



## **Professional Development** **Report 2010**

2010 has been a quieter year for Professional development, with the progression of the registration process this year has been one of learning and planning.

The "Extending Scope of Practice for Anaesthetic Technicians" survey was sent out for consultation to the membership.

The results were mixed with a low participation rate.

Regardless, NZATS has pushed on to form a working party to discuss the best way to develop our role whilst considering the feedback received from the survey.

The committee consists of Anaesthetic Technicians, ODP's and Nurses. The mixture of roles represented ensures a variety of ideas and experiences are brought forward for discussion and consideration.

The "Return to practice document" has been updated making it more robust, adding competencies surrounding paediatrics, regional and airway management. The theoretical component has also been bolstered with blood administration, consent and fluid balance being added.

The new document ensures Technicians returning to work following an 18 month break or more are re orientated back to practice safely and confidently.

The new document will be available on the website at the beginning of the year.

The future of our profession is an exciting one. We have come a long way with the development of our continuing education with many challenges ahead

Next year will be a busy one, but I am sure we will rise to the occasion.