

Applied Neuroscience Society of Australasia News update

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Breaking News!

New ANSA President- Elect Dr. Moshe Perl

Dr Perl was nominated and accepted by the management committee for the position of ANSA President-Elect in the last ANSA Management Committee meeting. According to the ANSA Constitution other nominations can be received before the AGM. Please see the AGM notice and fill in the forms included with this update if you would like to nominate. Any further nominations for this important position are welcome.

Important membership 2011-2012 reminder!

The management Committee has negotiated with ISNR to pay for ANSA member's dues from 01/07/11 for a period of 18 months in order to align with their billing cycle. It is absolutely essential to finalise your ANSA membership to enable your complimentary ISNR membership for the next 18 months.

Dear Colleagues,

This is the second issue of the ANSA News update-a brief communication medium sharing important information and announcements within our society.

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1. News from ANSA President Sue-Ellen Taylor

At the meeting of the ANSA Management Committee on Monday May 23, I notified the committee of my intention to step down from the position of President at the next AGM. Rustam subsequently nominated Moshe Perl to the vacancy of President Elect. Moshe accepted the nomination. Any other nominations for president are welcomed. Please contact the Secretary if you would like to put yourself forward. A vote will be put to members at our next AGM to finalise the position of President for the next 2 years. I would like to thank the membership for their support during my presidency. I will be

continuing my involvement with the ANSA Management Committee as Past President and look forward to working to provide a quality program for our next ANSA Conference. You will have received an email from me regarding seeking your support in order to assist us in marketing the Conference and Open Day to interested professionals and the public. We are a very small organisation with limited funds so the success of our events and subsequent ability to provide quality professional development within the field of Neurofeedback is very dependent on the input and enthusiasm of membership. If you could please send information to any community or professional groups that may have an interest in either the conference or the open day it would be of great assistance. Sydney people, this is an especially important opportunity for you to showcase the field of Neurofeedback and what you do!

1. New President –Elect nominee Moshe Perl introduction by John Hegg

It is a privilege to be asked to write an intro piece for our new President-elect Dr. Moshe Perl. As an AD/HD specialist, Moshe's bio is on the public record and I won't rerun that here. Rather I thought I would speak of my long friendship with him and what I think he brings to our field from his experience. Many of you are Spectrum trained and some of you even date back to original Othmer era as I do. No not dinosaurs, just that we go back a bit now!

I draw this to your attention for a good reason as I think it helps reveal the man and his method. The field has evolved enormously in the years and those origins have left their

trace. The symptom based assessment method is the core of the Spectrum approach and the core of that is the arousal model. The method encourages clinicians to focus in specific ways and make specific efforts in order to fashion the stable training protocols. That approach required sensitivity to arousal state as well as trait. It also honed the clinical eye, ear and heart in the making of flexible and timely responses to training outcomes as the training process went on. This is the stuff of therapy (being with and responding) and the essential stuff for neurotherapy.

Moshe can do that well. He has the clinician's eye, ear and heart. And he can teach it. His outcomes are as good as it gets and he is one of the best teachers any new practitioner could hope for. In my view this is central is what he brings to the field. His unique understanding of continuance performance tests is another feather in his cap. And speaking of caps, his understanding of qEEG is also worthy of highlighting. I think this has taken him to further evolve the arousal model while remaining grounded in solid clinical experience.

But I spoke of friendship and will again. In the dozen or so years I have been on this journey Moshe has been on of my most trusted companions. He has helped me think and stay open to both the science and the art of neurofeedback. It has been a richer journey because of his presence. I think it is great that he has accepted the call to lead our association forward. It is my hope that you will support him and value him for he is one of our best.

From Dr. Moshe Perl

Several weeks ago, I was approached by our president, Sue-Ellen Taylor, and our treasurer, Rustam Yumash, to accept the position of President-Elect of ANSA. I accepted their approach, which was then endorsed by the Board of ANSA. Elections for the position of President for the coming year will be held at the conference in August.

I accepted the position for a number of reasons. Having served on the ANSA (then iSNR Australia) board for two years, both as a member-at-large and as secretary, I am familiar with the workings of the board. I also organised the very successful 2001 annual conference in Melbourne. So I believe the job will not be too difficult for me to handle.

I would like to make a contribution to our organisation and believe taking a more active role will allow that to happen. Our field has always faced challenges. As those who have served on the board before me understand, we must all, at certain times, put our shoulders to the wheel and push. I feel that my time is now. Issues I would like to highlight at this time include:

Unity within diversity: As a group, we need to continue to find strong unity within the diversity of our various understandings of neuromodulation, and the methodologies we employ. Our organisation is a celebration of this diversity. Learning from this diverse array of understandings will only enhance our practices.

Neurofeedback needs to be financially viable: We need to find ways of making being a neurofeedback practitioner viable financially – the investment of time, effort and money we have all made in this field is huge, and we also need to make a living. Otherwise, new people will not enter the field, and we will remain marginalised. We need to hear our success stories – how have we succeeded in using neurofeedback to help others, AND, make a good living. Professional satisfaction PLUS making a good living: These together will attract new people to the field.

Need for Educational Standards: There has been fantastic work done by the Standards Committee to bring BCIA certification to our organisation. We can all be proud of their efforts.

Professional Visibility and Recognition: We have several people working to bring our work to the Australian Psychological Society, through interest group, professional position papers, and conference submissions. This is extremely valuable work.

Home Grown Experts: We have many experts in Australia in the field of Neurofeedback. We have top level neuroscientists, nutritional experts, and experts in many different neuromodulation methodologies. We need to recognise these people and invite them to present training workshops. This is a celebration of our strength.

Conference 2012: Lastly, I want to thank those who have worked so hard to make the 2011 conference happen. It is my wish to organise our next year's conference in Melbourne, and to make it another excellent conference.

3. ANSA Conference 2011 update

ANSA Conference 2011 special combo deal is still available !

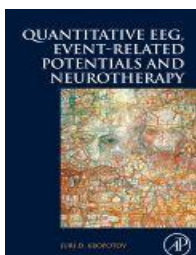
We are offering a special deal for those who would like to attend the 2011 ANSA Conference and the 4-day QEEG & LORETA workshop with Dr Leslie Sherlin.

Make sure you don't miss out by going to <http://www.appliedneuroscience.org.au/events> and register by selecting the Conference + workshop package

4. Important update – QEEG & LORETA Workshop with Lesley Sherlin now open for partial registrations

We have decided to allow partial registrations for the QEEG and LORETA workshop with Dr Leslie Sherlin. This will now be offered as a 4-day workshop on QEEG and LORETA but also as Part A-QEEG August 10-11 and Part B- LORETA August 15-16.

Information and online registration: http://www.appliedneuroscience.org.au/ANSA_events



Essential Pre-Conference Reading - Jury Kropotov' book:

“Quantitative EEG, Event-Related Potentials and Neurotherapy”

Buy this text from our website and you will be able to claim an ANSA discount with Elsevier. We are re-negotiating our deal with Elsevier currently so that our members can continue to access this book at a discounted rate.

If you would like to contribute on any topic or share important news in an ANSA news update please send an email to: events@appliedneuroscience.org.au

This issue was edited by Rustam Yumash and Sue-Ellen Taylor

Notice of
THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Of the Applied Neuroscience Society of Australasia

To be held on Friday 12 August 2011 16:00 pm

At: SMC Conference & function Centre, 66 Goulburn St, Sydney

1. Minutes of last AGM - to be taken as read
2. Matters arising from the Minutes 2010
3. Membership Fees proposal to remain the same \$250.

For discussion:

- i) Proposal – to change categories of membership
– to do away with associate membership category
- ii) Proposal – Membership Fees remain the same for 2011
- iii) Current iSNR rules – per calendar year we are paying 18 months in advance to bring in line with billing cycle. Increased rates after AGM.
- iv) BCIAA Accreditation

4. **Tabling of Reports:**
 - i. President
 - ii. Secretary's
 - iii. Treasurer's
 - iv. Steering Committee for Accreditation
 - v. Conference Committee
 - vi. Newsletter Editor

5. **Tabling of Proxy Votes -**

6. **Election of Office Bearers:**

President –
Secretary –
Treasurer –
Public Officer – (must be NSW Resident)
Newsletter Editor-
Members at Large -

Election of Steering Committee – Conference & Workshops 2012
Chair & Secretary

7. **Occupation of the Chair – Welcome New President.**
8. **Nomination of Signatories – committee members**
9. **Statement of Intention to forward Annual Statement to the Department of Fair Trading within one month of the AGM**
10. **Fellowships - Proposals**
11. **Next ANSA Conference: Date and Place – Melbourne**
Call for Papers & Date 2012
Discussion of outsourcing & funding implications

- 12. Professional Exchange Meetings:**
- 13. Website - review task force**
- 14. ANSA Brochure coordinator**
- 15. Propose Science & Research Committee to oversee conference program, website and brochure content, review of ANSA mission statement**
- 16. Budget arrangements for next conference**
- 17. Moderator for My-ANSA**
- 18. Volunteers to support committees**
- 19. Scholarships – Winner Announcement**
- 20. Local Groups – Professional Exchange
e.g. QEEG Club**
- 21. Psych Visual**

ELECTION OF OFFICE-BEARERS 2011

The ANSA Executive office-bearers are elected annually at the AGM for a 1-year period. The exception is the President elect, Sue Ellen Taylor who was elected as ANSA President last year will step- at the end of her first year term due to personal circumstances down but will remain as Past President. The President Elect will step up to President at the AGM in 2011 if unopposed. We have already received nomination to elect Moshe Perl as under the rules of the Dept of Fair Trading NSW the Public Officer must be a resident of NSW.

- Please use a separate page for each nomination.
- The candidate, and two persons nominating must all be financial members: Under the rules of association the nomination must be signed by the nominees and the person accepting the nomination.
- Closing date for receipt of nominations is 08/08/2011.
- Nominations may be posted to ANSA Secretary, P O Box 805 Woy Woy NSW 2256
faxed to 02 4342 2903 or emailed to secretary@appliedneuroscience.org.au

See the nomination form on the next page



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Nomination for the position of:

Name of candidate:

I accept the nomination. Signed:..... Date:.....

Nominated by:

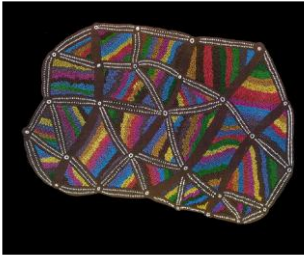
Signed:Date:.....

Seconded by:.....

Signed:..... Date:

Please return by the closing date 8nd August 2011

Post: *P O Box 805 Woy Woy NSW 2256 or FAX: 02 4342 2903 or*
Email: **secretary@appliedneuroscience.org.au**



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Proxy Voting Form

I,
(Full name)

of.....
(address)

being a financial member of:- THE APPLIED NEUROSCIENCE SOCIETY AUSTRALASIA

hereby appoint
(full name of proxy)

being a financial member of that incorporated association as my proxy (under Rule 31(2) to vote on my behalf at the annual general meeting to be held on the 12th day of August 2011 and at any adjournment of that meeting.

My proxy is authorised to vote in the following manner

.....
.....

Unless instructions are given above, the proxy may vote as he/she thinks fit.

Signature of member appointing proxy

Date:

NOTE: A proxy vote:

- (a) may not be given to a person who is not a financial member of the association
- (b) a member is entitled to receive a maximum of 5 proxies (Rule 30 (2)).

**Return to the Secretary Fax: 02 4342 2903 or email
secretary@appliedneuroscience.org.au by 8 pm 08th August 2011**