



**HISTORY OF ANAESTHESIA SIG ACTIVITIES OVERVIEW REPORT
From September 2016 – May 2017**

SIG EXECUTIVE

The Executive Committee currently comprises:

Dr John Crowhurst - Chair
Dr Jeanette Thirlwell
Dr Christine Ball
Dr Anthony Newson
Dr John Crowhurst
Dr Robert Harrison
Dr Diane Khursandi
Dr Rod Westhorpe

MEMBERSHIP (SIGS ONLY)

The SIG currently has 221 members

MEETING DATES

There were no HA SIG Executive meetings during the reporting period.

FINANCES

The ASA budget allocation for teleconferences has been reduced by 50% due to the small number of meetings held by teleconference. All other budgeted items were as listed.

COMPLETED ACTIVITIES

• **ASA NSC Melbourne, Darwin – September 2016**

The HA SIG session was chaired by Dr Rod Westhorpe. All HA SIG members were notified of a call for papers for the session. The HA SIG session was held on Tuesday 20 September 2016 with the presentation of papers from:

- Positive events in anaesthesia in a troubled world – Dr Kester Brown
- The Bird Man from Idaho – Dr Andrew Ross
- Anaesthesia remuneration – Dr Christine Ball
- Who invented the Schimmelbusch mask? – Dr Rod Westhorpe

• **HA SIG AGM**

The HA SIG AGM was held at the ASA NSC Congress meeting following the HA SIG Session. Notification to all HA SIG members was sent out prior to the meeting date. Dr Westhorpe did not seek re-election and handed over the Chair to Dr John Crowhurst. Draft AGM

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Minutes are on the ACE website. These will be confirmed at the next available HA SIG AGM.

- **History Supplement**
The History Supplement of the Anaesthesia and Intensive Care Journal was mailed out to all HA SIG members following publication in July 2016.
- **ISHA Proceedings Book**
To date 70 copies of the 2013 ISHA Proceedings book have been sold. Costs are \$100 including pp local; \$120 to New Zealand, and \$155 elsewhere overseas. Order forms are available via the ASA website. The publication of the Proceedings represents an enormous amount of work by several people, in particular Michael Cooper and Christine Ball, who deserve our sincere thanks and congratulations. Per agreement between ASA and ANZCA, any balance will be shared between the two parties on a 50/50 basis.

FUTURE ACTIVITIES

- **ANZCA ASM, Brisbane QLD, 12- 16 May 2017 – theme – “Think Big”**

On Friday 12 May at 3:30pm the following Masterclass will be held at which the ‘Building the Lives of the Fellows’ project will be outlined and discussed.

This session is a workshop designed to explore ways of researching the individual lives of significant Fellows using a variety of resources, enabling participants to directly contribute to the online exhibition. These resources may include the College archives, museum and library, but may also include external resources such as Trove and state or nationally based archives (e.g. Public Records Office Victoria, National Archives Australia, State Library New South Wales, etc.).

Delegates please bring your own laptop to this workshop.

Saturday 13 May 2017 - 3:30pm: History of Anaesthesia SIG Session

Chair: Dr John Crowhurst

Presentations:

- How IV catheters revolutionised medicine! - Professor André van Zundert
- Powerhouse pioneer Professor Tess Cramond. - Dr Rhonda Boyle
- Pioneers of pain relief: Hidden histories of women in anaesthesia. - Ms Monica Cronin

- **Australian & New Zealand Society of the History of Medicine: 15th Biennial Conference, Australian Catholic University, Fitzroy Campus, Melbourne, Vic. 11-14 July 2017**
This conference is one the largest and most comprehensive medical history meetings in the world and features many presentations which may be of interest to many of us. Dr John Paull, Dr David Wilkinson, Ms Monica Cronin, Curator of the Geoffrey Kaye Museum, and yours truly are presenting. Registrations are now open, and full details are available at:
<https://dconferences.eventsair.com/QuickEventWebsitePortal/anzshm2017/csn>
- **ASA NSC, Perth WA 6 -10 October 2017 – theme “Bridging the Elements”**
A call for papers was sent to all HA SIG members in January 2016

HA SIG Session and AGM

Unfortunately, there will be no HA SIG session or AGM at this NSC

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- **9th International Symposium on the History of Anesthesia, Boston, USA, 24-28 October 2017**

Several HA SIG members will be presenting at this symposium, which will include several excursions of historical significance, including a tour of the Ether Dome at the Massachusetts General Hospital. ISHA details at: <http://ahahq.org/Future.php>

Contact Dr Sukumar Desai for further information at email: sdesai@partners.org

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