The subject of continuing professional development and maintenance of standards has become of increased interest lately with certification authorities reframing this issue as being a critical issue for patient safety. This raises the strong possibility that there will be increased pressure to institute more rigorous programs with a defined curriculum, assessments and more stringent record keeping. These developments highlight the importance of the work that the Society has performed to establish a fully operational CPD system, HeartOne, under the guidance of Past President Richmond Jeremy.

HeartOne has now been operational since October 2013 and includes all of the capabilities of the RACP MyCPD system specifically the ability to record activities in the same categories and with the same weighting per hour as the MyCPD program. Using this system it is possible to download all of the activities and points for a year from HeartOne and upload this file to MyCPD to fulfil the annual CPD requirements.

1. Content — HeartOne includes access to a wide selection of Elsevier journals including JACC (and JACC CV interventions and JACC CV imaging), American Heart Journal, The American Journal of Cardiology, HLC, Cardiology Clinics, as well as a number of leading subspecialty journals including Heart Rhythm, Journal of the American Society of Echocardiography.

2. Your subscription to HeartOne currently also includes access to ClinicalKey which includes over 600 Elsevier Journals, 1000 books and 9000 videos.

3. Online Modules — these include videos and other resources from CSANZ and other Australian meetings. Completion of these modules is recognised by the system and the points will be automatically added to your CPD log.

If you are having trouble logging into HeartOne please contact info@csanz.edu.au. This system has already been tested with Prof Richmond Jeremy using it successfully as the only CPD system for 2015. This is a great time to support your Society’s CPD program and there are clear benefits with the wealth of content available on the site. So please check it out and contact us if you have any suggestions or comments.
CSANZ Cardiovascular Research Innovation Grants

The CSANZ Cardiovascular Research Innovation Grants, exclusively supported by an unrestricted research grant from Boehringer Ingelheim, aim to stimulate innovative and ground-breaking research in cardiovascular medicine.

Two grants are available:
- $100,000 for one research project
- $35,000 towards an individual’s stipend

Both interventional and observational studies within the following fields will be considered:
- Thromboembolic Disease (general)
- Atrial Fibrillation
- Stroke
- Deep Vein Thrombosis / Pulmonary Embolism
- Percutaneous Coronary Intervention
- Coronary Artery Disease and / or Peripheral Artery Disease

Out-of-scope of the grants are:
- studies replicating findings of completed Phase IV or on-going large scale clinical trials (statistically powered)
- studies evaluating off-label indications/use of a study drug(s)
- studies under review/currently funded by any industry grants

Eligible applicants must be:
- MD or PhD eligible to conduct research
- domiciled in Australia or New Zealand
- affiliated with an academic/scientific institution or national health care system

The research project must have publishable data/outcomes within 18 to 24 months from award.

APPLICATIONS CLOSE ON 15 JUNE, 2016

The winners of the grants will be announced at the CSANZ Annual Scientific Meeting to be held in Adelaide from 4-7 August, 2016.

For further information on the conditions of the grant and to apply, visit www.csanz.edu.au/CVResearch or contact CSANZ on email: info@csanz.edu.au or phone: +61 2 9226 7900.
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Adelaide Convention and Exhibition Centre

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Cardiovascular Nursing Lecturer
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Key Dates

Geoff Mews Memorial Fellows’ Prize Abstracts close

30 June 2016
Nominations are invited for the 2017 R T Hall Prize of the Cardiac Society of Australia and New Zealand (CSANZ). The Prize is the most prestigious research award of the CSANZ and recognises the achievements of senior and established investigators. The Prize is awarded in open competition and is directed towards recognition of sustained and outstanding research achievement.

CONDITIONS:

- The R T Hall Prize will be awarded to an individual investigator for a coherent body of work, which advances knowledge of the cardiovascular system and its diseases. In exceptional circumstances, the Prize may be awarded to a small group for an outstanding contribution in the field of cardiology. The work must have been published in a scientific journal or journals. Work published in book-form and thesis, which have been accepted for higher degrees, may also be submitted.

- The investigator MUST be a Member of The CSANZ and the work must have been substantially undertaken in Australia or New Zealand.

- Submissions for the R T Hall Prize will consist of a nominating letter by a Member of The Society plus copies of the published manuscript(s), as well as, confirmation from the nominee(s) that they wish to be considered for the Prize.

- The R T Hall Prize will be decided by the Board after review by the Scientific Committee.

- Nominations will remain for consideration for three years without the requirement to re-submit.

- The winner of the R T Hall Prize will be announced at the Annual General Meeting of The Society.

- The value of the R T Hall Prize will be $10,000.

Submissions should be forwarded to the Honorary Secretary, The Cardiac Society of Australia and New Zealand, Suite 601, Level 6, 1 Castlereagh Street, Sydney NSW 2000 or email to info@csanz.edu.au

Closing date:

5 pm Friday 4th November 2016

The Society reserves the right not to proceed with an appointment for any reason. Applicants requiring further information are requested to contact the CSANZ at info@csanz.edu.au

Please note: If email confirmation of receipt of the nomination is not received within 1 week of submission, please contact the CSANZ at info@csanz.edu.au
I have been fortunate enough to be the recipient of the 2016 Cardiac Society of Australia and New Zealand / McCredie Wilcken Travelling Fellowship to attend the American College of Cardiology Scientific Sessions. This generous support has enabled me to attend the 65th Annual American College of Cardiology Scientific Sessions held in Chicago, IL.

It was a truly eye-opening experience, with multiple sessions across a diverse range of streams being delivered simultaneously. Important trial results were delivered at this scientific meeting, including results from the HOPE-3 trial, PARTNER-2A trial, as well as the STICH extension study.

I was fortunate enough to receive the opportunity to deliver the results of a research project that I have been completing at MonashHeart, Melbourne. We examined the diagnostic utility of exercise stress echocardiography for the assessment of suspected obstructive coronary artery disease for 191 consecutive patients with resting left bundle branch block (out of a total of 13614 exercise stress echocardiograms) over a seven-year period. The presentation was well received, and there were a few tough questions from the audience. A personal highlight during this meeting was the opportunity to meet Dr Harvey Feigenbaum.

I would like to thank the Cardiac Society of Australia and New Zealand, Eastern Heart Clinic and Amgen Australia for the generous support, allowing me to attend this prestigious scientific meeting.

Dr Bo Xu,
MonashHeart, Monash Health
Victoria
1. **At the time of application**, applicants must be current financial FCSANZ, Associate or Affiliate Members of the Cardiac Society, with preference given to early career applicants attending their first meeting.

2. The work must have emanated from Australia or New Zealand.

3. Applicants **must** have an abstract on a topic relevant to Heart Failure, accepted for presentation.

4. Applications must be accompanied by a letter from the supervisor or Director of the laboratory or service from which the work has emanated, clearly detailing the specific contribution made by the applicant towards the work being presented.

5. Preference will be given to those who have not previously been awarded a CSANZ Travelling Scholarship.

6. Conditions apply to successful applicants not domiciled in Australia or New Zealand.*

7. Late applications will **NOT** be considered.

8. The Scholarship is valued at up to $3,000

9. Successful recipient must agree to present in the next CSANZ Heart Failure Council Programme during the CSANZ Annual Scientific Meeting:
   
   i. A summary of the highlights of the meeting and an overview of the top 5 Heart Failure papers they attended at the HFSA Meeting.
   
   ii. An oral presentation of their abstract.

10. Successful recipient to email the Heart Failure Council Secretary at info@csanz.edu.au confirming availability to present in the next CSANZ Heart Failure Council Programme (See item 9).

Applications should be accompanied by:

a) copy of submitted abstract(s) and official notification of acceptance;

b) brief curriculum vitae;

c) supporting letter from the supervisor or Director;

Applications should be emailed to info@csanz.edu.au

**Closing Date**

**30 June 2016**

*Please note: If applicants have not received email confirmation of receipt of their application within 1 week of submission, they should contact the Secretariat at info@csanz.edu.au
Applications are called for the CSANZ Travelling Fellowships for travel grants to enable investigators to attend the Scientific Sessions 2016 of the American Heart Association to be held in New Orleans, Louisiana, from 12—16 November, 2016. The Fellowships are intended to provide an opportunity for investigators in the early stage of their research career, to present at a major international conference. CSANZ wishes to acknowledge and thank Amgen Australia for providing funding for the Travelling Fellowships.

The conditions are:

1. The Fellowships are valued at $3,000 each.

2. At the time of application, applicants must be current financial FCSANZ, Associate or Affiliate Members of the Cardiac Society, with preference given to those attending their first meeting.

3. The work must have emanated from Australia or New Zealand.

4. Applicants must have an abstract accepted for presentation at the AHA Meeting and must be the first or senior author of the accepted abstract. In some circumstances, consideration may be given to a co-first author or someone who has made a substantial contribution to the work (see item 5).

5. Applications must be accompanied by a letter from the supervisor or Director of the laboratory or service from which the work has emanated, clearly detailing the specific contribution made by the applicant towards the work being presented.

6. Preference will be given to those who have not previously been awarded CSANZ travelling scholarships.

7. Conditions apply to successful applicants not domiciled in Australia or New Zealand.*

8. Late applications will NOT be considered.

Applications should be emailed to the Honorary Secretary at info@csanz.edu.au and must include:

a) copy of submitted abstract(s) and AHA notification of acceptance which includes the abstract title and the accepted presentation type

b) brief curriculum vitae (maximum 1 page)

c) supporting letter from the supervisor or Director

Closing Date

26 August 2016

Please note: if applicants have not received email confirmation of receipt of their application within 1 week of submission, they should contact the Secretariat at info@csanz.edu.au

* Contact the Sydney Secretariat to obtain a copy of the conditions (info@csanz.edu.au)
Research Scholarships for 2017
Guidelines for Applicants

The CSANZ Research Scholarship is intended to provide support for Members of the Cardiac Society of Australia and New Zealand who wish to pursue a career in cardiovascular research.

1. The Scholarship is open to all current financial Members of CSANZ at the time of applying.

2. The value of the Scholarship will be equivalent to that of the NHMRC Postgraduate Scholarship and will be payable for one year.

3. Research must be conducted in Australia or New Zealand.

4. Only those applicants who are enrolled as full time students (eg for PhD or MD) will be eligible to receive the Scholarship as a tax-free stipend.

5. Deadline for the receipt of applications and referees' reports is 12 September, 2016.

6. Applications will be graded by a selection panel appointed by the Scientific Committee of the CSANZ.

No interviews will be undertaken.

7. Successful applicants will be notified in January.

Note: Previous recipients of the CSANZ Research Scholarship are not eligible to apply for a second scholarship.

In addition to the above information, you will also require a copy of the Application Form, Application Instructions and Referee Report forms, available from the CSANZ website.

Please note: if applicants have not received email confirmation of receipt of their application within 1 week of submission, they should contact the Secretariat at info@csanz.edu.au

Closing date:
Friday, 12 September, 2016
Travelling Fellowship Report

I would like to thank the Cardiac Society of Australia and New Zealand for awarding me the travelling fellowship to attend the 2016 American College of Cardiology Annual Scientific Meeting 2-4 April in Chicago, US. This was an exciting and worthwhile experience for me as my first attendance at this meeting.

My main impression of the meeting is that there was a strong focus on the latest trial results, rather than guidelines like at ESC. Key studies presented at the meeting included but are not restricted to coronary artery disease trials like STITCHES, EARLY-BAMI and DANAMI; prevention trials like HOPE 3, GAUSS-3 and ACCELERATE; heart failure trials like ATMOSPHERE, ixCELL-DCM and IMPEDANCE-HF; arrhythmia trials like FIRE and ICE, amiodarone, lidocaine or placebo for cardiac arrest and rate or rhythm control for AF after cardiac surgery; and valve trials like PARTNER 2A. These all established important findings that take a leap forward in science and will guide clinical practice.

I also presented an abstract at the conference, performing a meta-analysis of seven included studies to compare percutaneous mitraclip with mitral valve surgery for severe symptomatic mitral regurgitation. We found mitraClip had higher baseline risk than MVS, but there were no significant differences in mortality, morbidity or symptoms up to 12 months, except for higher rates of significant MR post-operatively. This was well received with invaluable interactions and feedback with international community.

Dr Tom Wang, Cardiology Registrar
Green Lane Cardiovascular Service
Auckland City Hospital
Auckland, New Zealand

Membership Changes and Additions

The following changes and new admissions to Membership occurred since March this year. The Society extends a warm welcome to all.

Affiliate Members
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Forthcoming Meetings

EUROPE
ESC Congress 2016
27 – 31 August 2016
Rome, Italy
www.esc2016.org

CSANZ2016
4 – 7 August, 2016
Adelaide, South Australia
Contact details:
The Conference Company
Phone: 64 9 360 1240
www.csanz.edu.au

NORTH AMERICA
AHA16
12 – 16 November, 2016
New Orleans, Louisiana
www.scientificsessions.americanheart.org/

ACC17
17 – 19 March, 2017
Washington, DC
accscientificsession.acc.org/

ANZET16
2 – 4 August, 2016
Adelaide, South Australia
Contact details:
The Conference Company
Phone: 64 9 360 1240
www.csanz.edu.au

ASIA PACIFIC
CSANZ New Zealand Annual Scientific Meeting
23 – 25 June 2016
Rotorua, New Zealand

A more comprehensive list of meetings and events can be viewed on the Society’s website
www.csanz.edu.au