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Spin Down Under



Sigh - my time is running out. Garry is already coming into the AMPC headquarters, trying to look inconspicuous while he takes measurements for new furniture and looks for where he's going to put his Diet Coke-purposed mini-fridge. Brash, Garry Gold - Brash. Since we're on this sore subject of Salt Lake, the ISMRM is going to have a BYOB contest, in Melbourne, for the Salt Lake City meeting. You can all about it on the BYOB link for the Melbourne website - but don't let it distract you from your devotion to the Melbourne meeting.

MRI in the Movies!

Speaking of Melbourne - how is your MRI in the Movies! project? Remember, just a 2 minute-or-less movie featuring MRI as you envision it being used in TV or film. The deadline is looming - break a leg, then get it scanned!

Take a little bit of Australia home with you

I'm pleased to announce another initiative for Melbourne, this one organized by Roberta and Sandra. My students keep talking about leaving the convention center to see Melbourne, despite my pointing out that there are giant windows they can look out of while they walk from one session to the next. To keep us both happy, Roberta and Sandra have arranged to bring a little of Australia into the exhibition hall. Which, for a reasonable price, you can take back home with you! There will be Opal Shop and a Souvenir Shop set up in the exhibition hall for all you hard-working ISMRM'ers, amidst the E-pods and your favorite exhibitors. Australia supplies 95% of the world's opals, which come in different varieties, shapes, and sizes, so the Opal Shop is sure to be a cool place to check out. The Souvenir Shop will have lots of Australian Arts, Crafts, and Souvenirs. So you can pick up some opal jewelry for your spouse, a cuddly little Koala for your youngster, and a 32-channel knee coil for yourself, all in one exhibit hall. Where else can you do that?!

Merit Awards instead of Poster Awards

You'll see Merit Awards in the program and in the meeting, which are a new award given only to ISMRM student members. There are two types; the summa cum laude award goes to those whose abstract score was in the top 3% for their table, while the magna cum laude award goes to those whose abstract was in the top 15% for their table. Please congratulate these students for their hard work when you see them. We are not having official, meeting-wide poster awards in Melbourne, in part because that has always suffered logistical problems in the judging. Some of the study groups may be creating awards in their lounge, however.

Shout-out to Nick Zwart!

You may recall I requested in SDU 7T that somebody write a computer program to help with abstract reviewer assignment, which is a 2-4 day part of the process that determines when we set the abstract deadline (counting backwards from the January construction meeting). Only one person rose to that challenge - Nick Zwart. I include Nick's picture here - you'll want to seek him out in Melbourne for two reasons. First, his work should ultimately lead to an extra couple days for you all to prepare your abstracts for future meetings, so be sure to thank him for that. Second, he'll be the one at the closing party with the 10 extra drink tickets I promised - so he may be looking for a few new friends.



Hooroo,

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