



Endocrine Nurses' Society of Australasia Inc.

Welcome to ENSAnews!

We welcome your contribution to this newsletter. You can submit content/feedback via email to: tania.yarndley@waikatodhb.health.nz Looking forward to hearing from you.

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Newsletter Editor

About ENSA Inc.

The Endocrine Nurses' Society of Australasia incorporated, (ENSA Inc.) is a professional organisation which provides a forum for continuing education and professional development for nurses working in the field of endocrinology. The Society promotes collaboration between health professionals and is committed to the advancement of the art and science of endocrine nursing as a specialty field, through the development of standards of practise, enhancing clinical expertise and promoting and encouraging nursing research.

President's Message

Welcome to new and old ENSA members.

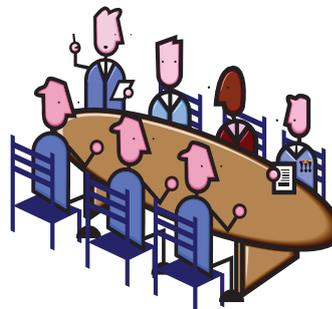
The annual symposium in Adelaide at the newly opened Convention Centre on the 24th of August is fast approaching and registration is open. If you have never attended an ENSA Symposium or are undecided if you can get away then this may be the year - so have a look at the website.

<http://www.ensa.org.au/ensa-2015/>

Accommodation is available at nearby hotels and apartments. The Mercure Grosvenor or Oaks Horizons are convenient and reasonably priced. You will need to book both the 23rd and 24th of August.

The Symposium organizing committee, Venecia, Carmen and Brenda have put together a fantastic program with something for everyone whether you work in adult or paediatric endocrinology. The day starts with the traditional breakfast and this year's speaker is ENSA's Medical Advisor Associate Professor Warwick Inder. The rest of the day is a mix of nursing and medical speakers. If you have been thinking of submitting an abstract for a poster or oral presentation then this is the year! Our website now has a guide to assist those who may be giving it a try for the first time. Our posters will this year be included with the Endocrine Society of Australia poster session and the ESA is sponsoring our display space. Please go to the link for abstract submission. We need to make sure we have plenty of posters this year so we can continue this association with ESA. Also there are travel scholarships on offer, plus awards for Nurses In Action, Nursing Innovation and the best poster.

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ENSA Committee 2014–2016

President: Ann Robinson

Secretary: Carmen Bischoff

Treasurer: Susie Baird

For further information

go to our website:

www.ensa.org.au

The awards dinner will be held at the Adelaide Cricket Oval and will be a great night after the Symposium. This provides an opportunity to thank our industry partners who assist us with sponsorship to deliver a fantastic program for nurses every year, and to relax after a busy day. Some of you may like to consider attending the ESA Clinical Weekend at Glenelg the weekend before, or staying on for one or two days of the ESA meeting, at special discount registration rates on the Tuesday and Wednesday following.

If you have been thinking you would like to get more involved in ENSA activities there are opportunities for nominating for positions on the executive and for the Program Organizing Committee for the Gold Coast Symposium August 2016. The executive have been linking up for teleconferences every 3 months with participants dialing in from Adelaide, Sydney, Gold Coast and New Zealand. This has enabled us to develop new guidelines for travel scholarships and awards and these can be found on our website. Some ENSA members have been linking up with international nursing colleagues through the FINE network (Federation of International Nurses in Endocrinology). The skype calls are very early in the morning and we have another planned for this month linking with Endocrinology nurses attending the European Society of Endocrinology (ESE) meeting in Dublin. We have also been having close contact with Jim and Nitesh from ASN Events who do so much behind the scenes to ensure the website, our membership communications and planning for the Adelaide Symposium are all going to plan. Many thanks to ASN for what they do for ENSA.

If you have been to an interesting meeting or training and would like to share please remember we are all really interested to hear about colleagues activities and an article in the newsletter is a great way to reach everyone and keep us connected. With members working in both paediatric and adult care this is a convenient way of connecting.

June 30 is membership renewal time. Consider the 2 year rate of \$100 as an added saving and get that in for this year's tax return. If you are a member of ANZBMS or ESA we now have discount membership for endocrine nurses. When you renew or register for the first time select student and put nurse in the field. Ivonne the secretariat for both societies will be in touch if there are any questions. ANZBMS is \$60.50 and ESA is \$70.00 for nurse memberships.

As a society we have been asked to contribute to a collaboration of societies responding to a proposal to reduce the Medicare rebate by 50% which would then fall on the patient. We responded on behalf of our members (many being registered densitometrists) and also on behalf of our patients. We have also contributed to the ANZBMS Position Paper on Secondary Fracture Prevention. This document can be viewed on the ENSA website.

As most of you have now realized the annual Novartis meeting has not been held this year. This had been an annual event for a very long time and the learning opportunities were greatly valued by our members. We will be working with Novartis, who remain committed to nurse education, and will keep the membership informed of any developments.

I look forward to seeing you all in Adelaide.

Ann Robinson ENSA President