



## **THE PERINATAL SOCIETY of AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND**

### **Perinatal Mortality Special Interest Group**

#### **Annual Report 2006/2007**

## **1. Membership**

- **The Perinatal Mortality Special Interest Group (PNM-SIG) Steering Committee 2005/2006**

The PNM-SIG Committee members for 2005/2006 were as follows:

James King (Chair) – Obstetrics,  
Annabelle Chan – Other Perinatal,  
Adrian Charles – Other Perinatal,  
Ross Haslam – Neonatology,  
Lesley McCowan – Obstetrics,  
David Tudehope – Neonatology,  
Vicki Flenady (Secretary) – Other Perinatal,  
Heather Jeffery – Neonatology,  
Janet Carey – Neonatology.

- **PNM-SIG Membership 2005/2006**

There are currently 300 members of the PNM SIG with representatives from all States and Territories.

- **PNM-SIG Coordination**

The Centre for Clinical Studies (CCS), Mater Health Services provides coordination for the PNM-SIG activities. The Special Interest Group WebPages on the PSANZ Website have been maintained by the Centre for Clinical Studies. The PNM-SIG has received funding of \$5000 from PSANZ for the PNM-SIG Secretariat.

- **PMG Steering Group – call for nominations**

Nominations are sought for positions of midwifery, neonatal nursing and basic science. Please contact the secretariat with nominations. New steering group members will be announced at the Annual General Meeting to be held during the March 2007 workshop.

## **2. Events in 2006**

- **2006 Meeting in Perth: Stillbirth Still Happening**

Satellite Meeting at PSANZ Congress, Saturday 1st April 2006

Combined meeting of the PSANZ-PMG and SIDS and Kids

This one-day meeting was well attended and attracted media coverage. The program topics included: Psychosocial aspects of bereavement and the health professional role; What “Causes” Stillbirth? ; Current and planned research; Discussion on implementation of the PSANZ guidelines and data collection for stillbirths; Future directions for

collaborative stillbirth research in ANZ. We would like to thank all participants and presenters for making this day such a success. We would particularly like to thank the parents who shared their stories with us.

### 3. Upcoming Meetings

- **March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2007 0830 -1230 pre PSANZ Congress, Melbourne**  
Workshop themes: *Defining research priorities for reducing stillbirth and improve standards in perinatal mortality audit*. Please go to the website for further details and registration forms: [www.psanzpnmsig.org](http://www.psanzpnmsig.org)
- **May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2007**  
**One-day symposium - Stillbirth Prevention: The role of fetal movement monitoring.**  
In collaboration with IMPACT (Interdisciplinary Maternal Perinatal Australasian Clinical Trials Network).  
This one day symposium is will focus on antenatal detection of the fetus and the role of fetal movement monitoring. Dr Frederik Froen MD, PhD, Researcher, Norwegian Institute of Public Health, Oslo, Norway will be the Keynote Speaker. Dr Froen will present recent results from a large population based study in Norway on fetal movements. Discussion on future research models to address research gaps will be presented: RCT or quality assurance models?
- **October 1<sup>st</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup>, 2007**  
The 2007 International Stillbirth Alliance annual conference will be held in London. For further details please visit the Conference website at [www.isa2007.org](http://www.isa2007.org)

### 4. Special Initiatives

- **Australia and New Zealand Stillbirth Alliance (ANZSA)**  
The ANZSA is a new initiative which has grown from the Australian and New Zealand Stillbirth Collaborative Group which began as a special activity of the PSANZ Perinatal Mortality Group in October 2003. The aim of this activity is to minimise duplication of effort and facilitate interaction and the conduct of high quality research and clinical initiatives towards stillbirth prevention. ANZSA undertaking activities in partnership with the Stillbirth Foundation – the first of which is a literature review on stillbirth to identify gaps in practice and research. ANZSA hopes to collaborate closely with SIDS and Kids and SANDS in the future in stillbirth prevention.
- **Implementation of the PSANZ Perinatal Mortality Audit**  
A working group has been established to address the implementation of the guidelines. If you would like to join, please contact Vicki Flenady: [vicki.flenady@mater.org.au](mailto:vicki.flenady@mater.org.au) for further information.