



December 2011

Message from Claude Roux—National President

The 2011 National Annual General Meeting formally concludes the first year in office of the current National Executive. One year is a long time considering the almost daily efforts required to run a Society such as ours. But one year is also very short in regards to the broad agenda for professionalisation that we identified as our target when we sought election at the last National Annual General Meeting during the 2010 Symposium.

As a small reminder, the forensic science world is currently facing a number of challenges and experiencing significant changes. Examples include the closure of a large 'national forensic science organisation' overseas, criticisms with respect to quality, independence and efficiency coming from a number of commentators, and various reviews around the world. It is becoming increasingly important to develop and foster a robust forensic science culture. Not responding to this demand will undoubtedly lead us to drift away from the fundamental questions of security and justice that our science is supposed to address.

In this context, our Society has a unique opportunity to lead the way in making forensic science a stronger discipline and profession. The corollary is that we must be able to identify and implement the elements of professional conduct that underpin our activities.

For this reason, the National Executive spent most of this year organising an action plan and engaging with all the branches at Council level, as well as on the ground. It is critical to understand what our members think about the role of the Society and its future

direction. While we adopted quarterly business cycles for National Executive and Council meetings, this journey also gave me the opportunity to visit most branches and attend local meetings and/or a number of branch AGMs: NSW, WA, SA, QLD, TAS, ACT, VIC and NZ (in the order of visit). I am pleased to report that each visit was a success and that, collectively, the Society is overall vibrant and healthy, with almost 1,000 members. I take this opportunity to acknowledge all branches for their warm welcome.

One of the outcomes of the year is that we have embarked on a major review that will focus on four main areas:

- The role and relationship between Council, the National Executive and the Branches;
- Review of the Code of Ethics and development of a broader code of professional conduct;
- Development of guidelines for continuing professional development; and
- A review of membership criteria and a discussion paper on professional membership.

A sub-committee comprising Prof. James Robertson (Vice-President Australia), Maryanne Kregting (Vice-President NZ), Anna Davey (Public Officer) and Jim Pearson (VIC) has been appointed to review the Rules of Association. They will pay particular regard to the four issues identified above, and will report back to Council throughout 2011-2012, with a view to recommending any changes to Council in time for these to be brought to the 2012 AGM.

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On the broad policy front, it is also worth pointing out that the National Executive is drafting guidelines for the organisation of symposia as well as investigating matters relevant to incorporation and registration.

This year also witnessed a substantial gearing up of the organisation of the 2012 ANZFSS Symposium in Hobart. Gerard Dutton and his Organising Committee, along with Conference Design Pty Ltd, are well on track to deliver another fantastic symposium. I would urge every member to pencil the period of 23 to 27 September 2012 in their diary and visit <http://www.anzfss2012.com.au/> to obtain the latest information about the Symposium. The National Executive will offer scholarships for 20 full registrations and 10 student registrations. These scholarships will be complemented by a number of Branch scholarships – details will be advised through local branches soon.

This year, we have also started to update our website (<http://www.anzfss.org.au/>) as well as renew our merchandise range. Members in need of ideas for Christmas presents may wish to take the opportunity to visit <http://www.anzfss.org.au/merchandise.htm>.

I wish to thank my colleagues of the National Executive (and Office Bearers) who provided much-needed support and guidance during the year:

Prof. James Robertson (Vice-President Australia)

Maryanne Kregting (Vice-President New Zealand)

Dr. James Wallman (Secretary)

Prof. Chris Lennard (Treasurer)

Anna Davey (Public Officer)

Bill Crick (Immediate Past President)

I also wish to thank all Branch Presidents for their input into the National Council and for their cooperation in general.

And ultimately, I thank all the members of the Society. Without you, there would be no Society, and you can rest assured that you have been central to any discussion that we have had this year, be at the National Executive or Council level.

I wish you and your family my very best for the end-of-year celebrations and a happy, healthy and successful 2012!

Yours forensically,
Prof. Claude Roux
National President
Australian & New Zealand Forensic Science Society



Allan Hodda Memorial Award

Twelve excellent applications were received for the 2011 Allan Hodda Memorial Award.

Congratulations to Dr Robyn Somerville (ESR, NZ) on being the successful recipient. This award will allow Robyn (an Illicit Drugs Chemist) to attend and present at the 6th European Academy of Forensic Sciences meeting at The Hague. Visits will then follow to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNDOC) in Vienna; the Institute of Forensic Medicine in Freiberg; the University of Freiberg; St George's University of London and HFL Sports Science Ltd.

Who's who in the National Council



Prof James Robertson **ANZFSS Vice President (Australia)**

James was previously the head of forensic with the Australian Federal Police for over 20 years, James is now the Director of the National Centre for Forensic Studies (NCFS) and a Professorial Fellow at the University of Canberra. James also holds a number of honorary and adjunct Professorial appointments in Australia and overseas. His academic and research interests are focused on trace evidence and in how forensic science is used. He is the author, editor or co-editor of numerous books and research papers. James is also the Editor of the Australian Journal of Forensic Sciences and President of the Australian Academy of Forensic Sciences.

He was previously the Chair of the Organizing Committee of the 2002 ANZFSS Symposium held in Canberra.

As National Vice President James is particularly interested in how to enhance the professionalization of the society as a learned body whilst recognizing the need to embrace a broad membership.

James is the holder of the Australian Public Service Medal and is a Member of the Order of Australia both recognizing his contribution to law enforcement and the forensic sciences.



Associate Professor James Wallman **ANZFSS National Secretary**

James works as a teaching and research academic in the School of Biological Sciences at the University of Wollongong. He has been at UOW since 2001. He teaches evolutionary biology, especially the biology of invertebrate animals. In addition to his teaching responsibilities, James researches the evolution and biology of flies, with a specific application to forensic science (flies are the earliest invaders of dead bodies, and may help refine the time since death). Prior to taking up his position at Wollongong, James was on the academic staff of the Departments of Zoology (1994-1998) and Environmental Biology (1999-2001) at the University of Adelaide, where he undertook his BSc (Hons) and PhD degrees.

It was while in Adelaide that James first became involved in the ANZFSS, joining the SA Branch in 1995, acting as a Committee Member and Editor and assisting with the organisation of the 14th International ANZFSS Symposium in 1998. He joined the NSW Branch and Committee in 2001 when he moved from Adelaide, and subsequently acted as Vice-President (2006-2007) and President of the branch (2007-10). He was the Deputy Chair of the Organising Committee of the 20th International Symposium last year, and was elected as part of the new National Executive of the ANZFSS at the AGM held in conjunction with that conference.

He has been a practising forensic entomologist for more than 17 years. He has assisted with the investigation of numerous cases of untimely death for the New South Wales, South Australia and Queensland police services, and has been called to appear many times as an expert witness for both the Crown and the defence. His entomological expertise has also been used by diverse non-government agencies and companies, especially in cases of animal cruelty and food contamination. James has worked on some fascinating cases during his career. While the most notorious is probably the 'Snowtown' case from South Australia, most are much less well known, but no less fascinating from an entomological perspective. Indeed, James finds it easier to cope with the inherent tragedy of a murder by focusing on the lives of the insects, the details of which may be instrumental to solving the crime. He is passionate about forensic entomology because he makes a contribution to society through the study of creatures, which, by any measure, are critical to the welfare of the world around us; he finds the combination very rewarding.

He currently also chairs the Medical Sciences Specialist Advisory Group of the Senior Managers of Australian and New Zealand Forensic Laboratories, and is a Fellow of the Royal Entomological Society and the Faculty of Science of the Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia.



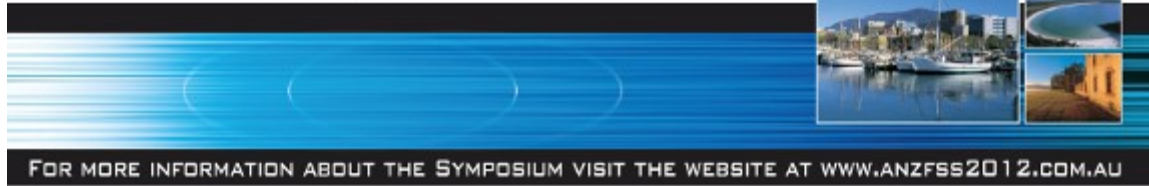
Charles William (Bill) Crick
Immediate Past President

Bill is a Senior Sergeant of Police employed in the Forensic Services Branch, Qld Police Service. He has been a Forensic Officer since 1985 and a Quality Officer since 2000.

- 1983 Bachelor of Science (Physics) from Griffith University.
- 1984 Sworn in as a Police Officer, Qld Police Service
- 1985 Joined the Scientific Section, Forensic Services Branch
- 1996 Promoted to S/Sgt in charge of the Physical Evidence Unit, Scientific Section, Forensic Services Branch.
- 1999 – 2000 Member of the organising committee for the 15th Australian and New Zealand Forensic Science Society International Symposium on the Gold Coast.
- 2001 - 2004 President, Australian and New Zealand Forensic Science Society - Qld Branch.
- 2002 – 2010 Procedures Coordinator, Quality Management Section
- 2002 - 2004 National Vice President, Australian and New Zealand Forensic Science Society
- 2003 - 2008 Chair, Field and Identification Sciences Specialist Advisory Group.
- 2004 –2010 National President, Australian and New Zealand Forensic Science Society.
- 2005 QPS State Gold Award – “NATA Implementation Project”
- 2009 Premier’s Award & QPS State Gold Award – “Remote Data Entry Project”
- 2010 Prime Ministers Awards for Excellence in Public Sector Management, Silver Award and a Collaboration Award for cross agency approaches to public administration for the “DNA Improvement Strategy”.
- 2011 Prince 2 project management methodologies – APMG Accredited member
- 2010 - Present Member of the Standards Australia committee to develop Australian Standards for Forensic Science
- 2010 – Present QPS Project Manager for Infrastructure, ICT & Forensic Services Branch building projects at Wacol.



21ST INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON THE FORENSIC SCIENCES
 CONVICTS TO CRIMINALISTICS: PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE
 23-27 SEPTEMBER 2012
 HOTEL GRAND CHANCELLOR HOBART, TASMANIA



FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE SYMPOSIUM VISIT THE WEBSITE AT WWW.ANZFSS2012.COM.AU

Time marches on and we are already less than ten months from the Hobart event. Just as well the ANZFSS symposium is only biennial; weren't we all in Sydney only a couple of months ago? Pleasingly, preparations are unfolding to schedule and as planned.

On 24 October, Registration, the Call for Papers and Call for Workshops opened, all of which can be accessed through the conference website: www.anzfs2012.com.au If you did not receive the notification email, please contact Anna Boyes at Conference Design (anna@cdesign.com.au). Your email will be added to the list and you won't miss out on any future updates or important notices. Presentation and workshop submissions will close on 24 February 2012. The symposium organising committee asks all ANZFSS members to consider submitting a presentation or perhaps even to present a workshop.

The next period of frenzied activity for the organisers will occur in March as all the submissions for the concurrent sessions are adjudicated upon for inclusion, or not, into the scientific/technical program.

As usual, travel scholarships to attend the symposium will be offered by each state branch, as well as by the National Branch.

Sponsorship has already reached over 80% of our budgeted target, whilst the exhibition space is also just over 50% subscribed. We are pleased with this outcome so far and we expect to meet our targets for both and likely exceed them. The benefit to the Society if we exceed our projections means a greater profit from the event; this in turn can be used to fund more symposium scholarships in future and for other worthy ANZFSS related activity.

Again, the Organising Committee would urge all

members to canvas any opportunities with their professional contacts for further sponsorship or an industry presence at the exhibition/trade show. Anna Boyes will field any enquiries in this regard.

All our invited national and international plenary speakers have been confirmed and they will all be giving two talks each – a main plenary presentation in the first morning session and another Keynote (Discipline Specific) talk in the concurrent Discipline Sessions. All their abstracts, photos and biographies can be accessed and read via the website.

The Governor Of Tasmania, His Excellency Peter Underwood and the Tasmanian Police Commissioner Darren Hine have been confirmed to participate in the opening of the symposium.

The social program has also been confirmed with something occurring every evening; full details are on the website. The now infamous X-TEK social evening occurs on Tuesday at the extraordinary world renowned Museum of Old and New Art (MONA). It is a masquerade evening so all Society members who are coming to Hobart should start to think about their mask. It doesn't matter - make, bring, buy or beg a mask for this evening. Just ensure you bring one!

A reminder that only the first 200 paid registrants (numbers are strictly limited) will get a ticket to attend Government House for an official reception on Monday evening. Tasmania's Government House is one of the finest vice regal residences in Australia so if you are keen on seeing it, Register early.

The Hobart symposium promises to be an event not to be missed. On behalf of the Tasmanian Branch of ANZFSS, we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible next September.

Society News and Updates

2012 Travel Awards:

In 2012, National Travel Awards will once again be available to members to assist with their attendance at the ANZFSS International Symposium.

Awards will cover an applicant's full or student 'early bird' registration, and will be open to all financial members of the ANZFSS. Applicants must have submitted an abstract for a presentation (oral or poster) at the Symposium. Award winners may be able to apply for supplementary funds to cover airfare and/or accommodation from their local Branch.

Applications are expected to open before the end of the year, with the deadline being the same as Symposium abstract submission, 24 February 2012. Stand by for more details, by email from the National Executive or through your Branch!

Website update:

As part of the National Executive's ongoing policy of review of the Society's activities, we have enlisted the assistance of a professional web designer to modernise the ANZFSS web pages and improve their functionality. This will begin with the national site, and, in due course, expand to encompass the sites of those branches that are maintained by the National Executive. We hope to have a new 'look' in place by early in the New Year. Keep an eye out for changes! In the meantime, we will endeavour to keep the existing information as up-to-date as possible.

Vale:

One year ago, the ANZFSS lost a long-time member and NSW Committee member: Associate Professor Michael Dawson, Head of the School of Chemistry and Forensic Science at the University of Technology, Sydney. Today, Michael continues to be sorely missed by everyone for his selflessness and passionate support of students, staff and forensic colleagues around the country and for his commitment to the ANZFSS. The NSW Branch is in the process of creating a scholarship in his memory. In addition, a special memorial award was created to the late Michael Dawson by UTS, which will fund a scholarship in keeping with Michael's commitment and passion for student support. If you would like to donate to this Award, please go to <http://www.alumni.uts.edu.au/> and select 'Make a Gift' then 'Online Giving Form'. You will see a drop-down menu which includes 'Michael Dawson Memorial Award'. More information can also be seen at <http://datasearch2.uts.edu.au/science/news-events/news-archived-detail.cfm?ItemId=24740>. Thank you for your contribution.



ANZFSS Code of Ethics Compared to Others

The content of ANZFSS's Code of Ethics has been compared to similar documents from about three dozen other forensic science organizations. The results can be found on line in three spreadsheets posted on the California Association of Criminalists' website (www.cacnews.org/, "Ethics" tab). The spreadsheets provide ready access to forensic science ethical concepts from around the world, which were deemed important enough by forensic science communities to commit to ratified documents. They can be used to help solve ethical dilemmas, to help organizations improve their own ethics document, and to serve as a tool in teaching forensic science ethics.

On the "Ethics" tab you can also find a list of ethics-related resources including: classes and workshops, books, links to documents in the spreadsheet, videos from television journalism shows, and other resources.

Please note that the content of this material is not endorsed by ANZFSS.

Other Forensic News

Forensic Science Standards for Australia

This ANZPAA NIFS project will develop a framework for Forensic Standards. It began in 2008 and the framework includes four core Standards as a base in addition to discipline specific 'add-on' Standards. The four core Standards will be:

- Recognition, recording, recovery, transport and storage of material
- Analysis and examination of material
- Interpretation of results
- Reporting results and conclusions.

A Standards Australia Committee has been established which represents stakeholders from around Australia (Forensic Analysis Committee CH-041).

AS 5239 EXAMINATION OF IGNITABLE LIQUIDS IN FIRE DEBRIS

The Standard has passed the Committee ballot phase and has been sent to SAI Global for publication.

AS 5388.1 FORENSIC ANALYSIS PART 1: RECOGNITION, RECORDING, RECOVERY, TRANSPORT AND STORAGE OF MATERIAL

The draft is about to be published for public comment.

AS 5388.2 FORENSIC ANALYSIS PART 2: ANALYSIS AND EXAMINATION OF MATERIAL

The draft is currently being edited by Standards Australia prior to publication for public comment.

AS 5388.3 FORENSIC ANALYSIS PART 3: INTERPRETATION OF RESULTS

The working draft is being reviewed by a working group. It is due for submission to Standards Australia for editing early next year.

AS 5388.4 FORENSIC ANALYSIS PART 4: REPORTING RESULTS AND CONCLUSIONS

The initial draft has been completed and is about to be sent to a working group for review.

AS 5481 PRODUCTS USED TO COLLECT AND ANALYSE BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL FOR FORENSIC PURPOSES

The proposed Standard is aimed at setting criteria around which the consumables used in forensic DNA collection and analysis should be produced. A working draft was prepared with input from Australian and international practitioners. The draft has been submitted to Standards Australia as part of a revised proposal to develop this Standard as an international (ISO) Standard. The proposal has support from the UK (Forensic Regulator), Germany (Bundeskriminalamt), Spain (University of Granada), Asia (AFSN), NZ (ESR) and the US (ASCLD). At the same time a committee draft has been submitted to develop a parallel Australian Standard. This draft has been edited and is undergoing revision prior to publication for public comment.

More information on the project can be found at <http://www.anzpaa.org.au/current-initiatives/forensic-standards-development-project>

Forensic Science Conferences of Interest

international injustice conference

8-11 March 2012
Burswood Convention Centre
Perth, Western Australia



THE AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND
FORENSIC SCIENCE SOCIETY INC.

International Justice Conference

8 — 10 March, 2012

www.internationaljusticeconference.com

ANZFSS-ACT Branch will be hosting two workshops that are to be run in Canberra in March 2012 by Marilyn London

Forensic Anthropology (3 1/2 days)

This workshop will introduce the participants to the human skeleton and the role of the anthropologist in forensic science.

The workshop will concentrate on three areas: (1) how bone reacts to trauma (sharp force, blunt force, and gunshot trauma) and the interpretation of wounds; (2) taphonomy (environmental and cultural effects on the decomposition of the body); and (3) determination of time since death.

Mass Disaster Response (3 1/2 days)

This workshop will address various levels of mass disaster response. The history of mass disaster response will be reviewed. The impact of mass disasters on public policy will be discussed. Topics such as staffing, equipment, morgue protocol, jurisdiction, victim identification, and family assistance will be included.

Further details about each workshop along with registrations can be found at;

<http://www.anzfss.org.au/act/index.htm>



25th World Congress of the International Society for Forensic Genetics (ISFG)

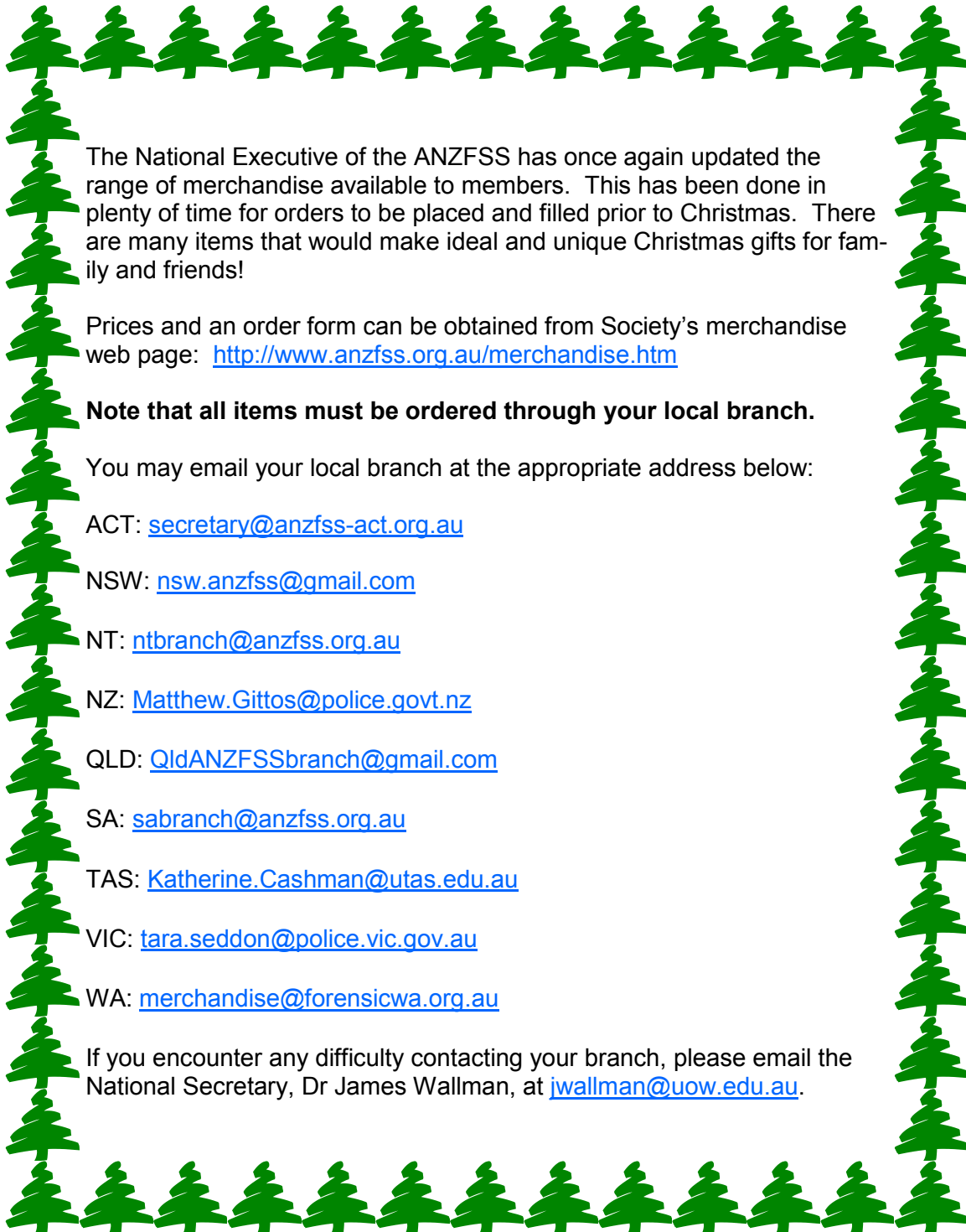
The International Society for Forensic Genetics will hold their biennial meeting 2-7 September 2013 in Melbourne, Australia.

The International Society for Forensic Genetics (ISFG) is a renowned international association promoting scientific knowledge in the field of genetic markers analysed for forensic purposes. The ISFG was founded in 1968 and represents more than 1100 members from over 60 countries. For the first time in its history, the Congress would be held in South East Asia or Australasia.

The Congress will provide an excellent opportunity to showcase the work of Australia and New Zealand laboratories. The Congress will incorporate two full days of a variety of workshops, three full congress days highlighting a world class scientific program and not to mention an exciting social program.

The Congress Committee looks forward to seeing you all there!

Christmas is coming



The National Executive of the ANZFSS has once again updated the range of merchandise available to members. This has been done in plenty of time for orders to be placed and filled prior to Christmas. There are many items that would make ideal and unique Christmas gifts for family and friends!

Prices and an order form can be obtained from Society's merchandise web page: <http://www.anzfss.org.au/merchandise.htm>

Note that all items must be ordered through your local branch.

You may email your local branch at the appropriate address below:

ACT: secretary@anzfss-act.org.au

NSW: nsw.anzfss@gmail.com

NT: ntbranch@anzfss.org.au

NZ: Matthew.Gittos@police.govt.nz

QLD: QldANZFSSbranch@gmail.com

SA: sabranch@anzfss.org.au

TAS: Katherine.Cashman@utas.edu.au

VIC: tara.seddon@police.vic.gov.au

WA: merchandise@forensicwa.org.au

If you encounter any difficulty contacting your branch, please email the National Secretary, Dr James Wallman, at wallman@uow.edu.au.



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MERCHANDISE RANGE 2011

FS38 Ladies Polo
navy
Sizes 8-20



FS37 Mens Polo
navy
Sizes XS-SXL



FS27 Lunch Pack Cooler
holds 4x 375ml drink cans



FS23 CD Carry Case
holds 24 cds



FS22 Backpack
w36xh47xd21



FS21 Travel Umbrella
48cm



FS28 Mens T-Shirt
navy
sizes: 2XS - 3XL



FS39 Ladies T-Shirt
navy
sizes: 8-20



FS20 Bucket Hat
navy/white
sizes: SM and LXL



FS7 Drink Bottle
650ml



FS26 Travel Mug
470 ml



FS24 Single Bottle
Leather Wine Carrier



FS25 2 Bottle
Leather Wine Carrier



To purchase contact your local branch.



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FS10 Pewter Keyring



FS3 Cap



FS19 Golf Umbrella



FS17 Cotton Tea Towel



FS35 Sports Bag



FS5 Beach Towel



FS31 Beer Glass



FS32 Wine Glass



FS8 Drink Cooler



FS34 Fridge Magnet



FS33 Etched Coast



FS6 Coffee Mug



FS36 Silicone Wristband Flash Drive



FS12 Ballpoint Pen



FS9 Mouse Mat



FS18 A4 Compendium



FS11 Ruler

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