



ACPSEM

Australasian College of Physical
Scientists & Engineers in Medicine

FOCUS

AUGUST 2019

ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES, POLICIES AND PROJECT UPDATES

CALL FOR EOI FOR NOMINATIONS TO THE ACPSEM ADVISORY FORUM

The College is now calling for expressions of interest (EOI) for the 2019-2020 Advisory Forum. The purpose of the Forum is to discuss how the ACPSEM may contribute to improving the performance of healthcare systems in Australia and New Zealand. [Read more](#)

REFRESHING PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS PROJECT

The website now includes a new policy register for those seeking a single place to find ACPSEM policy documents. Of particular note is the *Accreditation Policy and Procedure* which is approved for use by the Professional Standards Board (PSB). [Read more](#)

2019-2020 ACPSEM CONSULTATION GUIDELINES - THE PURPOSE AND FUNCTION OF THE REGISTER OF QUALIFIED MEDICAL PHYSICISTS AND SCIENTISTS (QMPS)

The consultation investigates the development of the QMPS and accompanying registration processes. The guidelines are now available to view or download. [Read more](#)

NEWS AND BRANCH REPORTS

MAMMOGRAPHY TESTING CERTIFICATION WORKSHOP, QLD BRANCH

Some members recently took part in a two-day mammography testing workshop. Dr Johnny Laban, Radiation Physics Consultant, reflects on the workshop and how it benefits his career. [Read more](#)



OUR RECENT LASER TRAINING COURSE, VIC/TAS BRANCH

Our members attended a Laser Safety Training Course to gain greater knowledge of the operational characteristics of lasers, laser hazards, principles and procedures of laser use, and more. [Read more](#)



VIC/TAS EVENT REPORT - SCIENTIFIC SEMINAR

Members attending this seminar learnt about radiopharmaceuticals and their role in diagnostic and therapeutic nuclear medicine, and industry technology. [Read more](#)

PRIMPS 28 EVENT RECAP, QLD BRANCH

Attendees discussed the growing applications of 3D printing and other 3D technologies in medical physics, and considered what the future might hold for medical physicists within this area. [Read more](#)



ACPSEM NATIONAL LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP FEEDBACK

The College offered this two-day leadership workshop for members interested in planning and advancing their medical physics career, and to develop entrepreneurial skills to apply within their workplace. [Read more](#)



VIC/TAS EVENT REPORT - SOCIAL EVENT

The Victoria and Tasmania branch recently held a trivia night and were joined by local members of and students. Thanks to the Gamma Gurus for sponsoring this fun event! [Read more](#)

NEW COMMUNICATIONS STARTER AT APCSEM

The ACPSEM has a new member of the communications team; Kath Singer. Kath has over 7 years experience working in marketing and communications, and has worked in educational and not-for-profit organisations in the UK and Australia. Kath can be contacted on communications@acpsem.org.au.

MEMBERS

PRESENTING THE RADIOLOGY SPECIALTY GROUP

Meet the Radiology Executive Committee! Formed in 2018, the Committee (below!) has been meeting monthly to discuss new activities and initiatives. [Read more](#)

Chair
Victoria



Amanda Perdomo

Deputy Chair
Victoria



Peter Barnes

Member
Victoria



Zoe Brady

Member
New South Wales



Lucy Cartwright

Member
Western Australia



Cameron Storm

IMPORTANT CONSULTATIONS WITH MEMBERS IN 2019/20

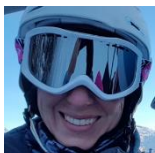
Are you interested in the ACPSEM's priority strategic activities for 2019 and 2020? [Click here](#) to see the Strategic Pillars Workplan 2019-2020.

In particular, members are advised that work has commenced on developing terms of reference for two important tasks, both including the key steps of consulting with members:

1. The future of ACPSEM Registration
2. An Alternate Registration Category (by 2021)

HELLO FROM THE ROMP TRAINING COORDINATORS

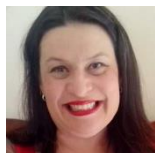
Our Training Coordinators help manage, improve and run the ROMP TEAP. They develop supervisor support materials, an accreditation dashboard, assist registrars throughout their journey, and more. See their areas of expertise below, and [read more](#) about their tasks and how they can help you.



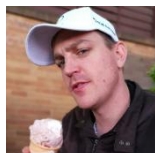
Claire Dempsey



Michael Bailey



Cathy Barbagallo



Paul Charles



Brendan Hill

UPDATES FROM THE ACPSEM OFFICE

Congratulations to our members who have been awarded certifications, registrar status, and have entered onto the Qualified Medical Physicist and Radiopharmaceutical Scientist Register. [Read more](#)

ELEKTA TRAVEL AWARD WINNER 2019

Congratulations to Michael Jameson for winning the Elekta Travel Award 2019! Michael will present his winning paper at the ESTRO Meets Asia conference at the end of the year. [Read more](#) about the award.

CAREERS

BUILDING A SUCCESSFUL CAREER SERIES



Dr Jenny Diffey is a Diagnostic Imaging Medical Physicist who has built her career around radiology over the past 15 years. [Read more](#) about Jenny's career journey and her areas of expertise.

VACANCIES

AUDIT SUPPORT OFFICER - 6 MONTH MATERNITY LEAVE COVER (P169)
Yallambie, VIC. Closing: 2 Sep 2019

MEDICAL PHYSICS SPECIALIST (MPS) (P171)
Perth, WA. Closing: 2 Sep 2019

UPCOMING EVENTS

ACPSEM EVENTS

EPSM & AOCMP 2019

28-30 October 2019, Perth, WA

Join us at the 19th Asia-Oceania Congress of Medical Physics (AOCMP) in conjunction with the 2019 Engineering & Physical Sciences in Medicine Conference (EPSM). [Read more](#)

Early bird registration closes 31 August. [Book now](#)



EPSM WORKSHOP - "HOW CAN CLINICAL PHYSICISTS ENGAGE IN RESEARCH?"

30 October 2019, Perth, WA

Join this informal guided discussion after the EPSM Conference. Select this social event when [registering for the conference](#).

SUMMER SCHOOL 2019 - FRIDAY THEORETICAL SESSIONS

25 October 2019, Perth, WA

This workshop provides attendees with the knowledge and skills to test the performance of imaging systems in a number of modalities. [Read more](#)

ACPSEM QLD ANNUAL BRANCH SYMPOSIUM 2019

13 September 2019, Brisbane, QLD

The Branch Symposium is an annual scientific meeting run by ACPSEM. This year's topic will focus on the bio-effects of radiation exposure and includes talks from keynote speakers. [Read more](#)

10 YEARS OF PRIMPS AT ACPSEM QLD - SAVE THE DATE

12 October 2019, Hamilton, QLD

The Queensland ACPSEM branch are celebrating their 10th year anniversary of PRIMPs with a celebratory evening dinner and dance. [Read more](#)



OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

AUSTRALIAN MR IN RT MEETING

19-21 November 2019, Noosa, QLD

Join the second Annual Australian MRI in Radiotherapy Meeting, facilitated by Stuart Crozier and the University of Queensland's Faculty of Engineering, Architecture & Information Technology. This year's meeting is ACPSEM CPD endorsed. [Read more](#)

IMAGINE 2019 - INNOVATION & TRANSLATION IN IMAGING SUMMIT

10-11 September 2019, Brisbane, QLD

The Translational Research Institute (TRI) invites you to attend the 3rd Innovation and Translation in Imaging Summit. [Read more](#)



SURVEY: THE ACPSEM SCIENTIFIC CODING INITIATIVE

The 2018 ACPSEM Position Statement on The Role of Physical Scientists in Medicine in Australasia recognises that Physicists and Engineers working in healthcare have core attributes and skills that lend themselves to broader roles. These skills include, amongst others, data analysis and visualisation, decision support, computational modelling, machine learning and AI support, and statistics.

The ACPSEM, with university partners, is looking to provide training opportunities with the aim of developing these skill sets within its membership.

This survey aims to develop a basic understanding of the current competence in coding for a variety of applications in Healthcare, and to gauge the level of need of its membership for training in applications of coding. Please consider taking a few minutes to respond to a few questions, we'd really value your input.

The survey will close on Monday, 9th September 2019.

[TAKE THE SURVEY](#)

CALL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE NEXT ACPSEM FOCUS NEWSLETTER

We'd love to hear from you! Some ideas for contributions include:

- **Awards and achievements** - celebrating our members
- **Your career background** - as part of the *Building a Successful Career* series

- **Events and activities** - promotions or updates within your branch
- **Specialty groups** - your updates and plans
- **Reviews and feedback** - such as from conferences
- **Pictures and videos** - show us your work, your colleagues (with their permission!), your events, or anything else that your work involves!

If you are interested in contributing, please email communications@acpsem.org.au

LET'S GET SOCIAL

