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### 1. From the ANZCTR Manager

Welcome to the ninth 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 2015.

*Lisa Askie*

### 2. ANZCTR milestones in 2015

There were several important milestones that occurred during 2015 including:

- **Over 10,000 trials registered!**

This year the 10,000<sup>th</sup> trial was registered on ANZCTR, which was a significant milestone. At the time of writing there were a total number of 11,393 registered studies.

- **The ANZCTR turned 10!**

In July 2015, the ANZCTR celebrated its 10<sup>th</sup> birthday. Since its establishment in 2005, the ANZCTR has become firmly entrenched as an integral part of Australia's research infrastructure.

- **New ANZCTR website**

The ANZCTR team was very excited to launch its new-look website in October 2015. As well as a new logo and aesthetic improvements, a number of new enhancements have been added to the website's functionality including:

- new intuitive website controls (pop-ups, help text, auto complete)
- more specific location data now collected
- ability for users to download multiple trials in XML format
- improved search functionality
- ability to add attachments to registration records
- automatic update reminder emails
- upgraded web server
- provisional registration marking for trials that have not yet received ethics approval
- "Not up to date" status for records that have not been updated in the last 12 months

- **Australian Clinical Trials website**

The ANZCTR staff have been pleased to provide trial information data and support to the NHMRC's new Australian Clinical Trials website, which was launched in May 2015.

See [www.australianclinicaltrials.gov.au](http://www.australianclinicaltrials.gov.au)

- **Australian Cancer Trials website**

Throughout 2015 the ANZCTR was pleased to continue its involvement and support of the consumer-friendly Australian Cancer Trials website [www.australiancancertrials.gov.au](http://www.australiancancertrials.gov.au). The data included on this website is sourced from both the ANZCTR and ClinicalTrials.gov, with ANZCTR staff being the main point of contact for enquiries from researchers and consumers.

- **Conference participation**

2015 has been a busy year for ANZCTR staff, who have been working on a number of research projects using ANZCTR data. Staff presented the results of several of these projects at the Cochrane Colloquium in Vienna, the EQUATOR conference in Edinburgh, the ACTA Symposium in Sydney, and at the Sydney China Business Forum in Sydney.



Photo: Thuyen Vu [IT Officer] & Ailsa Langford [Project Officer] at the ACTA Symposium

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

The ANZCTR continued its association with the WHO ICTRP in 2015 as a Primary Registry in the WHO Registry Network.

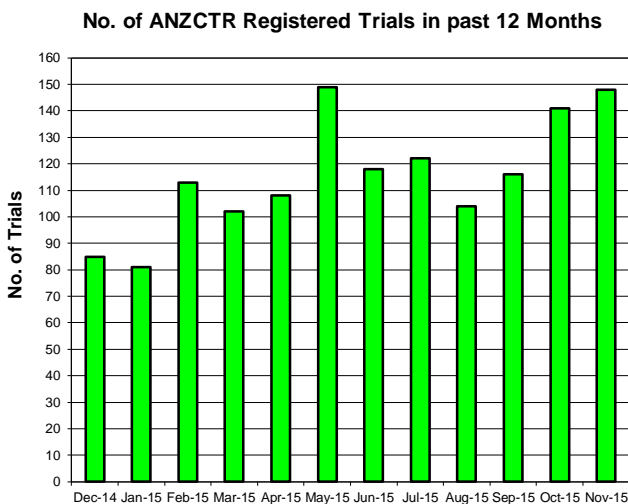
- **Data provider for the ICTRP Search Portal**

As in previous years, the ANZCTR continues to provide an updated version of the registry's data to the [WHO ICTRP](http://www.who.int/ictrp) each week.

The ICTRP Search Portal now lists data from [15 Primary Registries around the world](http://www.who.int/ictrp) plus ClinicalTrials.gov.

**4. Current statistics**

Throughout 2015 the ANZCTR registered an average of 115 trials per month - an increase from the 2014 average of 111 per month.



**5. Staff Updates**

In 2015 the ANZCTR were happy to welcome two new project officers, Slavica Berber and Ailsa Langford. They have both been invaluable additions to the team. We also look forward to

*Lastly and once again .....*

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our stakeholders, funders and collaborators for your continued support during 2015 and wish you all a very happy holiday season & all the best for the New Year.

**The ANZCTR Team**



**Back row L-R:** Thuyen Vu [IT Officer], Ava Tan-Koay [Project Officer], Slavica Berber [Project Officer], Ryan Sausa [IT Officer]. **Front row L-R:** Jenny Chow [Executive Officer], Lisa Askie [Manager], Kylie Hunter [Project Officer] **Inset:** Henry Ko [Project Officer] **Absent:** Ailsa Langford [Project Officer]

welcoming Ava Tan-Koay back in early 2016 after the birth of her second child.

**6. ANZCTR plans for 2016**

The following key website enhancements are planned for next year:

- o Location based search function
- o Establishing links and data transfer procedures with several partner websites
- o Exploring options for results reporting on the website
- o Real-time trial metrics/graphs
- o Trial RSS feed to become publicly available

**7. Contact us**

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

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