Philips Medical Systems Ultrasound: Value \$2000

Awarded for the best research paper proffered by a sonographer at ASUM 2003

Mr Peter Coombs Vic

Best Clinical Presentation Award

Sponsored by Siemens: Value \$1000 plus a shield

Awarded for the best clinical presentation proffered as a paper or poster at ASUM

Mrs Rae Roberts WA

The Australasian Society of Ultrasound in Medicine wishes to express our most sincere congratulations to all of the very worthy winners.

Obituary

Dr Brian Pridmore 1939–2003

Dr Brian Pridmore was a dedicated member of the ultrasound and obstetric community in South Australia for many years, until his recent death. He will be greatly missed both by his contemporaries and those of us fortunate enough to have learned from him over the years.

His commitment to ultrasound and education dates back to 1974 when the first contact ultrasound scanner was purchased for the obstetric department at The Queen Elizabeth Hospital (TQEH) where he was a resident obstetrician, having just completed his O&G training in England. This scanner was primarily used for obstetric work but, with advances in technology and increasing interest, the range of studies expanded and Dr Pridmore maintained a keen interest. His involvement with TQEH ultrasound department continued throughout his career and he had a significant input to teaching of both sonographers and radiology registrars.

He was a supporter of the South Australian Clinical Ultrasound Group, formed in 1977, and later incorporated as the South Australian branch of ASUM. He was a long serving local branch committee member and federal councillor and chaired the standards of practice committee for many years. He was a major contributor to the organisation of ASUM scientific meetings when held in Adelaide, including the first in 1978.

He had a longstanding commitment to obstetric services at the hospital as well as a private practice, setting a very high standard for patient care which he passed on to the junior medical staff under his supervision. He also provided extensive clinical support to the ultrasound department.

He is survived by his wife and his two daughters.

Dr Jane Copley