

Australasian Neuroscience Society (ANS) Chair of the Communications Committee

Position Description

Role

The key role of the ANS Chair of the Communications Committee is (i) to promote ANS activities and neuroscience News from Australasia and the World.

Duties and Responsibilities

1. Publish and solicit member of the Communications Committee to publish a range of national and international matters, including:
 - Information on the ANS Annual Scientific Meeting (speakers, remind ANS members of deadlines for registration and submission of abstracts for the Annual Scientific Meeting).
 - ANS Newsletter;
 - Nominations for awards and prizes, *e.g.* A. W. Campbell Award, Paxinos-Watson Award, Australian Museum Eureka Prize, Young Tall Poppy Awards;
 - input on government initiatives, *e.g.* green papers, policy reports;
 - surveys and questionnaires, *e.g.* ANS membership surveys;
 - New nominations for ANS Council and ANS committees;
 - issues of specific interest to members of ANS, through liaison with the regional representatives on the ANS Committee (*e.g.* student ANS Body Committee)
 - any other issues judged to be important to Australian neuroscience, *e.g.* response to animal rights activists, education initiatives, *etc.*
2. Provide items for ANS Council meeting agendas;
3. Assist in advertising regional activities for neuroscience-related events, *e.g.* Brain Awareness Week, Brain Bee Challenge, regional conferences or workshops, events for early- and mid-career researchers, *etc.*
4. Edit material (ANS Website, YouTube, Facebook, Twitter...) to be in accordance with the ANS Communication Guidelines.

ANS Council membership

1. Attend ANS Council meetings, the ANS Annual Scientific Meeting and the Annual General meeting (or arrange a substitute if unable to attend), and contribute to general debate.
2. Provide timely reports to ANS Council on communication activities.
3. Occasionally attend functions as a representative of the ANS, e.g. symposia on science and technology policy, 'Science Meets Parliament', etc.