

**2011 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
REGIONAL ANAESTHESIA SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP (RASIG)**

Membership

The RASIG currently has a membership of 556.

RA SIG Executive members

Dr David Scott (Chair)	NSW	Dr Stephen Watts	WA
Dr David McLeod	SA	Dr Alwin Chuan	NSW
Dr Neil MacLennan	New Zealand	Dr Phil Cowlshaw	QLD
Dr Michael Barrington	VIC	Dr Manoj Karmakar	Hong Kong

RA SIG sessions at major meetings

ASA NSC in Sydney in September 2011

The session will have the following speakers:

- Dr Scott - Regional anaesthesia in the new ANZCA curriculum;
- Dr Watts - Making regional anaesthesia work;
- Dr Cowlshaw - Evidence for wound infiltration, infusions and additives.

There will also be five 90-minute workshops; 2 introductory workshops and 3 anatomically restricted workshops.

ANZCA ASM in Perth in May 2012

It is planned to hold 3 regional anaesthesia sessions:

- Session 1 will target the educational challenges;
- Session 2 will address quality and safety issues in regional anaesthesia, ideally this will be a QA session;
- Session 3 will be practical and directed at the everyday anaesthetist. Short format, tips and tricks from experts is the basic model.

Other RA SIG events

Australasian Symposium on Ultrasound and Regional Anaesthesia (ASURA): 2012

The ASURA online registration opened in June. The ASURA Committee is satisfied with their PCO and budget, and is confident about the organisation of this event scheduled for 2012.

ACECC website

The new ACECC website www.acecc.org.au looks good and is simple to navigate around. Contact Ms Alex Terry at the ASA should you have any enquiries regarding the new website.

Education Working Group

RA SIG has expressed its views and thoughts on assessment for regional anaesthesia at the last teleconference. Dr Scott has compiled a position paper including a position on underperforming trainees in regional anaesthesia. Dr Barrington and Dr Chuan have agreed to work on the global rating scales (GRS) and checklist.

Summary

The RA SIG continues to be active and is committed to promoting, educating and training regional anaesthesia. There is a healthy membership reflecting the interest in this area. I would like to thank the ASA and the members of the Executive for their commitment and enthusiasm.

Dr David Scott
RA SIG Chair