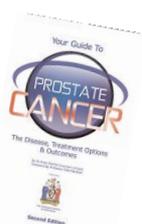


Society Notes

Tony Abbott launches *Your Guide to Prostate Cancer*

Minister for Health and Ageing Tony Abbott launched the Second Edition of Society member Prem Rashid's book *Your Guide to Prostate Cancer: the disease, treatment options and outcomes* at NSW Parliament House in March. The launch was presented by the Urological Society and the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australasia. Copies of the book are available through the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia. See page 10 for photos from this event. ▶



History of Brisbane's Mater Hospitals published

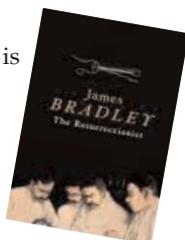
A new book, *Expressions of Mercy*, tells the story of Brisbane's Mater Hospitals. Helen Gregory has written a history of this group of hospitals in the context of changes in society and medicine over the years. The book is published by Queensland University Press.



The Brisbane Mater group of hospitals was founded by the Sisters of Mercy, with the first hospital established in 1906. According to the book, one in six Queenslanders was born at the Mater and the group now treats more than half a million patients each year. ▶

Australian novelist inspired by anatomy's dark history

James Bradley's new novel *The Resurrectionist* is inspired by one of the darkest episodes in the history of anatomy.



This gothic thriller opens in 1820s London and follows the story of Gabriel Swift, a young man studying with one of London's greatest anatomists. Swift is gradually drawn into the world of 'the Resurrectionists', the gangs that illegally supplied medical colleges with cadavers. ▶

● Congratulations to Manish Patel (pictured right), recipient of the BAUS Trophy for Best Scientific Paper at ASM Brisbane 2006.



● Congratulations also to Helen O'Connell, awarded the Alban Gee Prize for Best Poster presentation at ASM Brisbane 2006.



● Danielle Delaney (pictured left) was awarded the 2006 Keith Kirkland Award and the accompanying Karl Storz Travelling Prize, while Nathan Lawrentschuk received the 2006 Villis

Marshall Award and accompanying Karl Storz Travelling Prize.

● Society member Neil McMullin found himself in the media spotlight after he and his team operated on eight year old Abdul Hadi, an Iraqi child who was born with his bladder outside his body. The Children First Foundation helped to arrange the surgery and to support and care for Abdul Hadi during his time in Australia.

● Professor Cindy Amundsen from Duke University attended the Society's ASM Brisbane 2006 as a Visiting Fellow funded by the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons. Professor Amundsen's contribution to the meeting included her participation in a very well attended session on Female and Reconstructive Urology. The Society has actively pursued the matter of a RACS-funded Visiting Fellow, thus ensuring that Urologists receive the same benefits as other Fellows of the College.

● Sally Wilde presented the inaugural Peter Lawson Memorial Lecture at ASM Brisbane 2006. Her presentation 'The evolution of TURP: an historical perspective on evidence-based surgery' was part of an intense and varied scientific program.

● Society member Gail Risbridger featured on a recent edition of ABC Radio National's *The Health Report* with Dr Norman Swan. The program was on Stem Cell Research, and transcript and audio of the interview can be accessed at <http://www.abc.net.au/rn/healthreport>.

● Society member Philip Sprott (pictured right) will replace Bill Lynch as the Chair of the Board of Urology. Philip was previously the Chair of the NSW TA&E Committee, and has previously served on the Society Executive as NSW representative. His report can be found on page 11.



● Society member Peter Gilling (pictured left) will be the Course Director for Holmium Laser Prostatectomy at the AUA Annual Meeting in May this year. Society members are invited to attend this event. For more information about this event see the notice on page 8. For details of the AUA meeting visit the website <http://www.aua2006.org/am06>.

● Steve Ruthven (at right) will replace Philip Sprott as New South Wales TA&E Chairperson. ▶



Correction

In the previous issue of the Society News it was reported that Stan Wisniewski will become the third president of the Society from the Western Australian Section. He will, however, be the fourth West Australian President, with Stan Watson having served as President in 1976-77. ▶