

## **MID-YEAR REPORT to AANMS Nuclear Medicine Trainee Interest Group (TIG) Committee**

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### **Purpose**

The Australasian Association of Nuclear Medicine Specialists (AANMS) has supported a group of current trainees from both RACP and RANZCR to form an inaugural Trainee Interest Group (TIG) committee, commencing in February 2023. TIG aims to bring together all current Nuclear Medicine Advance Trainees from Australia and Aotearoa New Zealand to foster a collegial approach to training, while also engaging with medical students and pre-vocational doctors to showcase and promote the specialty of Nuclear Medicine to those in earlier stages of the training pipeline.

NMATs often work in small institution-based trainee groups or sometimes in isolation, in contrast to larger specialties with established programs to connect trainees for formal education and social activities. By promoting the free sharing of ideas, information, and resources within our small specialty we aim to enrich the training experience of prospective and all-stage NMATs and in turn, strengthen the specialty as a whole.

### **Recommendation**

That the following update from the AANMS TIG committee is noted.

### **Achievements and successes**

- Appointment of inaugural TIG committee for two-year term commencing February 2023: Dr Kerry Jewell, Chair (RACP trainee), Dr Sophie Thoo, Vice Chair (RANZCR), Dr Jeffrey Chen, Secretary (RANZCR), and Dr Bonnia Liu, Education Officer (RACP).
- First Quarterly Forum held on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March via Zoom with 13 trainees in attendance.
- Trainee Symposium delivered at ANZSNM Annual Scientific Meeting on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May at Adelaide Convention Centre with 20+ delegates in attendance, including consultant panel of speakers featuring Dr Elizabeth Clingan, Dr Paul Beech, and Dr Samuel Wright.
- Overall 5 committee meetings (20<sup>th</sup> Feb, 17<sup>th</sup> Apr, 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 16<sup>th</sup> Jun, and 24<sup>th</sup> Jul) and 2 quarterly forums (20<sup>th</sup> Mar and 28<sup>th</sup> May) successfully held.

### **Issues Noted to RACP Trainees Committee for Trainee Report (Supplied 11<sup>th</sup> July 2023)**

- Nuclear medicine approved as core specialty for Basic Physician Training (BPT) by RACP on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2022. Further work needed to create and promote hospital-based rotation opportunities for interested trainees.
- Revision of Nuclear Medicine content in RACP College Lecture Series.

### **General Committee Priorities**

- Establishment of trainee-led nuclear medicine curriculum matrix to support training goals.
  - Multiple trainee EOIs made to join RACP NM Curriculum Review Group (CRG) to combine efforts.
- Trainee welfare and future planning, including succession planning for TIG.
- Theranostic training.
- ANZSNM ASM 2024: trainee symposium planning, advocacy for tiered conference fees.

### **Important Events and Dates**

- Next TIG committee meeting Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July.
- Next TIG Quarterly Forum due Monday 28<sup>th</sup> August.
- ANZSNM 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting 26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

### **Dr Kerry Jewell**

Chair of Trainee Interest Group (TIG)  
30<sup>th</sup> July 2023

### **Vice Chair Update**

As Vice-Chair of the TIG Committee my focus in the first half of 2023 has been on supporting other committee members and promoting the TIG to nuclear medicine trainees. We hosted an informal social function at the ANZSNM ASM in Adelaide which provided a valuable opportunity for cross-pollination between trainees. Our inaugural TIG education session at the ANZSNM ASM was well attended by trainees and we have received informal positive feedback on the session.

My goals in the second half of this year are to develop a plan for how trainees will nominate and be elected to the TIG committee. I hope to continue to promote educational events to trainees across Australia and support the Education Officer and TIG committee in establishing centralised education sessions for trainees.

### **Dr Sophie Thoo**

Vice Chair of Trainee Interest Group (TIG)  
30<sup>th</sup> July 2023

### **Secretary Update**

In my role as the secretary of the TIG committee my focus in the first half of 2023 has been to facilitate the proceedings and recording of minutes at the TIG committee meetings, trainee forums and the inaugural TIG trainee symposium. Furthermore, we have established points of contact via email and WhatsApp group to facilitate effective communication between the TIG committee and the trainee group.

My goals for the remainder of this year are to continue to maintain an open communication between the committee and the trainees, to facilitate liaison between TIG committee and other interest groups, and to support TIG committee members in establishing further educational opportunities for trainees.

### **Dr Jeffrey Chen**

Vice Chair of Trainee Interest Group (TIG)  
30<sup>th</sup> July 2023

### **Education Officer Update**

In my role as the Education Officer, I have had the privilege of serving as the main point of contact, allowing me to establish effective communication channels with trainees and gain insights into their specific learning needs.

This has enabled me to liaise with both the RACP (Royal Australasian College of Physicians) and AANMS (Australian and New Zealand Society of Nuclear Medicine) to address the trainees' educational requirements and collaborate on refining the Nuclear Medicine curriculum. Additionally, I have actively participated in organising extracurricular educational activities, including the successful inaugural AANMS Trainee session held at

this year's ANZSNM Annual Scientific meeting in Brisbane. Through these efforts, I have contributed to enhancing the educational experience and fostering a dynamic learning environment for trainees.

Moreover, I served as the Nuclear Medicine trainee representative in the planning and coordination of the upcoming AANMS Theranostics Online Course. Through my active participation, I helped organize and facilitate these sessions, ensuring that trainees had access to valuable learning opportunities.

Looking ahead, my goals for the year include establishing regular in-hours consultant-led webinar sessions covering common imaging studies in Nuclear Medicine. Additionally, I aim to collaborate with the AANMS and RACP to establish formal tutorial sessions for trainees nationwide. By pursuing these initiatives, I seek to further enrich the educational experience and provide trainees with valuable resources for their professional development.

**Dr Bonnia Liu**

Education Officer of Trainee Interest Group (TIG)

30<sup>th</sup> July 2023