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### 1. From the ANZCTR Manager

Welcome to the eighth issue of the ANZCTR newsletter. The past year has seen many events and achievements and we hope you enjoy this summary of our activities during 2013.

*Lisa Askie*

### 2. Trial registration milestones in 2013

There were several important milestones that occurred during 2013, with the total number of registered studies surpassing the 8500 mark. There were 8701 registered trials on the website at the time of writing.

#### • Australian Cancer Trials collaboration

Australian Cancer Trials is a consumer friendly website containing information about cancer trials in Australia. Launched in 2010, the ANZCTR is pleased to continue its involvement and support of the website [www.australiancancertrials.gov.au](http://www.australiancancertrials.gov.au). The data included on the site is sourced from both the ANZCTR and ClinicalTrials.gov, with ANZCTR staff being the main point of contact for enquiries from researchers and consumers. There were 1,940 registered trial records uploaded to Australia Cancer Trials as of 30<sup>th</sup> November 2013.

#### • ANZCTR website improvements

During 2013, several website enhancements were implemented. The key changes included:

- an ability for users to download trial to PDF
- regular feed and display of recent trials to [www.australianclinicaltrials.gov.au](http://www.australianclinicaltrials.gov.au)
- automated email update reminders
- new intuitive website controls (pop-ups, help text, auto complete)
- more specific location data is now collected
- an ability to download multiple trials in XML format
- implemented web services and API's for other organisations to extract data from ANZCTR
- improved search functionality
- trials registered on [www.ClinicalTrials.gov](http://www.ClinicalTrials.gov) with Australian recruitment site(s) can now be viewed directly on ANZCTR

### 3. WHO International Clinical Trial Registry Platform (ICTRP) - ongoing interactions

The ANZCTR continued its association with the World Health Organization (WHO) ICTRP in 2013.

#### • Data provider for the ICTRP Search Portal

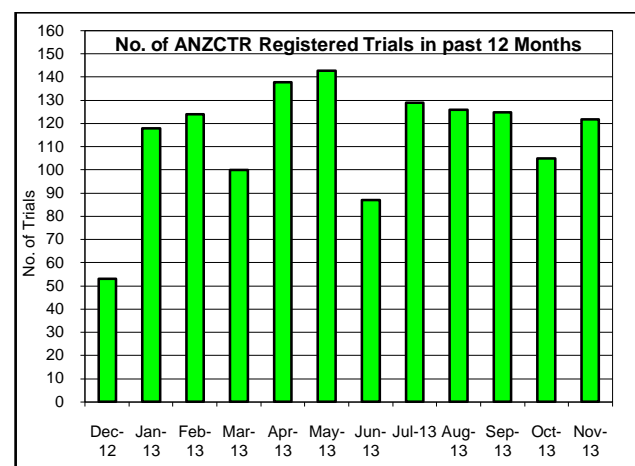
The ANZCTR continues to provide an updated version of the registry's data to the [WHO ICTRP](#) each week. The ICTRP Search Portal now lists data from [15 Primary Registries around the world](#) plus ClinicalTrials.gov. The ANZCTR continues to be a recognised Primary Registry within the WHO ICTRP Network.

#### • Member WHO ICTRP Advisory Committee

In September 2013, A/Prof Lisa Askie (ANZCTR Manager) was appointed as a member of the WHO ICTRP Advisory Committee. This will be for a three year term.

### 4. Current statistics

The past year has seen an increase in the number of new trials processed for registration with an average of 120 new trials being registered each month - an increase from the 2012 average of 109 per month. A similar number of additional trials are also updated each month by the ANZCTR staff.



**5. Staff updates**

2013 saw the departure of Project Officer William Ooi and the return of Project Officer Henry Ko, who spent the previous two years working at the Centre for Health Services Research, SingHealth, in Singapore. Ryan Sausa also joined the team as an IT Officer.

- establishing links and data transfer procedures with several partner websites

**6. ANZCTR plans for 2014**

The following key database and website enhancements are planned for next year:

- adding the ability for registrants to attach supporting documents to their trial record (e.g. protocols, figures, publications etc)
- location based search functionality (e.g. by postcode)
- further development of IT infrastructure to enable the import to, and export from, data from ANZCTR and other entities such as the National Ethics Application Form (NEAF)

**7. Contact us**

We welcome your questions, comments, suggestions and contributions on any matter relating to the ANZCTR.

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**Lastly and once again .....**

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our stakeholders, funders and collaborators for your continued support during 2013 and wish you all a very happy holiday season & all the best for the New Year.



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