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WORDS FROM OUR PRESIDENT



Dear ASSBI Members and Supporters,

2016 is now well and truly underway. There is much in store this year for ASSBI, including a new Committee, the ASSBI Conference in Macau, a fantastic program of professional development opportunities and the NEW ASSBI Early Career Clinical Innovation Award.

The call for abstracts for the 39th Annual Brain Impairment Conference to be held at the Sheraton Macau Hotel is now open. Please consider submitting your work and joining us for what will no doubt be a stimulating conference as well as an opportunity to experience Chinese and Portuguese culture in Macau.

It is my great pleasure to welcome our new National Student Coordinator Anna Carmichael and all new Team Leaders and Student Ambassadors across Australia and in the UK. We look forward to working with you to increase student involvement in ASSBI.

In other exciting news, I am delighted to announce the opening of the ASSBI Early Career Clinical Innovation Award. Commencing in 2016, this Award is sponsored by Shine Lawyers and is designed to recognise innovation in clinical practice in the field of brain impairment. You can find out more about the eligibility and selection criteria for this Award on page 4

Please take the time to read about upcoming ASSBI professional development opportunities, available resources and Students Corner.

Warmest wishes,
Tamara Ownsworth, President

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT



We have a [Calendar](#) on the website now which shows ALL our Webinars, Workshops and Conference Dates as well as Training, Meetings and Conferences from other

organisations for 2016 and into 2017. If you want to put an event on the Calendar please [email me](#) details.

If you haven't renewed your membership you can now – all memberships are valid for a full 12 months.
Cheers, Margaret Eagers-Rickit, EO

ASSBI is appointing a new **Committee at the AGM on 21st April** If you are interested please complete the [Nomination Form](#) on the ASSBI website and email an application with your CV to [Margaret](#) by **1st April**

The ASSBI AGM will be held at 1pm (lunch time at the Brain Sciences UNSW Symposium 2016) at Leighton Hall, The John Niland Scientia Building, UNSW

[Click here](#) for more information on this Symposium

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Capacity Assessment – Legal Workshop Sneak Peak

On the 11th of March, I will join neuropsychologist Dr Annette Broom to provide a workshop specifically targeted at the issue of capacity. My intention is to provide attendees with insight from the legal profession on what providers should be expecting from the lawyers briefing them, and what the courts and the Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal will consider when determining the issue of capacity.

It can be quite a complex area; as such I hope to walk you through and provide understanding about the legal process involved in determining capacity, as well as explain the intersection between the legal and medical aspects relevant to the issue of capacity.

Whilst this first workshop will be initially held in Queensland, my colleagues will join with ASSBI in presenting future workshops in Melbourne, Sydney and Perth.

To register for any of these workshops or for more information, please visit www.assbi.com.au/workshops.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The full webinar programme is up on the ASSBI Website AND on our new [CALENDAR](#) – go to the [Professional Development Page](#) of the ASSBI website to find out about all our upcoming events. Most of the workshops are up too, just waiting on information for two of them.

If you would like to see someone give a workshop in your State or know of anyone coming to Australia in 2016 or 2017 who would like to give a workshop or webinar for ASSBI members, please email admin@assbi.com.au and we will endeavour to organise a full/half day workshop or a one hour webinar.

2016 Workshop Series [#assbiworkshops](#)



11 March - Capacity Assessment and Guardianship: Annette Broom and Jamie Shine (Shine Lawyers). Half-day in Brisbane
[REGISTRATION CLOSES 4th](#)
[INFORMATION](#)



22 April - Digital health and e-health technology for ill and injured children and their families: What's the evidence:

Vicky Anderson - half day in Sydney
[INFORMATION](#)



5 July - Measuring and coping with cognitive-communication problems following brain injury & Treating Social Cognition: Profs Jacinta Douglas and Skye McDonald - full day in London, UK
[INFORMATION](#)



14 October - Capacity Assessment and Guardianship: Liz Mullaly and Paula Shelton (Shine Lawyers). Half-day in Melbourne
[INFORMATION](#)



21 October: Capacity Assessment and Guardianship: Sharon Flanagan and Caryn Ger (Shine Lawyers). Half-day in Sydney. Information to follow



28 October: Capacity Assessment and Guardianship: Robyn Lieblich and David Bayly (Shine Lawyers). Half-day in Perth. Information to follow

18 November: A clinician's guide to trauma and the brain: Jan Ewing. Full day in Melbourne
[INFORMATION](#)

2016 Webinar Series [#assbiwebinars](#)

The 2016 Webinar series is ready for you to register. [Click here](#) for information on the webinars and speakers. Webinars go for 1 hour from 12.30pm – 1.30pm Sydney/Melbourne time. [REGISTER NOW](#)



12th April – Long-term Outcome Following Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI): Three-factor Cognitive Reserve Structure by Prof Eli Vakil. This one is from 1.30-2.30



14th June – Aboriginal Australians' experiences of brain injury and ways to move forward in providing culturally secure rehabilitation services by Prof Beth Armstrong



9th August – Addiction and the brain: what do we know? By Dr Valentina Lorenzetti



11th October – Suicide prevention in acquired brain injury by A/Prof Grahame Simpson



13th December Neuroimaging in the dementias: what's the catch by Prof Olivier Piguet



AVAILABLE ON DEMAND
Managing challenging behaviours in community settings by Ms Sue Sloan

CONFERENCES 39th Conference



The 39th Annual Brain Impairment Conference will be held at the Sheraton Macau Hotel in Cotai Central in beautiful and historic Macau on Monday 26 to Wednesday 28 September 2016 and convened by Prof David Shum. The Call for Abstracts (CfA) is now open [click here](#) to download the CfA and [here to submit](#) an abstract.

Macau is a wonderful place which showcases both Chinese and Portuguese culture; see a 3 minute video on Macau on [ASSBI's YouTube Channel](#)

We have great accommodation deals with the Sheraton Macau; [Book Now](#) and SAVE

Professor Reilly is the second Keynote Speaker we are showcasing

Professor Sheena Reilly



Sheena is the former Associate Director of Clinical and Public Health and led the Hearing, Language and Literacy group at the Murdoch Children's Research Institute. In July 2015, Sheena became Director of the Menzies Health Institute Queensland.

Professor Reilly is a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Health and Medical Sciences, the Australian Academy of Social Sciences, the UK Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists and of Speech Pathology Australia. She is an Honorary Research Fellow with the Australian Stuttering Research Centre, University of Sydney and Visiting Professor, Neurosciences Unit, Institute of Child Health (ICH), University of London.

Professor Reilly received her B.App.Sc (Speech & Hearing) from Curtin University and a PhD from the Faculty of Medicine, University of London. She worked as a postdoctoral researcher and clinician at the Institute of Child Health and Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital, London, before returning to Australia in 1999 and establishing a research program at MCRI focused on childhood language and literacy problems.

Professor Reilly's strengths as a teacher, clinician and researcher enable her to play a key role in the integration of research into clinical practice. She is on the editorial board of five well-respected journals.

Professor Reilly will present both a workshop and keynote talk

40th Conference

The 40th Annual Brain Impairment Conference will be held in Melbourne on 1-3 June 2017 and convened by Dr Dana Wong – more details to follow.

ASSBI'S JOURNAL BRAIN IMPAIRMENT

Is a multidisciplinary Journal of the Australasian Society for the Study of Brain Impairment (ASSBI)

The journal addresses topics related to the aetiology, epidemiology, treatment and outcomes of brain impairment with a particular focus on the implications for functional status, participation, rehabilitation and quality of life. Disciplines reflect a broad multidisciplinary scope and include

neuroscience, neurology, neuropsychology, psychiatry, clinical psychology, occupational therapy, physiotherapy, speech pathology, social work, and nursing. Submissions are welcome across the full range of conditions that affect brain function (stroke, tumour, progressive neurological illnesses, dementia, traumatic brain injury, epilepsy, etc.) throughout the lifespan. The editors would like to remind you that *Brain Impairment* is now only available online for members.

You should have received login instructions when you joined ASSBI, if you require any help with this please email [Margaret Jennifer Fleming and Grahame Simpson](mailto:Margaret.Jennifer.Fleming.and.Grahame.Simpson@assbi.com.au) Co-Editors

ASSBI RESOURCES

We have a plethora of ASSBI manuals and resources available free to everyone, free to members and for sale on Treatment, Assessment and Norms. We also have Non-ASSBI books and products as well as Resource Links.

Check out the ASSBI Resources page on our website to read more about our resources and order online.

NEW ASSBI RESOURCE

We have a new resource available called the *Montreal Protocol of the Evaluation of Communication (MEC)*. It is NOW AVAILABLE for AU\$220. [INFORMATION](#)

MONTREAL PROTOCOL OF THE EVALUATION OF COMMUNICATION (MEC)

Included in the box:
1 A4 Manual
1 A5 Stimulus Book
25 copies of the Informant Questionnaire
25 copies of the Interviewer Questionnaire
5 copies of the Response Booklet
1 memory stick with
2 audio files
Informant questionnaire
Interviewer questionnaire
Response booklet

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STUDENTS CORNER

NEW NATIONAL STUDENT CO-ORDINATOR



Anna Carmichael is a current Doctor of Psychology (Clinical Neuropsychology) candidate at Monash University. Her doctoral research is investigating autobiographical memory and reminiscence in Huntington's disease, under the supervision of Professor Julie Stout and Dr Matthew Mundy. Anna has worked as a research assistant in the Stout Laboratory since 2014. Prior to commencing studies at Monash University, she completed her previous tertiary education in the United States, graduating with a Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Psychology and Sociology in 2012, and with a Master's degree in Psychology in 2014

Anna says:

We are excited to welcome all our new Team Leaders and Student Ambassadors into the ASSBI student community for the 2016 year! This year we have teams representing Melbourne, Sydney, Albury, Newcastle, Brisbane, Perth & Adelaide! We also have ambassadors in Cairns, Townsville & the UK! More information about all of our new ambassadors can be found on the ASSBI website:

<http://www.assbi.com.au/student%20ambassadors.html>

As our President A/Prof Tamara Ownsworth said in the last newsletter our National Student Co-ordinator Ms Nicci Grace has now departed and we all wish her well with her PhD this year.



Here is Dana Wong our Student Liaison Officer presenting Nicci with a well-deserved present from the ASSBI Exec

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

WEBSITE

The ASSBI website is a very important tool for distributing information. Please let me have your feedback at admin@assbi.com.au Is it user friendly?

There are links to ASSBI's Facebook, Twitter and Psychwire pages and much more

Margaret Eagers
Executive Officer

OPPORTUNITIES FOR INVOLVEMENT

Cognitive Rehabilitation practices in Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) – Brief Online Research Survey

We are conducting a project funded by the Centre of Excellence in Traumatic Brain Injury Research (CETBIR), National Trauma Research Institute (NTRI) and approved by Epworth HealthCare HREC looking at current cognitive rehabilitation practices in TBI settings in Australia. We are interested in the approaches adopted by clinicians with different areas of expertise to cognitive rehabilitation in both inpatient and outpatient TBI settings. To capture current rehabilitation practices, we have created an online survey exploring what resources guide you in providing cognitive rehabilitation following TBI and what factors help you, or hinder you, in your cognitive rehabilitation practice. The online survey takes approximately 10-15 minutes to complete and can be found here (https://monashmnhns.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_1LWVUjDTLfUdIFv). We would be very grateful to gain an insight into your experience of current practice in cognitive rehabilitation.

For any questions, please contact Marina Downing or Professor Jennie Ponsford via phone on (03) 9426 8923 or via email marina.downing@epworth.org.au or merrc@epworth.org.au.

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[PsycBITE](#) is a world-class, living e-resource that archives all published literature on psychological treatments for people with chronic diseases and disorders from acquired brain impairment. Launched in 2004, PsycBITE updates the literature monthly. It currently archives 4,000 empirical papers

NEW AWARD FROM ASSBI

2016 ASSBI Early Career Clinical Innovation Award

The ASSBI Early Career Clinical Innovation Award is designed to recognise innovation in the field of brain impairment consistent with our mission to improve the lives of individuals and families affected by progressive and non-progressive neurological conditions across the lifespan.

The Award for 2016 is sponsored by Shine Lawyers. The value of the award is \$1,500 plus free registration to the 39th Annual Australasian Society for the Study of Brain Impairment Conference in Macau, China where the award will be announced and presented (September 26th-28th, 2016).

Eligibility:

Entries are welcome from an early career clinician who:

- a) is a qualified allied health or medical professional,
- b) is a current financial member of ASSBI, and
- c) works with people with brain impairment in a relevant setting that involves direct delivery of clinical services.

An early career clinician is defined as someone who was awarded their highest level of qualification within the last 10 years (career disruptions such as maternity, sick or carer leave will be taken into consideration).

Applications can come from an individual early career clinician, or a team led or co-led by one or more early career clinicians. An application from a team led by an early career clinician can include and should acknowledge relevant contributions from other team members such as: students, clinical colleagues, researchers, other staff from relevant services or universities, people with brain impairment and their families.

It is a requirement that the clinical initiative does not form the basis of an honours or post-graduate research project and also has not received funding from a major competitive grant scheme. Please also note that clinicians who are primarily in a research position (i.e., more than 50% research) are not eligible to lead the application.

Selection Criteria:

A) A clinician and/or team have introduced **innovative practice** in the field of brain impairment. This could relate to change in one or both of the following:

- i) Clinical service delivery – such as screening and early intervention, diagnosis, assessment, treatment or management, care coordination and long-term follow-up and support
- ii) Education, training, supervision and professional development of trainees and clinicians

B) The implementation of this innovative practice has had a demonstrated impact on the lives of people with brain impairment and their families and/or the knowledge and skills base of trainees and clinicians. At the time of application the initiative needs to have been completed or progressed to the point of yielding an outcome or impact on practice that has been evaluated in some capacity, as appropriate to the nature of the practice.

Links to the full application details will be emailed to all members in March

BOOKS MAKE THE BEST BIRTHDAY / GRADUATION PRESENTS
Go to the ASSBI BOOKSTORE on the ASSBI [website](#), buy all sorts of books and help out ASSBI at the same time.

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which means that your
membership lasts for a full
12 or 24 months

- ✓ Full member cost
- ✓ \$150 for 1 year
- ✓ \$257 for 2 years
- ✓ Student Cost
- ✓ \$80 for 1 year
- ✓ \$144 for 2 years
(students please email id proof
to admin@assbi.com.au)

Advantages of being an ASSBI member include:

- ✓ Substantial discount off
registration fees for the
2016 ASSBI conference in
Macau
- ✓ Discounted registration
to all ASSBI workshops
and the webinar series
- ✓ Access to Brain
Impairment online
- ✓ 4 Newsletters per annum
- ✓ Access to previously
published papers with
normative data on tests
for children, adults and
older adults.
- ✓ If you refer someone to
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discount on any ASSBI run
workshop or webinar

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contact other members via
email.

*Margaret Eagers
Executive Officer*

ASSBI EVENTS

CALENDAR - ASSBI

ASSBI AGM – 21 April, 1pm

2016 WEBINAR SERIES

1 hour 12.30-1.30

Cost varies [go here](#) to find out

[Register here](#) For 1 or more

Webinar 2: Prof Eli Vakil - *Long-term Outcome Following
Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI): Three-factor Cognitive
Reserve Structure*

Date: 12 April 2016 at 1.30pm

Webinar 3: Prof Beth Armstrong - *Aboriginal Australians'
experiences of brain injury and ways to move forward in
providing culturally secure rehabilitation services*

Date: 14 June 2016

Webinar 4: Dr Valentina Lorenzetti - *Addiction and the
brain: what do we know?*

Date: 9 August 2016

Webinar 5: A/Prof Grahame Simpson - *Suicide prevention
in acquired brain injury*

Date: 11 October 2016

Webinar 6: - A/Prof Olivier Piguet - *Neuroimaging in the
dementias: what's the catch?*

Date: 13 December 2016

Webinar 1: AVAILABLE ON DEMAND - *Managing
challenging behaviours in community settings - Ms Sue
Sloan*

2016 – CONFERENCE/ WORKSHOPS

39th Annual Brain Impairment Conference

Date: 26 - 28 September 2016

Venue: Sheraton Macau Hotel, Cotai Strip, Macau, China

Convenor: Prof David Shum

Capacity Assessment and Guardianship Workshop

Date: 11 March – 9.00-12.30

Speakers: Dr Annette Broome and Ms Jamie Shine

Venue: Brisbane, QLD

Register: <http://www.cvent.com/d/dfqpb4/1Q>

*Digital health and e-health technology for ill and injured
children and their families: What's the evidence*

Date: 22 April – 9.00-12.30

Speaker: Prof Vicki Anderson

Venue: Sydney, NSW

Register: <http://www.cvent.com/d/dfqpb4/1Q>

Date: 5 July 2016 – full day

Speakers: Profs Jacinta Douglas & Skye McDonald

Venue: 30 Euston Square, London, UK

Register: <http://www.cvent.com/d/9fqkwv/4W>

Capacity Assessment and Guardianship Workshops

Date: Various dates in October

Venues: Melbourne (14th), Sydney (21st), Perth (28th)

OUTSIDE EVENTS

CALENDAR

2016

Eleventh IBIA World Congress on
Brain Injury

Date: 2-March to 5-March, 2016

Venue: World Forum Conference
Center

Location: The Hague, The Netherlands

Contact:

<http://www.internationalbrain.org/news/save-date-eleventh-world-congress-2016/>

**Brain Sciences UNSW Symposium
2016, Minding the Brain: translating
research to practice**

Venue: Leighton Hall, The John Niland
Scientia Building, UNSW, Randwick,
NSW, Australia

Date: 21 April 2016

Contact:

<https://brainsciences.unsw.edu.au/event/brain-sciences-unsw-symposium-2016-minding-brain-translating-research-practice>

**9th World Congress for
NeuroRehabilitation**

Venue: Philadelphia, USA

Date: 10-13 May 2016

Contact: www.wcnr2016.org

**3rd National Meeting of the
Australasian Society for Social &
Affective Neuroscience**

Venue: University of Technology
Sydney, NSW, Australia

Date: 23-24 June 2016

Contact: <http://www.as4sn.com/>

INS Mid-Year Meeting

Date: 6-8 July 2016

Venue: London, UK

Contact: [http://www.the-
ins.org/future-ins-meetings](http://www.the-
ins.org/future-ins-meetings)

13th NR-SIG-WFNR Conference

Date: 11-12 July 2016

Venue: Hilton Grosvenor, Glasgow,
Scotland, UK

Website:

<http://mers.vpweb.com.au/NR-SIG-WFNR-Conf.html>

Contact: mers@exemail.com.au