

# **Australasian Neuroscience Society (ANS) Neuroscience Research Representative**

## **Position Description**

### **Role**

The role of the ANS Neuroscience Research Representative is to represent ANS members who are professional neuroscience researchers but not senior group leaders (i) on the ANS Council and (ii) to appropriate regional, national and international organisations. Given that the primary objective of ANS is the advancement of the neurosciences by facilitating the dissemination of information pertaining to neuroscience, the Neuroscience Research Representative should be particularly active in promoting relevant activities to early- to mid-career researchers (EMCR), research assistants, facility managers, and other professional staff.

### **Duties and Responsibilities**

1. Solicit ANS member suggestions on a range of neuroscience professional researcher and national ANS matters, including:
  - speakers and symposia for the ANS Annual Scientific Meeting;
  - material for the ANS Newsletter;
  - nominations for awards and prizes, *e.g.* A. W. Campbell Award, Paxinos-Watson Award, Australian Museum Eureka Prize, Young Tall Poppy Awards;
  - surveys and questionnaires, *e.g.* ANS EMCR membership surveys;
  - nominations for ANS Council and ANS committees, in particular, the EMCR committee;
  - items for ANS Council meeting agendas regarding neuroscience research professional staff;
  - any other issues judged to be important to Australasian neuroscience, *e.g.* response to animal rights activists, education initiatives, *etc.*
2. Liaising with Regional Representatives to bring attention to any relevant matters for their inclusion in ANS Council meeting agendas.
3. Remind ANS members of deadlines for registration and submission of abstracts for the Annual Scientific Meeting.
4. Organise and/or help coordinate activities for EMCR neuroscience-related events, *e.g.* the Australian Course in Advanced Neuroscience, Joint EMCR and Student Body Networking Evenings at the ANS Meetings. These events are focused on career development, networking, and enhancing collaboration and discussion between EMCRs and groups leaders.

5. Request and justify the expenditure of funds provided by the ANS for the support of EMCR neuroscience-related events.
6. Chair or nominate a suitable chair for the ANS EMCR Committee. The committee is comprised of 8-12 members who are between 0-10 years post-PhD conferral.

***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 convey members' concerns and contribute to general debate.
2. Provide timely reports to ANS Council on EMCR-based activities.
3. Occasionally attend functions as a representative of the ANS, e.g. symposia on science and technology policy, 'Science Meets Parliament' event, *etc.*