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WORDS FROM YOUR PRESIDENT



Welcome to September, so called because it was the 7th (septum) month of the 10-month Roman calendar that then became the 9th month of the 12-month Julian

calendar when Julius Caesar added 2 more months, Jan and Feb, in 45BC. Why you ask, is Jacinta waffling on about calendars and months in the ASSBI newsletter? Well I don't know about you but from my perspective, time now flies by so quickly that I reckon it's about time we added another 2 months to the end of the calendar!! We could call them farbehindber and caughtupber! By the way, I think that Margaret, our CEO extraordinaire, already has 2 months hidden away somewhere because she ensures ASSBI has so much to offer our membership in any given year.

Back in July, the real 7th month of the year, ASSBI members were out en masse showcasing ground-breaking research at the Neuropsychological Rehabilitation Special Interest Group (NR-SIG) meeting of the World Federation of Neurorehabilitation (WFNR) and the International Neuropsychological Society (INS) meeting in Prague. It never ceases to amaze me how impressively our doctoral candidates, and early, mid and established career researchers perform on the world stage – congratulations to all those who yet again demonstrated excellence in their fields.

At the same time in Prague, ASSBI took the opportunity of entering into a formal agreement with INS by signing a

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the two organisations. During the closing ceremony of the Prague meeting, myself as president of ASSBI and Keith Yeates as president of INS signed an MOU reflecting our societies' mutual commitment to working together on matters of common concern and in the public interest. Indeed, the Constitution of ASSBI and the Bylaws of INS share mutual objectives which include both organizations' emphasis on multidisciplinary membership and the importance of their scientific, clinical, and educational missions and the MOU provides us with a framework to support ongoing cooperation.



Thinking about our organisational partnerships, brings me to an important reminder: our 2019, 42nd Annual Brain Impairment conference will be held in Wellington in collaboration with the New Zealand Rehabilitation Association (NZRA) Biannual conference as the inaugural ASSBI NZRA Trans Tasman Conference AND the call for abstracts is now open. Our theme is *A Call for Action*, so take action now and [submit your abstract](#)

While we don't have those extra 2 months I fantasised about at the beginning of my September President's words, we do have plenty of upcoming activities and opportunities to keep members super active including 4 upcoming workshops on the NDIS (Brisbane, Melbourne, Perth and Sydney), the 2nd (Sept) 2018 issue of *Brain Impairment*, resources to download or purchase and abstracts to submit.

Best wishes to you all,
Jacinta Douglas, President

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If you have anything interesting you would like tweeted or mentioned on

facebook, contact Lizzie via admin@assbi.com.au.

WEBSITE

Signing in whether you are a member or not will give you the opportunity to update your own information **including your email address**. If you want to change your email address login with your old email address or email Margaret to change it prior to you logging in. <https://www.assbi.com.au>

We would like to collect stats such as your discipline and where you come from to get a better idea of our community.

When your membership is due you will receive a couple of reminder emails and you can renew and pay online by Visa, MasterCard and PayPal if you have an account. You can also transfer your fees via the bank or send a cheque.

If you have anything you wish to go on or have any feedback please email me at admin@assbi.com.au.

Margaret Eagers, Webmaster!

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT



NDIS Workshops presented by ASSBI and Shine Lawyers are almost organised. Dates, venues and speakers will be announced shortly.

Elkhonon Goldberg will be presenting another webinar this year at an Australia friendly time, I'll email you!
Cheers, Margaret Eagers, CEO

NEWS

CORPORATE PARTNERS

An update from our Corporate Partners, Shine Lawyers

If you are looking to become an approved NDIS provider, you are encouraged to attend a workshop in October or November this year delivered by ASSBI and Shine Lawyers. Attendees will be given guidance on planning their NDIS supports and the written agreements required for

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delivery. Our experienced speakers will look at participants' rights and the interaction with NDIS.

The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is a new system of disability support rolled out across Australia in July 2016. As with any significant change or introduction of a new scheme, there are more questions than answers at this early stage prompting the need for this workshop. Key learnings will be passed on to ultimately help people with disabilities, their families and carers.

NDIS is joint funded and governed by Australia and participating States and Territory Governments. If implemented well the scheme will substantially improve the wellbeing of people with disability by encouraging and assisting them to maximise their independence and to have a voice. Everyone has a fundamental right to have their needs fairly assessed and reviewed when applying for support from NDIS. October's information session will discuss eligibility criteria, talk through an individual's rights of review and explore when a decision becomes reviewable both internally and through a tribunal. Attendees will also be given guidance and tips for working with the NDIS.

The workshop is designed to provide invaluable advice on what steps are required and what assistance may be available at key stages of a participant's NDIS journey – ensuring all avenues are taken full advantage of when seeking financial assistance and support. We hope to see you there!

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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

If you would like to see someone give a workshop in your State or know of anyone coming to Australia either this year or in 2019 who would like to give a workshop or webinar for ASSBI members, please email Margaret and we will endeavour to organise a full/half day workshop or a one-hour webinar.

2018 Webinars - #assbiwebinars

The second event with the Luria Neuroscience Institute in the USA is coming soon. Elkhonon Goldberg, PhD, a clinical neuropsychologist and cognitive



neuroscientist will present a second webinar for the year.

2018 Workshops available for download as video files

#assbiworkshops

Jessica Trevena-Peters, Jennie Ponsford and Adam McKay presented a full day training workshop late in 2017 entitled: *An evidence-based intervention for activities of daily living skill retraining*. If you missed this workshop the first time around and would like to access it please email Margaret. A manual has also been produced which stands alone and also compliments this workshop. It can be bought for \$155 (or at a discount when you purchase the workshop). To access the workshop [email Margaret](mailto:Margaret) and to purchase the manual [click here](#)

Jennie Ponsford, Adam McKay and Dana Wong presented a full day workshop earlier this year entitled: *The nature and treatment of sleep disturbance and fatigue following brain injury*. If you missed out and would like to access this workshop [please email Margaret](mailto:Margaret).

ASSBI CONFERENCES

ASSBI's 42nd and NZRA's bi-annual conference

#assbinzra2019



Nau mi, haere mai! Welcome! Ngā mihi nui kia koutou katoa. On behalf of the organising committee, you are warmly invited to Wellington, New Zealand, to participate in the first combined conference of ASSBI and NZRA. (ASSBI/NZRA Inaugural Trans-Tasman Conference). There will be four half-day workshops and addresses from international national speakers, including Prof Jon Evans and Prof Fiona Jones from the UK and Prof Fary Khan from Melbourne, Australia. Prof Robyn Tate, ASSBI Fellow and President Elect will deliver the ASSBI Presidential Address.

STUDENT'S CORNER

ASSBI's students in Adelaide, Newcastle and Sydney in Australia and Auckland and Wellington in New Zealand have all had events to spread the news of ASSBI to other students.

For full reports on student events with photos go to the [Student News Page](#)

For any student enquiries email admin@assbi.com.au

This conference centers on the World Health Organization's Rehabilitation 2030 strategy: "A Call for Action". We will be discussing raising awareness about rehabilitation, making rehabilitation accessible and affordable, meeting unmet needs, reducing health inequalities, and providing effective, responsive service. Our programme will include not only renowned national and international speakers but 15 minute platform, 5 minute datablitz's, poster and 30 minute "How-To Sessions" drawn from abstracts covering all facets of brain impairment and rehabilitation. Wellington (Te Whanganui-a-Tara), the coolest little capital in the world and city of festivals, culture, food, wine and stunning bush & coastlines provides a wonderful location for this conference. The committee and I look forward to seeing you in Wellington on 2nd to 4th May 2019!

A/Prof William Levack, Convenor

INVITED KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



Prof Fiona Jones, MBE is Professor of Rehabilitation Research at St George's University of London and Kingston University. She is the founder and CEO of 'Bridges self-management'.

Fiona's keynote talk is entitled '*Feeling less alone: co-producing self-management support following traumatic brain injury*' this talk will focus on the added value of co-production with people with ABI and their families and her workshop *Integrating self-management support in a brain injury service: lessons learnt and secrets of success* will provide a more practical guide about how to integrate self-management within a brain injury service.

For detailed information on Profs Jon Evans, Fiona Jones, Fary Khan and Robyn Tate [Go to the ASSBI website to keep up to date](#)

As Jacinta said earlier The CALL FOR ABSTRACTS is now OPEN and will close on 19th October. [Click here for information on HOW TO SUBMIT](#) and [HERE TO SUBMIT](#).

BRAIN IMPAIRMENT

ASSBI's multidisciplinary Journal

To login to the BI site of CUP, just **login** to the ASSBI website and [click on this link](#) to get directed to the Brain Impairment page of the CUP website, if you require any help with this please email [Margaret](#). Clarivate have just released the 2017 Impact Factors for indexed journals, the 2017 Impact Factor for Brain Impairment IS 0.977, Issue 2: Volume 19 themed Issue on Mild Traumatic Brain Injury is also available.

*Jennifer Fleming and Grahame Simpson
Co-Editors*

ASSBI RESOURCES

All ASSBI resources are available to ASSBI and INS members with a 10% discount.

I would like to remind everyone that in addition to the manuals that ASSBI has for sale Members of ASSBI can download many free tests.

Non-members have access to some free downloads too – [click here](#) to see the full

list of manuals **and** free to downloads on offer

*Skye McDonald
Resources Manager*

WORLD EVENTS

Events being held in Australia and around the world by INS, BIA, NR-SIG-WFNR and other organisations can be found by clicking on the undernoted link

<https://www.assbi.com.au/World-Events>

The World Health Organisation (WHO) is calling for organisations and institutions to share their rehabilitation-related competency frameworks. Shared competency frameworks will help WHO develop important resources to support countries in strengthening their human resources for rehabilitation. Deadline 30 September 2018.

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information.

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ASSBI MEMBERSHIPS

A lot of members have not renewed – if you are one of those please get in touch and I'll re-send you an invoice

Memberships ARE ANNIVERSARY which means that your membership lasts for a full 12 or 24 months from date of renewal

[CLICK HERE](#) to find out how to join or renew