

**REGIONAL TECHNICIANS SEMINAR**  
**Held in WELLINGTON 9<sup>TH</sup> MAY**  
**ABEL TASMAN HOTEL**

Thanks once again to Intermed for sponsorship of the meeting, in particular David Leesburg and Robert Press who both attended.

NZATS Exec. Report was presented by Karen Bennett

Registration examinations :- Overall feedback was positive despite failure rate. Executive will continue to work through issues raised. Application form is to be revamped.

Reminder for entries to Basil Hutchinson/Covidien Award.

NZATS Conference 2008 – Wellington 10-13<sup>th</sup> October. All information is on website under conferences

2009 Conference – Rotorua 2010 Conference Nov in CHCH

Other conferences which hold interest for anaesthetic technicians include

Paediatric Conf 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> May (inaugural conference)

IV Conf. October in Akld

Life membership presented to Patricia O'Brien at the Upper Nth Island Meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> April

Registration – HPCA Review underway. No further progress with registration until the review is complete

Discussion re call for consultant anaesthetists as registration examiners.

NZATS Newsletter – only as good as what the membership provides. Enquiries to Tania Kennedy, Dunedin Hospital. Second issue for 2008 out soon.

AUT Statement re qualified techs(Cert. Level) seeking papers for Diploma qualification. Those interested need to be in a training hospital or access to one for assessments.

Membership processing delayed, apologies for delay. Registrar Mathew Blythe, working through applications. Website names added by end of May

AUT Anaesthesia papers – worksheets now count as part of result. Errors I Tech manual – trainees to be notified.

National Assessors appointed for 2 year term and will be allocated trainees they are responsible for.

3 features for Machine Checks for National Assessment and Registration changes on website. These include not removing vaporisers for back bar check, retaining nitrous cylinders on machine and removing gas sampling line for breathing circuit checks.

MECA PSA negotiations underway. Awaiting response from union to DHB's reply then possibility ratification from members.

Professional development – Template will be published after Charge Tech feedback.

All charge techs will be contacted to ascertain what development packages are already in place.

Regional Rep Vacancy – one nomination received and accepted. Congratulations to Mike Nash, Charge Tech, Aorangi Private Hospital, Palmerston North.

Query as to Merit Progression in PSA/DHB contract. If local PSA organiser not providing information, Carol Piper who is the PSA organiser/Technical should be contacted. Criteria for Merit progression will hopefully become clearer when contract settled.

Locum Consultant Anaesthetist, Dr Savage from Wellington provided an entertaining presentation about the relationship between anaesthetists and technicians and the evolution of techs.

He also discussed extending the role for anaesthetic technicians including research and product evaluation. This developed into a lively discussion with the audience.

Karen Bennett