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PRESIDENT'S LOG BOOK

The current CASA Director of Aviation Safety AVM (Ret'd) Mark Skidmore was a keynote speaker at the AMSVIC scientific meeting in February. The DAS agreed to my invitation to meet the ASAM committee during his attendance. The committee thought it important to engage with the DAS, especially as ASAM is the largest aviation medicine special interest group in Australasia (and the 2nd largest in the world after the Aerospace Medicine Association based in the USA). The committee took the opportunity to communicate our aims and activities to the DAS and emphasise that the vast majority of our current membership have CASA designations as DAMEs, DAOs and Cos, and that ASAM can play an integral and productive role in the CASA review of its aviation medicine service, and also as a stakeholder in relevant CASA subcommittees.



One consistent feedback message from delegates at State and National meetings is that CASA Avmed sessions are seen as an integral part of these meetings and their absence inevitably elicits complaints from delegates. It was relayed to the DAS that with current funding apparently focused on supporting the roll-out of MRS2 training that there was concern that the annual and State-based meetings would not be supported in 2015. The committee also highlighted the professional development and educational program which ASAM traditionally provides is endorsed by CASA Avmed as being appropriate for its CPD requirements and that it is of mutual benefit for this program to continue.

My view was the DAS was receptive to our suggestions and appreciated our collaborative and constructive approach to our meeting. A copy of the DAS's address at the AMSVIC meeting can be found at http://www.casa.gov.au/scripts/nc.dll?WCMS:STANDARD::pc=PC_102417

Conferences

2015

For food and wine aficionados, Adelaide will be the place to be from 10 to 13 September. Oh, and there will be an excellent ASAM annual conference at that time as well! I have no doubt that Gordon Cable, as Convenor, will once again put his heart and soul into delivering yet another superb conference. Save the dates now!

2016

The committee has chosen Townsville as the venue for 2016; a choice I whole-heartedly support. One of the lessons I learnt from convening the 2011 conference in Newcastle was that co-locating a conference in a place with a medical school provided a broader opportunity for a range of available speakers; value adding to the diverse range and richness of presentations from within our membership. James Cook University is renowned for its expertise in tropical medicine and travel medicine, and we aim to leverage this valuable resource into a conference theme of aviation and travel medicine.

Just as many delegates were pleasantly surprised to find Newcastle was much more than a place to just drive through on the way to greener pastures, Townsville is an underrated city with a lot to offer, from a pleasant foreshore stroll along The Strand, to the dining delights along Palmer Street and the scenic beauty of nearby Magnetic Island. Townsville's links with aviation are evident as the home to RAAF Base Townsville and the Army's 5th Aviation Regiment.

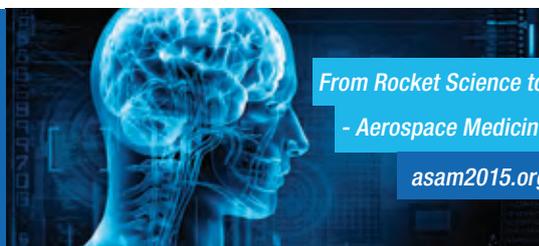
2017

The plan is still to hold a joint meeting with the Aviation Medical Society of New Zealand, somewhere in picturesque New Zealand.

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ASAM 2015 CONFERENCE

10-13 SEPTEMBER 2015 | HILTON ADELAIDE



From Rocket Science to Brain Surgery
- Aerospace Medicine and the Neurosciences

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PRESIDENT'S LOG BOOK (CONTINUED)

Prizes

ASAM has for some time awarded a prize to the dux of the RAAF AVMO course and also for the ACCAM course. The prize for the AVMO course was named the "Merz prize" some years ago. In recognition of the substantial contribution Rod Westerman has made to aviation medicine, the committee had agreed to name the prize awarded to the dux of the ACCAM course as the "Westerman prize". This is also fitting as Rod was the original convener of the ACCAM course. The naming of the Westerman prize was also supported by the AMSVIC committee and graciously agreed to by David Newman who took over as course convener and whose abilities and drive has ensured the continuity of this well-regarded course that many of our members have undertaken.

Congratulations to Dr Serena Keating, the inaugural Westerman prize winner for this year's ACCAM course.

Restructure update

The restructure of ASAM for reasons of governance, efficiency, asset protection and alignment with current legislation continues. A tabulated update is set out below. Importantly, the JLAMT has now achieved both ACNC and ATO recognition.

	ACNC recognition as a charity	ATO recognition as a DGR
ASAM Ltd	Pending	Pending
JLAMT Ltd	Approved	Approved

Abbreviations:

JLAMT: John Lane Aerospace Medicine Trust
ACNC: Australian Charities and Not-For-Profits Commission
ATO: Australian Tax Office
DGR: Deductible Gift Recipient

Mental health

Media supposition and conjecture continues apace as to possible 'medical' explanations for the tragic event involving Germanwings flight 9525. ASAM has been contacted by a number of media organisations for comment. My overall approach has been to try to hose down the speculation and suggest that it would be prudent to wait until all the (medical and non-medical) information has been systematically and objectively analysed. The recent media contact has also provided an opportunity to explain the role of DAMEs and the challenges one faces when a pilot or controller attends a medical with the goal of "passing", as distinct from a patient who attends their General Practitioner with the aim of seeking help and care.

However, it has been prescient of ICAO that, prior to this incident, Dr Tony Evans has recommended for some years that there should be a greater emphasis on preventative health, mental health and wellbeing advice during the medical assessment process. It was notable in the recent CASA MRS2 training sessions that the CASA presenters have recommend that DAMEs discuss mental health and lifestyle issues during the medical.

Dr Ian Cheng

President

HONOURS AND AWARDS

Dr Roy Beran

Member of the Order of Australia (AM)

For significant service to medicine, particularly neurology, as a clinician, author and administrator, and to professional medical legal organisations.

Dr John J Smiles

Member of the Order of Australia (AM)

For significant service to medicine as an ophthalmologist, and to international relations through eye health programs in Samoa.

The late Professor Roderick Alan Westerman

Medal of the Order of Australia in the General Division (OAM)

For service to aerospace medicine.

Specialist in aerospace medicine; Provided clinical support at the highest level to aircrew from 1965.

Driving force behind the establishment of two post graduate courses to train doctors to conduct medical examinations of pilots: the Australian Certificate of Civil Aviation Medicine at Monash University in 1990 and the Post-Graduate Certificate of Aviation Medicine at Edith Cowan University in 1998.

Developed a suite of computerised neuropsychological tests for military pilots which have been adopted by the Royal Australian Air Force and other air forces internationally.

Member, International Academy of Aviation and Space Medicine, Australasian Society of Aerospace Medicine and Aviation Medicine Society of Victoria.

Fellow, Australasian College of Aerospace Medicine. Medical Officer, Citizens Military Force, for 25 years.

The Inaugural Westerman Prize

for Dux of ACCAM Course was awarded to **Dr Serena Keating**.

The Lt. George P. Merz Memorial Prize

for Dux of Course of the Aviation Medical Officer Course conducted at RAAF Institute of Aviation Medicine in February 2015 was awarded to **CAPT(Dr) Yan Yan**.



Tracy Smart presented the Lt. George P. Merz Memorial Prize to CAPT (Dr) Yan Yan



ASAM 2015 CONFERENCE

10-13 SEPTEMBER 2015
HILTON ADELAIDE



INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE



From Rocket Science to Brain Surgery

- Aerospace Medicine and the Neurosciences

PROGRAM OUTLINE

THURSDAY, 10 SEPTEMBER

Registration and Welcome Reception

FRIDAY, 11 SEPTEMBER

Conferencing

SATURDAY, 12 SEPTEMBER

Conferencing and Conference Dinner

SUNDAY, 13 SEPTEMBER

Conferencing and Farewell Lunch

The 2015 ASAM annual conference will be held at the Adelaide Hilton from 10-13 September 2015.

INVITATION TO SUBMIT ABSTRACTS

ASAM invites you to submit abstracts for oral and poster presentations relating to the conference theme *"From Rocket Science to Brain Surgery - Aerospace Medicine and the Neurosciences"*. Papers on other issues in aviation and aerospace medicine will also be welcome. To submit an abstract visit www.asam2015.org.au

INVITATION TO SPONSOR

There are fantastic sponsorship, exhibition and advertising opportunities. For more information on the opportunities visit www.asam2015.org.au

The Conference Organising Committee look forward to welcoming you to Adelaide for what promises to be a professionally rewarding and socially enjoyable Conference!

Dr Gordon Cable

Convenor 2015 ASAM Conference

For more info visit www.asam2015.org.au

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2015 ASAM ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING

Planning for this year's Annual Scientific Meeting is well underway, with a return to a more traditional format for ASAM Meetings.

To be held from 10-13 September 2015 at the Adelaide Hilton Hotel, the theme for the meeting is *"From Rocket Science to Brain Surgery - Aerospace Medicine and the Neurosciences"*. Neuroscience covers a broad range of clinical areas from diseases of the central and peripheral nervous systems, to mental health, and to disorders of the special senses and perception. This should make for a fascinating conference catering to a diverse range of interests. With the recent review of CASA's protocol for dealing with stroke and TIA, and the ongoing controversies surrounding colour vision in aviation, the theme-related topics are most timely and very relevant to CASA Designated Aviation Medical Examiners (DAMEs) and Designated Aviation Ophthalmologists (DAOs).

There will, of course, be a range of papers discussing other areas of aerospace medicine as well. Please consider submitting an abstract at www.asam2015.org.au

For our keynote presentations, I am pleased to announce that the John Lane Oration this year will be given by Professor Gilles Clément, eminent space neuroscientist and prolific researcher, from the International Space University, Strasbourg France. The Patterson Trust Speaker is Dr John Roberts, from National Air Traffic Services (NATS), United Kingdom.

An application will be lodged with the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners to have the meeting accredited as an active learning module eligible for 40 Category 1 points.

Please put the dates in your diary and plan to register early. I look forward to seeing you all in Adelaide.

Gordon Cable
Convenor

AEROSPACE MEDICINE FOR MEDICAL STUDENTS IN YOUR PRACTICE

In February this year I was very pleased to be able to host a final-year medical student from University of Sydney in my practice. He had approached our President while having his aircrew medical (the student is also a pilot), and through various connections he ended up with me.

It turned out to be a very useful placement for both of us. Jeremy was able to observe the completion of aircrew medicals, consider the aeromedical implications of some of our very complex GP and Nursing Home patients, and also attend some sessions in aerospace medicine teaching with RAAF.

It reminded me of how our knowledge in this field remains fascinating with our colleagues and trainees who don't do much in this area, and also how our knowledge is increasingly being applied in care of our patients outside our traditional areas of Class 1, 2 and 3 medicals.

If you'd like to talk about how I approach aerospace medicine teaching for medical students and GP registrars, perhaps with a view to doing this yourself, feel free to email me or give me a call.

Kate Manderson

CASA UPDATE: NEW ONLINE AVMED MEDICAL RECORDS SYSTEM IS COMING

For those DAME's who have not been able to attend the training sessions, here is an update. Following extensive consultation with DAME's and pilots, MRS2 for all pilots and air traffic controllers is going live mid-2015. It will streamline the medical certification and reduce processing times. Applicants will be able to enter and maintain their medical histories in a secure online environment and will automatically get an email reminder 90 days before their next medical is due. The new system will allow medical tests to be arranged before the medical examination takes place. Tests of the online application process by untrained users have found a relatively simple application takes 10 – 12 minutes to complete. Online payment also speeds the process.

In contrast to previous questionnaires, the same information will not need to be re-entered in subsequent applications. The DAME can then review the information with the applicant and comment or correct as needed. Minor conditions of no safety-relevance can be identified enabling the production of a Medical Certificate at the time. As currently, safety-relevant conditions are assessed by CASA, and the Medical Certificate emailed to the applicant.

Concurrent with this, the DAME 2 assessment of Class 2 applications will continue and will be enabled in the new system. Webinars will be available for online assistance and training. Please advise DAME liaison if you are interested: dame.liaison@casa.gov.au.

Key to success is good preparation:

- Handling of applicant requests for medicals: ARN / blood tests / specialist reports
- Training and access for reception and nursing staff. All need an ARN
- Assisting pilots new to the process

To find out more about the new online AvMed system visit http://www.casa.gov.au/scripts/nc.dll?WCMS:STANDARD::pc=PC_102428

THE JOURNAL

Dr Adrian Smith is currently seeking manuscripts for publication in the next issue of the Journal of the Australasian Society of Aerospace Medicine.

The Australasian Society of Aerospace Medicine has more than 800 members, and within this population exists an exciting mixture of aeromedical practitioners. Some are researchers, some are clinicians; some are DAMEs, some are ADF AVMOs; some practice full-time, some see only the occasional pilot; some are general practitioners, some hold other Fellowships. Regardless of our backgrounds, we all see interesting aeromedical cases from time to time – the sort of case that is worth talking through with a colleague; the sort of case that prompts us to call CASA or AVMED for advice; the sort of case that teaches us something and makes us better aeromedical examiners; the sort of case that deepens our knowledge of an aspect of aerospace medicine. These are the sorts of cases that should be written up and published for the benefit of colleagues. A case that was interesting for you might be just as interesting to readers of the Journal. Writing up a case study and submitting it for publication is the way you can share your experience with other ASAM members.

JASAM provides an excellent opportunity to submit a manuscript to a peer-review process, but in a benign and non-threatening environment. Not only do you get a publication against your name, but you also can contribute to the quality of the Journal and the scientific tone of the Society. Junior doctors could hone their academic writing skills ... and be in the running for the John Lane Prize at the same time!

The Editor can award the \$2000 John Lane Prize for the best original paper published in the Journal. It is hoped that this incentive will encourage ASAM members to consider writing papers for publication, and encourage them to submit their manuscripts to JASAM in preference to other Journals.

The Journal is only as good as the manuscripts that are submitted for publication. Please consider submitting articles to be published in your Journal.

Submissions required no later than 30 May 2015.

For more information, or for assistance getting started, please contact editor@asam.org.au.

ASAM SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

Adrian Smith is looking for ASAM members willing to form a Scientific Committee to oversee the academic content of ASAM activities. In particular, the Scientific Committee will be responsible for reviewing abstracts for the annual scientific meeting, as well as reviewing manuscripts submitted for publication in the Journal. If you are interested, please contact Adrian Smith at editor@asam.org.au.

ACAsM UPDATE

Training

The Australasian College of Aerospace Medicine is accepting applications from prospective trainees to enter its training programme. Training opportunities will be limited, and special consideration will be given to prospective trainees who have already completed post-graduate training in aerospace medicine at the level of Diploma or Master's Degree. To register your interest in entering the training programme, please email teaching@aerospacemedicine.org.au.

Fellowship

ASAM members who feel they meet the criteria for Fellowship or Associate Fellowship are invited to contact fellowship@aerospacemedicine.org.au to discuss their eligibility and the application process. Prospective applicants should refer to the College website for full details of the criteria for Fellowship.

College Dinner

The Australasian College of Aerospace Medicine will be holding its annual dinner on 11 September 2015, and will form part of the social program of the ASAM conference in Adelaide. All members of the aeromedical community are welcome to attend.

www.aerospacemedicine.org.au

CASA CLINICAL PRACTICE GUIDELINES AND PILOT INFORMATION BROCHURES

At the recent AMSVIC Scientific Meeting, CASA Acting PMO Dr Michael Drane extended an invitation to any ASAM member who wanted to contribute to the development of Clinical Practice Guidelines. Clinical Practice Guidelines outline the important aeromedically-significant considerations for a range of common clinical conditions. Clinical Practice Guidelines should convey simple, practical advice based on sound medical evidence and best clinical practice. If you would like to help CASA develop a Clinical Practice Guideline, please contact Dr Adrian Smith for advice.

CASA is also interested in developing a range of Pilot Information Brochures, to convey general advice to pilots about common medical issues. These might include general advice about self-medication and the use of over-the-counter medications, aviation medicine considerations related to URTIs or hay fever or gastroenteritis, considerations related to alcohol in the aviation setting and advice about safe drinking practices. Please contact Adrian Smith for advice if you would like to help develop a Pilot Information Brochure that can be distributed through CASA for the education of all pilots.

MEMBER PROFILE

Dr Geoff Thompson

Dr Geoff Thompson was born in country South Australia and graduated from Adelaide University Medical School in 1969, then working out of the Royal Adelaide Hospital. His first medical appointment following graduation from the flight surgeon's course at RAAF Point Cook, was as SMO RAAF Base East in Sale, Victoria. His next posting was as SMO RAAF Darwin, and in this role, he "inherited" a baptism of fire in the supervision of mass casualty cases, many stretcher borne in the medical evacuation of Darwin following Cyclone Tracey at Christmas 1974. This was a major role for the RAAF in the aftermath of the Cyclone.

He undertook paediatric study subsequently at Great Ormond Street Hospital in London and worked in Sport and Exercise Medicine with Dr Ken Cooper, in Dallas, Texas. He practised in family General Practice for the next 15 years. During this period, he spent some time as the Medical Director of the RFDS in WA also performed regular clinics in remote Arnhem Land communities, using his own IFR equipped Piper Lance aircraft. With the formation of the Australasian College of Sport and Exercise Medicine, he returned to study, and become one of the founding Fellows of that Specialist College.

Since 1990, Geoff has managed his Sport and Exercise Medicine Specialist practice, both in Darwin and Alice Springs. This has led to roles in the Sydney Olympic Sports Medicine Team, SMO to the Australian Mens' Hockey Team, and Medical Director to the Central Australian Masters Games and Arafura Games over the last 25 years. Since 2008, Geoff has been the CMO to the Australian Paralympic Committee for both the summer and winter games.

He presented a detailed paper at the Hong Kong ASAM Conference in 2013, covering his experience as the CMO for the disabled athletes and helping with the not inconsiderable challenges of getting these athletes on and off the aircraft, liaising with the airline staff, and helping manage these patients on the long haul flights. He assisted in the management of paraplegic and quadriplegic athletes as well as general wheelchair bound athletes. In his paper, he explained the difficulties of persuading the airlines that these individuals had myriad special needs, bulky extra equipment, various styles of wheel chair etc for each individual athlete but they were all manageable with care and forethought. He was able to predict and manage potential medical consequences of prolonged lower body inactivity in athletes with spinal cord issues and is now a "go to doctor", for assistance and advice in the airline medical management of significantly disabled individuals, planning long haul flights. Major athletic events may involve upwards of 60 wheelchair bound individual athletes being managed on and off the a single flight, let alone managing the rigours of the in between long journey. He has developed screening and preventative tools for assisting in the liaison with the airline staff to minimise inconvenience and difficulties for all concerned.

Geoff hopes that as time goes on, more and more Airlines will learn that they can manage significantly disabled individuals, with appropriate care, planning and liaison, but it has also been a long haul! Geoff has been a DAME since 1971 in continuation, and has been a Chief Pilot for an Air Charter Company, for whom he flew professionally over the years.

By Andrew Marsden



Dr Geoff Thompson

**Group Captain (Ret'd)
James McLean Morrison MBBS DTM&H
DipOccHlth FAFOM**

(Universally known as 'Big Jim')

Honours and Awards: Australian Active Service Medal 1945-75 with clasp 'KOREA'; Korea Medal; UN Service Medal (Korea); Australian Defence Medal; Pingat Jasa Malaysia; Mention in Dispatches.

2 February 1925 - 12 January 2015

Like most of my contemporary and near-contemporary RAAF medical officers, I knew Big Jim only in the closing days of his uniformed service and thereafter as a Reservist, performing part-time work in Air Force Office, until he took up his final work role with the then-Civil Aviation Authority. Sadly, there is no one left to tell more of his history, deeds and foibles. This account is based on a fragmentary version of his Service history and on the recollections of several of Jim's colleagues.

Jim enlisted in the RAAF in March 1943 and trained as a sergeant pilot. WW II was winding down by the time he obtained his pilot's brevet and was operationally qualified, so he did not serve overseas as aircrew. Instead he was discharged in March 1945 and undertook medical training at the University of Melbourne. He re-enlisted in the RAAF as a medical officer in Melbourne in January 1952 and served until February 1975, continuing part-time Reservist work in Canberra for some years thereafter.

During his service he had postings to 6 RAAF Hospital Laverton, 3 RAAF Hospital Richmond, 4 RAAF Hospital Butterworth, as well as to Base jobs at Point Cook, Amberley, Edinburgh, Wagga Wagga, Williamtown, Headquarters Support Command in Melbourne and Headquarters Operational Command at Glenbrook, also to the DGAFHS office in both Melbourne and Canberra. He also served as 77 Squadron MO at Iwakini in South Korea for nine months in 1952 and was the Commanding Officer of RAAF Institute of Aviation Medicine at Point Cook from April 1958 to October 1959. He had numerous other short-term attachments, including Singapore and Washington DC, and completed a two year exchange posting with the RAF in England.

In his early years as an RAAF medical officer, Big Jim continued flying when possible and completed training at Williamtown's 2 Operational Conversion Unit in 1955. Somewhat later, when flying with an instructor in a Mk 35 twin seat Vampire, he made a wheels up landing in a Queensland swamp. The aircraft was recovered with difficulty, but he told a colleague 'I was out of that thing like a rocket'.

GPCAPT Morrison was a large man physically, mentally, spiritually and emotionally. Another RAAF colleague remarked of him:

"He was one of nature's true gentlemen, always supportive of the MOs and the Medical Branch. His background as a pilot stood us all well with the rest of the leaders of the RAAF - they all listened to him. He was a most generous man. I never heard him say a bad word about another person."

Jim succeeded Dr John Lane (of ASAM Oration fame) as Director of Aviation Medicine when the Civil Aviation Authority (now CASA) moved from Melbourne to Canberra in the early 1980s. He retired finally in November 1988. A colleague who worked with Jim at CAA recalled



James McLean Morrison

"Jim took me to lunch at the Canberra Club – we met up with his mates and after a few glasses of red I was history. It transpired that Jim did this most days and he and his mates rarely went back to work afterwards."

Indeed, Big Jim had a legendary thirst and capacity. That is to say he liked a cold beer on a hot day (or even on a cold day). During his staff visits to RAAF Bases when he was PMO at HQOC, each evening junior medical staff drank with him in shifts rather than as a group in order to maintain the pace. He regarded a half Scotch as "a dirty glass" and astonished a Medical Assistant detailed to accompany him on a fishing expedition in a Townsville crash boat when he cracked his first can of the day as soon as the vessel left the dock, about 0530!

Jim was seldom the worse for wear due to alcohol, he always appeared dignified and coherent no matter how much he consumed. Some readers may recall a typical event following an AMSANZ conference dinner in Melbourne about 1987.

"Jim's wife had put him on a restricted alcohol intake. She went to powder her nose and, in her absence, Jim filled a wine glass with port and hid it behind a menu. When Beryl returned, Jim took a sip from his cache and she noticed this large glass of port and enquired where he got it. He firmly announced, 'I found it!'"

At a farewell party for a retiring Director of Air Force Medicine, Jim was perhaps a little unsteady when it was time to leave. He and a workmate had between them demolished rather more than two bottles of whisky, plus of course some wines and beers. Beryl remarked at the time, observing Jim's gait, 'I think he's coming down with a virus'.

After his retirement from CAA, Jim moved to Bribie Island in Queensland where he passed the rest of his life. He joined AMSANZ (now ASAM) in 1976, and was a regular attendee at its annual meetings until early in this century. He is survived by his wife Beryl; daughters Penny, Janette, Helen and Jillian; and by grandchildren and great grandchildren.

I look forward to meeting this good man again in the hereafter, when I am confident I will hear again his characteristic greeting 'Ah! Peter! Just in the nick of time - it's your shout'.

By Peter S. Wilkins

ACCAM COURSE

The Aviation Medicine Unit at Monash University recently conducted another successful Australian Certificate of Civil Aviation Medicine (ACCAM) course in Melbourne from 9-20 February 2015.

Students visited the Ansett Aviation Training facility in Tullamarine as a part of the two week training course and got to experience the 737 flight simulator.

A final exam produced an excellent overall score for the group with **Dr Serena Keating** achieving the highest score to take out the Westerman Award for Dux of Course.

Two new courses in Aviation Medicine have been introduced in 2015. The Advanced Practical Aviation medicine course, which ran for the first time in February this year at the Singapore Aeromedical Centre. This exciting course gives students the rare opportunity to fly a dedicated spatial disorientation simulator, view high G training in a centrifuge (with the option to experience it), undergo night vision training and ride an ejection seat trainer. Further information regarding this course can be viewed here: <http://www.med.monash.edu.au/sphpm/shortcourses/adv-av-med.html>

After over 20 years of running the ACCAM Monash University now offers ACCAM alumni the opportunity to refresh their knowledge of Aviation Medicine as well as receive an update on the latest developments and research in aviation physiology, clinical aviation medicine, flight safety and human factors from around the world. Students also get the opportunity to experience the 737 flight simulator. Further information regarding this course can be found here: <http://www.med.monash.edu.au/sphpm/shortcourses/avmed-refresher.html>



Dr Serena Keating accepting the Westerman Award from course convenor Dr David Newman

ANZSOM SCIENTIFIC MEETING

Join us at the Sofitel Hotel in Brisbane CBD for one of Australasia's largest and most important occupational medicine conferences from Sunday 23rd to Wednesday 26th August.

The Australian and New Zealand Society of Occupational Medicine (ANZSOM) is at the forefront of professional development in this important field and the Queensland Branch is proud to be hosting the 2015 Annual Scientific Meeting of the Society in August 2015. The 2015 conference highlights the central role played by occupational medical practitioners and occupational nurses in addressing the challenges and responsibilities in ensuring the current and future health and wellbeing of the workforce. Expert speakers will attract participants from interstate and overseas, presenting a unique opportunity to engage with a variety of health professionals representing national and regional enterprises, including government and industry organisations and small and large business. As planning for the ANZSOM 2015 Annual Scientific Meeting gets underway, the Organising Committee is calling for papers that may be of interest and relevance to our audience, including specialist occupational physicians, general practitioners, occupational health nurses and other professionals working in this field.

Run over three days from Monday 24th to Wednesday 26th August, the technical program aims to deliver a diverse and high quality educational experience for participants. The broad based theme provides an opportunity for members and others to share their work and insights across clinical and professional practice areas, as well as in research and education. All relevant papers will be considered.

For more information see the ANZSOM website: www.anssom.org.au

HERE & NOW

Contemporary issues in occupational medicine and workplace health

ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING 2015
Sofitel Brisbane Sunday 23rd August to Wednesday 26th August 2015

The Australian and New Zealand Society of Occupational Medicine Inc. (ANZSOM)

The banner features a dark blue background with a pattern of light blue speech bubbles. On the left, a yellow speech bubble contains the text 'HERE & NOW'. To its right, the main title 'Contemporary issues in occupational medicine and workplace health' is written in white. Below this, a yellow bar contains the event details: 'ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING 2015' and 'Sofitel Brisbane Sunday 23rd August to Wednesday 26th August 2015'. On the far right, the ANZSOM logo (a gear with a hand) and the full name of the society are displayed.

NEW ASAM MEMBERS

ASAM welcomes new members:

Prasad Abeydeera, Redfern NSW
Ben Addison, Carramar WA
Richard Beatty, Cleveland Qld
Heather Briggs, Broome WA
Lisa Brown, Oxford United Kingdom
Amir Faham, Hoppers Crossing Vic
Elizabeth Farrell, Redfern NSW
Katrina Franke, Carina Qld
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Pooshan Navathe, Maitland NSW
Kenny Ng, Southbank Vic
Nathan Pastor, Caulfield North Vic
Peter Royle, Kellyville NSW
Saufihazali Sholihotdin, Malaysia
Rohan Weerasinghe, Oakleigh Vic
Alison Williams, Forcett Tas

AMSVIC UPDATE

AMSVIC held its biennial Airshow Scientific Meeting in February, with the theme of the meeting "The Regulatory Process - Can we do better?" More than 100 doctors from around Australia attended, with many arriving a day early to attend the Airshow at Avalon prior to the scientific meeting on Saturday.

The AMSVIC committee is giving consideration to holding a scientific meeting in conjunction with Oshkosh from 25-31 July 2016. More information will be available during the coming months.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 2015	ASAM WA Regional Meeting
July 2015	AMSVIC AGM & Dinner - Melbourne
5 & 6 September 2015	AMS NZ Annual Conference - New Zealand
10 - 13 September 2015	ASAM Annual Conference - Adelaide
11 September 2015	ACAsM Annual Fellows Dinner & AGM - Adelaide
September 2016	ASAM Annual Conference - Townsville
September 2017	ASAM and AMS NZ Combined Annual Conference - New Zealand