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# Focus Newsletter - February 2022 Edition

# **ACPSEM President's Update**



Welcome to the first 2022 FOCUS newsletter. Here's hoping 2022 allows members to meet in real life to enjoy robust discussions on all aspects of the work we do as individuals, as groups and as representatives of our profession!

In January the Board held a short meeting to welcome Directors back, to welcome our new director Trent Aland and to elect office bearers along with some other Board housekeeping.

2022 is shaping up to be another full year for the ACPSEM. There has been a refresh of staff within the office, with a number of new appointments who bring new energy and perspectives to support normal ACPSEM business along with progressing the ongoing and new initiatives. Chief among this work is the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme work and highlighting the critical role members play in enabling effective and safe patient treatment and care. Thank you to all members for providing feedback to populate the register of events allowing the College to articulate, with examples, the value of our work as it directly relates to patient care.

Enabling and supporting members will be underpinned by ramping up of work in the New and Early career space; along with the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Working Group. It is fantastic that these member driven initiatives will shine a light on some areas of our college that have not been explicitly addressed to date. Such activities demonstrate for members; and those looking at the ACPSEM, that we actively value and seek to engage with our workforce and to consciously reflect the community that we serve. Please contribute where you can to these groups to enable broad representation and to help shape the culture of the ACPSEM.

Wishing you all a healthy and productive 2022.

**Kym Rykers** 

### Careers

### **Building a Successful Career Series**

### **Introducing Christine Thompson**

Christine Thompson is a Senior Radiation Oncology Medical Physicist and Professional Leader of Medical Physics at

### **Vacancies**

Chief Medical Physicist / Āpiha Kaiahupūngao Hauora

Wellington Regional Hospital, NZ | Closes: 6 Mar

Medical Physicist (VID: 6004)



Te Pūriri o Te Ora Regional (Cancer and Blood Service) in Auckland, New Zealand. Christine is passionate about registrar training and is a strong advocate for the role and needs of the Medical Physics workforce in New Zealand. Christine has

been Chair of the Professional Standards Board since 2021.

Read more

Regional Cancer Treatment Service, Palmerston North, NZ | Closes: 10 Mar

Radiation Oncology Medical Physicist Specialist

Westmead Hospital/Blacktown Hospital, NSW | Closes: 14 Mar

Director Radiation Oncology Medical Physics Westmead Hospital, NSW | Closes: 22 Mar

**Senior Medical Physics Specialist** 

GenesisCare - Fiona Stanley Hospital, WA |

Closes: 25 Mar

**Medical Physicist (Fixed Term)** 

Auckland City Hospital, NZ | Closes: 27 Mar

All current vacancies can be found here.

# News and College Updates

To keep up-to-date on College news and updates, please visit our news section.

### New Lineup for 2022

No doubt you have already clocked some new names on email signatures. In January 2022 we welcomed Sabina Nabi and Kylie Clarke to the ACPSEM Office Team. Sabina is our new Education Manager. Kylie has taken on the new role of Membership and Education Services Manager. We've asked Kylie and Sabina to introduce themselves and put a face to their names!

Hello, I'm Kylie Clarke and I have joined ACPSEM as the Education and Membership Services Manager.

My background is in the medical college association space with over 15 years' experience at The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Radiologists, and most recently was Co-Director of an events consultancy. I am completing an MBA through Torrens University as the inaugural Business Women Australia's scholarship recipient in 2020.

I'm looking forward working with the ACPSEM team and its members during an exciting time for the College.

Outside of work, I love all things adventure and spend my weekends motorbike riding and hiking.



### Sabina Nabi

I am Sabina and I have joined ACPSEM as the Education Manager. My background is in secondary education, and I have recently completed my Masters in Public Health.

In my previous role I managed Accreditation for the Australasian Faculty of Rehabilitation Medicine. I am excited to join the College at a time of renewal, which will allow me to gain some news skills and experiences. Outside of working, I am a mumma to two very cheeky children.



For the full list of ACPSEM office staff click here.

### **Tech Support**

From time to time our web services and setups can let you down. Please note the below email addresses to contact if you ever experience issues with either the COMET LMS or ACPSEM website.

For issues relating to COMET: help@acpsem.org.au

For issues relating to the ACPSEM website: membership@acpsem.org.au

**NSW Health Employees-** We are aware of issues with emails sent from our CRM being blocked by your firewalls. Please know we are actively working with our own CRM support and NSW Health to resolve this. **Read more** 

### Membership Renewal for 2022-2023

2021 continued to challenge us all, however the achievements over the last 12 months have proven that the College and its members have successfully adapted allowing for high-quality work and broader collaboration. Thank you for your continued loyalty and support over the last year. In 2022, we will continue to focus on the future of our professions, education, and membership.



The current ACPSEM membership year will end on March 31, 2022. By now, all members should have received an email from our office with a call to renew your membership with ACPSEM for 2022-2023.

If you have not received an email from us or have any questions regarding your membership renewal, please email membership@acpsem.org.au.

#### Read more

### REFER A FRIEND | 2022 ACPSEM Membership Renewal

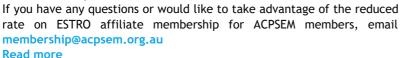
Do you have a colleague or friend who is not currently a member of the College? Refer this person, and if they join as either an Associate, Affiliate or Ordinary Member by 30 May 2022, you will receive a \$50 VISA gift card by way of thanks for supporting us!



Email membership@acpsem.org.au for more information.

### ESTRO Affiliate Membership 2022

Members who hold ESTRO Affiliate Membership through the ACPSEM do not need to renew their ESTRO membership alongside their ACPSEM membership. Your affiliate membership was automatically renewed for 2022 on January 1.





### 2022 Board of Directors | Office Bearers

On Friday, 28th January, the ACPSEM Board of Directors met to elect its Office Bearers for 2022.

Kym Rykers will continue as ACPSEM President for 2022. Kevin Hickson also remains as Vice President, as does Michael Bernardo as Treasurer. Trent Aland has been elected Head of Specialties.



### Read more

### **TEAP Matters**

### **ROMP**

- 1. Following the consultation period seeking feedback on the new CTG, targeted messages and updates will start to flow to different groups (registrars, supervisors, chiefs, members) based around an implementation date of 1 July 2022.
- 2. It is envisaged that the first draft of the Handbook will be available no later than late May 2022.



- 3. The next major milestone will be a conversation with Supervisors about the CTG Framework overall.
- 4. By the end of March those registrars enrolled in TEAP since 1 July 2021 will have an initial understanding of the process by which they can opt in to change over to the new curriculum. The goal is to provide registrars and supervisors with an unequivocal process supporting individual decisions in the best interests of each registrar.
- 5. On a different note many of you may already have attended the launch of the new ROMP treatment planning module and picked up on that all registrars now have the opportunity (optional) to complete new Particle Therapy modules in COMET.

#### DIMP

- The DIMP CTG Review is well underway, but being at its early stages, implementation dates and consideration of transition rules are yet to be determined.
- However, the great news is that the DICP has just overseen the completion of a realignment of current CTG to make clearer connections between learning outcomes and current elements of training. Indexing and preparation for inclusion in a guideline for registrars and supervisors is underway.
- 3. Planning is also underway for a DIMP supervisors' workshop
- 4. "Glitches" in the COMET DIMP gradebook are still happening but the help email address is being closely monitored and newly trained staff are turning issues around quickly now. If this is not your experience please contact staff immediately.

#### **RPS**

- The RPS CTG review is coming to completion as well with content being finalized and work beginning on standardizing nomenclature (with ROMPS and DIMPs) where appropriate, about to begin.
- 2. RPS registrars, supervisors and assessors are commended on the enormous amount of work undertaken recently in reviewing and revising training plans.

### A NEW COMET IS COMING!

- A necessary software upgrade and unavoidable change of hosting arrangements has been the catalyst for the decision to rebuild COMET and while doing so take advantage of new tools and best practice in the use of Learning Management Systems (LMS)
- 2. The ROMP community will notice the least difference in functionality and structure.
- 3. The DIMP community will notice a difference but for the better as current glitches are fixed and more use is made of the functionality of the LMS to reduce the complexities in upload and review of evidence and monitoring progression.
- 4. The RPS community will not see changes to structure and hierarchies but will experience considerable improvement in being able to monitor progression and in how evidence is uploaded and graded.
- 5. A user reference group has been created and will begin work in March for a mid-year upgrade.

### **ROMP TEAP Supervisor Workshops**

Michael Bailey will be running a series of workshops via Zoom for ROMP Supervisors and Chiefs. CPD points will be applied for attendance.

The first session, Introduction to TEAP Supervision for ROMP Supervisors, will run on Monday 14 March at 1:00pm AEDT. See more

Subsequent sessions will run on the last Monday of each month at the same time. See more



#### **Professional Standards Matters**

1. Now is the time to look at the ACPSEM Policy Register again if you haven't done so for a while. The ACPSEM's new Registration Policy and Registration Procedure are available now. Both outline the prerequisites and processes around entry to the Register. Please be aware that the new policy is very different to its predecessor. If you are considering applying for registration by assessment of experience, please contact Sabina Nabi at the College.



- 2. In addition to streamlining some aspects of the process, members will note that the CanMEDS domains of practice have been adapted and used as a foundation for the new policy.
- 3. Those who attended EPSM 2021 may have noted the launch of the new Bespoke Pathway, an alternate to radiation oncology, nuclear medicine, radiology and RPS disciplines for registration (as a medical physicist). Watch out for more information and the formal launch in late March 2022. Pilot participants will be sought and an expression of interest seeking members for the Bespoke Registration Panel (BRP) will be released.



### CPD Matters & Proof of Registration | 2022-2024

The new CPD program came into effect on 1 January 2022 as did the new CPD tracker. As highlighted at the webinar launch last November, the CPD committee is working on new resources to assist members with meeting requirements and making best use of the tracker.

Did you miss the webinar launch? Catch up on it here.

New Registration certificates are coming but, in the meantime, if you need to show evidence of registration you can direct persons to the Register on our website.

If you require evidence that you are registered, you may request a letter outlining your registration status for a nominal fee.

For anyone who requires access to CPD tracker that is not currently a member of the College or on the Register, we invite you to join the College as an Associate Member. Not only will you have access to the College's CPD tracker, you will also have access to the Online Member Bunker containing online resources, access to the journal and more. Require access to the CPD tracker only? This is available at an annual fee of \$165.00 (GST inclusive), the same as Associate Membership.

For further details on all membership options click here. To email the CPD Coordinator for access to the CPD tracker click here

### ACPSEM Mentoring Program | Mid-session Review Workshops

Thank you to the mentors who participated in the Mentor Workshop with CEO, Sharon Flynn on Mon 21 Feb.

Due to unforeseen technical issues, we were forced to cancel the Mentee Webinar on Wed 23 Feb at short notice. Thank you for your understanding. We have rescheduled this webinar for Mon 7 March at 12:00pm AEDT.

Recordings of these webinars and the presentation slides will be made available to all mentoring program participants once we have run the Mentee workshop.



Thank you to all Australian members who participated in the instrumental Member Consultation survey as part of the proposed ACPSEM submission to the National Registration and Accreditation



Scheme (NRAS) for AHPRA registration.

Thank you also to our New Zealand members who participated in the similarly contextualised survey aid as a precursor to a formal working through of whether HPCAA registration for New Zealand Medical Physicists is appropriate.



Collation and analysis of the Australian responses is underway for the mid-March 2022 Board Meeting. Watch out for a summary in the next FOCUS.

# ROMP Members Consultation: The New Radiation Oncology TEAP Curriculum

ACPSEM is pleased to begin the consultation phase for the revised ROMP curriculum. This consultation will assist in shaping handbook content, the chosen approach to training in its use, and the messages to be conveyed to different users and other stakeholders.



We invite all of our Radiation Oncology Medical Physics members to review and provide comments on this new Curriculum. The consultation period will run for two weeks, closing COB Monday, 7 March 2022.

Read more

### The ACPSEM DIMP Workforce Modelling Work Group

We received 11 Expressions of Interest from members to join the DIMP Workforce Modelling Working Group. These 11 members join project leads Luke Wilkinson and Zoe Brady. The group had its first meeting on Wed 16th February with consultants and CEO, Sharon Flynn. The current timeline for this project aims for completion by Easter 2022.



### **ROMP Workforce Modelling Working Group and Launch**

Did you miss the ROMP Workforce Model Lauch at EPSM 2021 and the article in PESM? The model is now publicly available to members. Look for the model and important commentary on our website.

Read more



### **Workplace Harassment**

In recent times -via discussion, an expression of interest process and in this newsletter- members' attention has been drawn to matters relating to diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI). As the ACPSEM reflects on experiences in 2021 and also approaches the task of revision and update of our code of ethics, we want to share a brief discussion of Workplace harassment from CEO, Sharon Flynn. Read more



# The Medical Image Registration Special Interest Group (MIRSIG) Position Statement

The ACPSEM will consider approval of the Paper at its March 2022 Board Meeting. If you missed the consultation period for this position paper but are interested its content, you can find it here: Read more



### The 2022 ACPSEM Specialty Certification Panels

Position/ Representa tion	ROCP	DICP	RPSCP
Examiners / Assessors	Trevor Ackerly (A/Chair) Jerome Gastaldo Thu Tran Lindsay Tremethick Shan Yau	Andrew Campbell (Chair) Bruce McBride John Burrage	Uwe Ackermann Andrew Katsifis Thomas Bourdier



Mid-Career Member/s	Erin Seymour	Zoe Brady	
Early Career Member/s	Matthew Newall Neil Campbell	Chris Boyd Andrew Chicco	Joseph Ioppolo
Registrar	Election in Progress	Mario Djukelic	Elizabeth Grenik

### 2022 Branch Chairs

NZ: Alicia Moggre WA: Tegan Rourke Chris Noble QLD: SA / NT: Chris Colyer

VIC / TAS: Clem Conheady (Acting)

NSW / ACT: Zoe Moutrie

### 2022 Specialty Group and Special Interest Group Chairs

Rick Franich takes over as chair of University SIG and Michael Gilhen takes over as Radiation Protection SG Chair. Congratulations to both on their election to their roles.

### **Specialty Groups:**

Peter Barnes Radiology: John Shakeshaft Radiation Oncology: Nicholas Forwood **Nuclear Medicine: Radiation Protection:** Michael Gilhen Radiopharmaceutical Science: **David Henderson** Danielle Forster Biomedical Engineering:



University (UniSIG): Rick Franich

New and Early career (NESIG): **TBD** 

Medical Image Registration (MIRSIG): Ben Archibald-Heeren

### New Specialty Group Leadership Committee Members for 2022

Congratulations to the following members on their appointment to their respective Specialty Group Leadership Committees:

Radiation Oncology: Lotte Fog & Jeff Barber

Nuclear Medicine: Enid Eslick & Farshid Salehzahi

### **Diversity Equity and Inclusion Working Group**

We are pleased to announce that the following members have been appointed to the DEI Working Group:

Juliet Nelson Stephanie Keehan Ian Smith Marie Vozzo **Scott Crowe** Hilary Byrne Rebecca Artschan **Emily Simpson-Page** 

### The New and Early career Special Interest Group

We are pleased to announce the following members have been appointed to the inaugural NESIG Leadership Committee:

Dominika Firth Shaun Patford Stephen Keen Taylah Brennen Max Hanlon Sally McKinnon Nichole Buchegger Naasiha Cassim











to the broader NESIG group via our website. Read more

### Announcing: EPSM 2022 - A Festival of Science

On behalf of the Organising Committee we take great pleasure in inviting you to the Engineering and Physical Sciences in Medicine Conference 2022 in Tarntanya/Adelaide. The Conference will be held at the Adelaide Convention Centre from 13-16 November. This is being planned as an in-person conference. The Organising Committee is well underway in developing a program that will be "A Festival of Science" - the EPSM theme for 2022.



Abstract submissions will open on 1 March and close on 30 June 2022.

Early bird registration will open 3 May.

Check out the refreshed and updated official website for more!

# Member Updates

**ATTENTION MEMBERS:** Our office largely relies on YOU to tell us what you've been up to to populate this section.

Don't be shy. We want to celebrate you. Email us or get in touch on social media!

# Dr Zoe Brady: guest editor and podcast star for the British Journal of Radiology

Dr Zoe Brady (MACPSEM) was one of two guest editors of the October 2021 *BJR* special feature on contemporary issues in radiation protection in medical imaging. Zoe also features in a podcast from the BIR alongside her fellow guest-editor, Prof. Madan Rehani, in which they discuss the topic of their BJR special feature and the articles within it. Read more



# Emily Simpson-Page for ESTRO: New and Early Career Groups Down Under

In January, an article from Emily Simpson Page was featured in ESTRO's Newsletter as part of its' series on Early Career Groups. We encourage you to take a look at Emily's piece on *Cultivating and establishing a new and early-career special-interest group (NESIG) in Australia*. See more



# Michael Jameson & Johnson Yuen represent at 2021 ESTRO Physics Workshop

Michael Jameson co-chaired the Commissioning and quality assurance for deformable image registration in radiotherapy workshop which ran as part of the 2021 session of the ESTRO Physics Workshop. Participants came from clinical practice, academia and industry at all career levels. Johnson Yuen was one of three invited speakers. He shared his experience of developing a DIR position paper for the ACPSEM. Read more



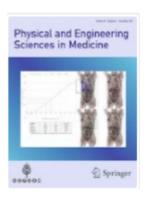
# Dr Michael Douglass shares some of his research to celebrate release of Blender 3.0

Dr Michael Douglass was recently featured in an international video campaign to celebrate the release of Blender 3.0, an open-source 3D computer graphics software toolset . Michael shares how Blender works as a tool for Medical Physics research. See more



### Lauren Pudsey, Annette Haworth, Paul White, Zoe Moutrie, Benjamin Jonker, Matthew Foote & Joel Poder for PESM

The above team's article on the current status of SRS/SRT in Australia/NZ was published in the PESM journal on 3 Feb 2022, Read More



# Chris Boyd referenced in the Myeloma Australia Clinical Practice Statement

Boyd C, Hickson K. "Radiation dosimetry considerations for skeletal survey imaging of multiple myeloma. Physica medica. 2019;64:109-13" has been listed as a reference in the Myeloma Australia Clinical Practice Statement.

"...[D]efinitely the sort of impact you aim for when doing clinical research!"- Chris Boyd

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Healthcare Technology

### Congratulations to the 2021 ACPSEM Foundation Award Winners

The Kenneth Clarke Journal David Robinson Innovation Award

Annabelle Austin

PhD Award Boyce Worthley Young Achiever
Award:

Dr Marco Marcello

Award:

Dr Michael Douglass

Dr Rance Tino

and Dr Adam Yeo

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### Welcome to the SA/NT Branch

The SA/NT branch would like to acknowledge 2 new members who have joined them recently.

- Northern Territory Radiation Oncology is happy to welcome David Heffernan to the medical physics team. David is joining the team from GenesisCare on the Gold Coast and is busy settling into Darwin with his family.
- GenesisCare SA welcomes James Hunt to the team. James brings
  a wealth of experience as a medical physics technician with
  GenesisCare WA to begin the long journey towards certification
  as a ROMP TEAP registrar.



### **ACPSEM Members for AFOMP Monthly Webinars**

We are thrilled to see so many familiar names on the schedule for AFOMP's monthly webinar series for 2022.

Donald Mclean and Anne Perkins are set to present on 4 March, with Simon Downes to follow on 1 April and Joel Polder on 6 May. See our external events section or Read more



### James Hunt for Physics in Medicine and Biology

Congratulations to James Hunt and team for publishing their paper on MRI-Linac QA titled "Variation in isocentre location of an



Elekta Unity MR-linac through full gantry rotation" in Physics in Medicine & Biology. Read more



### Updates from the ACPSEM office

Congratulations to our members who have recently enrolled in TEAP, achieved Certification, or have been admitted to the ACPSEM Register of Qualified Medical Physicists and Radiopharmaceutical Scientists. Read more



### Calendar

#### EPSM 2022: A Festival of Science

13 - 16 Nov, 2022, Adelaide Convention Centre, Tarntanya / Adelaide

Abstract submissions open on 1 March. Early bird registration opens 3 May. Abstract submissions close 30 June.





Consultation closes 7 Mar.



# ACPSEM Mentoring Program | Mid-session Review Workshops

7 Mar, 12:00pm-1:00pm (AEDT) | online

We hope to see as many participants as possible at the rescheduled midprogram webinar for Mentees. CEO Sharon Flynn will host this interactive session. See the Art of Mentoring Platform for more. Register here



### MIRSIG Webinar | Implementation of an MR Simulation Unit and the Artificial Intelligence in MR for Radiotherapy

8 Mar, 12:00-1:00pm (AEDT) | online

MIRSIG is a group of medical physicists and radiation therapists with a keen interest in all aspects of image registration and the integral part it plays within radiation oncology. This event is part of their lunchtime series of webinars. Register now



### ROMP TEAP SUPERVISOR WORKSHOP | Introduction to TEAP **Supervision for ROMP Supervisors**

### 14 Mar, 1:00-2:00pm AEDT | online

This will be the first session in the monthly series of workshops for ROMP Supervisors and Chiefs. Each subsequent monthly workshop will take place on the last Monday of each month at the same time. Register now

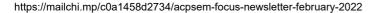


### MIRSIG Webinar | Ethos and Adaptive Radiotherapy

### 5 Apr, 12:00-1:00pm (AEDT) | online

MIRSIG is a group of medical physicists and radiation therapists with a keen interest in all aspects of image registration and the integral part it





plays within radiation oncology. This event is part of their lunchtime series of webinars. Register now

### **External Events**

### **AFOMP School Webinar Series**

Topic: Medical Physics and Nuclear Medicine: Nuclear Medicine Physics and Beyond

26 Feb, 5:30pm (AEDT) | Zoom

Speakers: Dr. Anshu Rajnish Sharma, Dr. Pankaj Tandon, Dr. S.C.

Kheruka, Mr. Ashish Kumar Jha. Read more



### NSW/ACT BRANCH | MRI in Radiotherapy

### 1-2 Mar | Online

A 2 day course that will give Medical Physicists a strong introduction to MRI in radiotherapy. It covers key areas, including image registration, MRI-only planning, and MRI linacs. For Registrars, the course has been mapped to the CTG.

Members of the NSW/ACT Branch can register for this event by emailing Lisa Wilfert.



### AFOMP Monthly Webinar Series | March

Topic: Regional Clinical Training for Medical Physics in a Changing World

4 Mar, 6:00pm (AEDT) | Zoom

Presented by Dr. Donald Mclean (MACPSEM) and Dr. Anne Perkins (MACPSEM).

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### **ARPS 43rd Annual Conference**

### 7-10 Mar, Canberra Rex Hotel, ACT

The aim of the conference is to enrich the understanding of non-ionising and ionising radiation safety, highlight the importance of effective communication and stakeholder involvement on radiation safety, highlight new technologies and generate discussion across a broad range of radiation protection aspects looking to the past as well at the future. The Organising Committee is keen to put together a full and extensive program, which will include three days of scientific sessions. Register here



### **AFOMP School Webinar Series**

Topic: Real-World Case Studies in Medical Physics Leadership

26 Mar, 5:30pm (AEDT) | Zoom

Speakers: Prof. Carmel J. Caruana. Read more



### AFOMP Monthly Webinar Series | April

Topic: APSIG activities for benefit of AFOMP region 1 Apr, 6:00pm (AEDT) | Zoom

Presented by Dr. Simon Downes (MACPSEM)

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### **AFOMP School Webinar Series**

Topic: Radiotherapy Advanced Techniques

23 Apr, 5:30pm (AEDT) | Zoom

Speakers: Dr. Matthew Cheung, Dr. Nelson Fung, Prof. Jing Cai Read

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## Call for Contributions

### We'd love to hear from you!

Tell us what you and your colleagues have done recently. Please contribute by emailing us at communications@acpsem.org.au

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