ANZPINC 2012 – Royal Children’s Hospital

Australia & New Zealand Paediatric Imaging Conference (ANZPIC) 2012 convening committee would like to invite you to ANZPIC 2012, to be held in Melbourne from October 13th–14th.

Paediatric imaging provides many challenges and continues to be an area of major discussion amongst medical imaging technologists. The aim of ANZPIC 2012 is to bring together dedicated paediatric imaging professionals, as well as other imaging professionals who have an interest in paediatric imaging. Here we will attempt to showcase the research into paediatric imaging across Australia and New Zealand and share ideas on best practice for imaging paediatric patients.

The conference will begin on the evening of Friday October 12th with welcome drinks and registration at the hospital and tours conducted of the brand new facility. Academic sessions will run on Saturday and Sunday, with presentations from medical imaging, radiation therapy and nuclear medicine professionals.

The conference will also feature specialist guest speakers, who will provide insight into their own experiences of paediatric medicine.

Judie McGough
Senior Educational Play Therapist, Medical Imaging Department, Royal Children’s Hospital, Melbourne

Judie McGough has been involved in the education and care of children for over 30 years.

Starting her career as a primary School teacher in 1979, her concern for children with learning difficulties soon became a passion. She studied and researched strategies to assist children with special needs to meet their full potential and completed a Post-Graduate Diploma in Educational Studies (Learning Disabilities). During this period, Judie also consulted to teachers in the Macedon Ranges region helping them develop programmes to promote successful learning outcomes for children with specific learning difficulties. She started her own tutoring business and facilitated parent information and support sessions in the local community.

Judie has always advocated the crucial inter-

relationship between a child’s ability to learn and their physical and emotional health. To gain her healthcare credentials, she completed a Bachelor of Nursing Science at the University of Melbourne. While nursing at the Royal Children’s Hospital, she came to appreciate the effectiveness of educational play therapy (EPT) techniques in helping to provide positive healthcare experiences for children. Seeing EPT as a perfect opportunity to combine her skills and knowledge, Judie applied to join the educational play therapy team in 2009. She currently works with children and families attending the Medical Imaging and Pathology Collection departments at the RCH.

Karen Wall, Chaplain
Royal Children’s Hospital, Melbourne

Karen registered as a pharmacist in 1985 and worked in community pharmacy in rural and metropolitan settings over 22 years. She studied theology part-time 2001–2010 at Melbourne College of Divinity.

She worked and undertook Clinical Pastoral Education at Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre 2008 and 2010. She is currently the Uniting Church Chaplain at RCH full time and has worked there almost two years.

In 2011, she published How Does Visual Art Contribute to the Healing Environment of Hospitals? through the Uniting Church’s Centre for Theology and Ministry e-Journal, Conversations.

She is a mother of two young adults, 19 and 17 and enjoys reading, writing, painting and gardening and plays hockey and tennis.

Felicity McMahon
Head of Programs, Starlight Children’s Foundation

Felicity McMahon has been in her current role for five years. In this role she manages all of Starlight’s nine programmes, with a team of 106 staff. The programmes include the Captain Starlight programme, Starlight Express Rooms, Starlight Express Vans, Wishgranting, Livewire in Hospitals, livewire.org.au, Starlight TV, Research & Evaluation and Trusts & Foundations.

Prior to working at Starlight, she was a consultant specialist in strategic and service planning undertaking major projects with the state and local governments, not for profit organisations and hospitals.

Dr Zoe Brady
Health Radiation Officer / Medical Physicist
The Alfred Hospital, Melbourne

Zoe Brady is a diagnostic imaging medical physicist and radiation safety officer at the Alfred Hospital in Melbourne. She recently completed her PhD, investigating the medical radiation exposure of children in Australia from computed tomography (CT) examinations. Dr Brady is undertaking further research on an Australian epidemiological study examining whether ionising radiation from CT scans in childhood increases the subsequent risk of cancer. Retrospective dosimetry for almost one million paediatric CT scans will be undertaken. She lectures regularly on medical physics and radiation protection in the health sector.

Dr Alison Wray
Paediatric Neurosurgeon, Royal Children’s Hospital, Melbourne

Born in Hamilton, New Zealand, Alison Wray attended school in Hamilton and graduated Dux of Hillcrest High School in 1986. She attended Medical School at the University of Auckland graduating with MBChB in 1992. Alison was the recipient of the Child Health Research Foundation Scholarship, 1990; TR Plunkett Memorial Prize – Obstetrics and Gynaecology, 1992 and the Butland Prize – Most Clinical Ability in the TI Year, 1992. Postgraduate clinical training and research was undertaken at Auckland City Hospital and the University of Auckland with neurosurgical training completed at the Royal Melbourne and Royal Children’s Hospitals in Melbourne.

In 2005 she was awarded the Stuart Morson Scholarship and became an Uncle Bobs Traveling Scholar undertaking fellowship training in paediatric neurosurgery at Necker – Enfants Malades in Paris. She currently works at the Royal Children’s Hospital in Melbourne and the Royal Melbourne Hospital. She was part of the team that successfully separated craniopagus twins Trishna and Krishna in November 2009.