

ASP2012 Annual General Meeting

President's report

This year has marked a rejuvenation of the Australasian Society for Psychophysiology, with a return to its focus on psychophysiology: i.e., the use of physiological measures to aid understanding of psychological processes. Our public face has been the ASP website, and this has been expanded and improved by Stuart Johnstone, our webmaster. ASP now fully owns and controls the domain name. Interestingly, if you Google "Psychophysiology", our society comes up second, following only a Wikipedia entry.

This meeting, the 22nd Australasian Psychophysiology Conference, also marks a return to our grass roots by clearly recognising the Society's *raison d'être*: support and development of our student members, and providing a congenial get-together for the psychophysiologicalists in the region. The single-track format, acceptance of requests for oral presentations from students, the special Student Social on Wednesday evening, and the provision of introductory workshops on Saturday, all mark the student-focus of this meeting. I thank the Organisers (Rushby, Smith, Bruggeman) for their hard work in bringing this excellent Conference to fruition at UNSW. I also thank the Sponsors they obtained (see website) for their kind contributions, which reduced the Registration costs for the meeting.

Moving the Society forward over the year reflects the collegial activity of the Society Officers and Committee. Over the year there were eight structured Committee meetings held via SKYPE, and most of these had all members present, reflecting great commitment. All were renominated for the coming year, and I look forward to continuing to work with them. We had organised and advertised the Society's first-ever electronic election, but the absence of new nominations meant that it was not required. I hope that all members consider nominating next year, as new input is always beneficial for any Society.

Our 2013 Special Issue of the International Journal of Psychophysiology, devoted to the outstanding papers of this Conference, will help enhance our standing in the world-wide Psychophysiology community. This also provides an opportunity for ASP members to develop their publication list in a supportive context. We have set up a special ASP Editorial Committee for this purpose (Barry, Broyd, Bruggeman, Budd, Johnstone, Rushby, and Smith), and the Society is fortunate to have such an editorial team prepared to work together to help our members in this regard. To achieve the tight timelines involved in this Special Issue, all contributors will need to work hard to meet the deadlines imposed at each stage of the processing of their MSs. The Committee hopes that such ASP Special Issues of IJP can become a regular part of our Annual Conference outputs, helping to publicise our research on the world stage.

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