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Christmas Dinner Wednesday 10 December 2003

Earl of Leicester Hotel
85 Leicester Street, Parkside

Drinks from 6.00 p.m.
Dinner at 7.00 p.m.
Cost \$10.00 per head

Our major social function for the year is with us again. The Earl will again be our hosts. The Christmas dinner has always been a very enjoyable occasion and the highlight of our social calendar, so mark this date in your diary.

To assist with the catering arrangements, could you please advise **Kerry at Helicon Technology** if you will be attending and the number attending either by mail, phone or email.

Payment options:

Electronic Funds Transfer

BSB 065-006 Account Number 10108888
[Please record "Xmas" + Member Number in 'description']

By Cheque/Money Order - make payable to 'SMBE (SA) Inc'
[Post to Kerry Nelson, Unit 6 181 Gilles Street, ADELA IDE SA 5000]

See below for Christmas menu dinner.

Numbers are limited so get your reply in quick as "first in best dressed" will apply if need be.

RSVP by Friday 5 December 2003 to Kerry Nelson by
Post Unit 6 181 Gilles Street, ADELA IDE SA 5000
Phone 82232000
Email helicon@chariot.com.au

Annual General Meeting

The 2003 Annual General Meeting was held on 12 August 2003 at the Repatriation General Hospital and was again well attended. Elections were held for the positions of Vice President, Treasurer and 2 councillors with the results as follows.

Vice President Ray Liddle

Treasurer Greg Smith

Councillors Olivia Pallotta and Tony

Carlisle

We again have 4 members of Council from the one institution but it is proposed to modify the Constitution to allow this while maintaining unbiased voting at Council meetings. Watch for notification of these changes early next year.

Following the formal part of the meeting Dr David Paton gave a very interesting and eye opening talk on the River Murray system and its problems. David discussed the effects that the changing hydrology has had on the flora and fauna of the Coorong, especially the birdlife. From the early 80's to now the numbers of some bird species has reduced by up to a factor of 10. David presented some interesting facts on irrigation water used for the wine and cotton industries. The production of 1 bottle of wine uses about 500 litres of water and the making of a pair of cotton jeans consumes about 1500 litres of water. Measures are being taken to correct the problems but they will need to be increased and maintained indefinitely if the Murray River and its environs are to be restored to their former glory.

General news

One of our members, Trevor Wood, retired in August after many years with Terumo. For as long as I can remember the name Trevor Wood has been synonymous with Terumo. Trevor has been a longstanding member of the Society and he and Terumo have been strong supporters of the Society for many years. We wish Trevor all the best in his retirement and hope that we will still see him at some of our meetings.

Newsletters and mailing

At present we distribute the newsletter and other notices by email to some members and by post to others. If you are not currently receiving newsletters etc by email but would like to do so can you please let me know your email address.

SMBE Outstanding Honours Project Award

The SMBE Outstanding Honours Project Award is a new award and is awarded to a biomedical

engineering student for their superior work towards their honours project.

The award is based on practicality of the design, project development and outcomes and explanation of work at the exposition day.

The award is in the form of a \$200 cash prize, a certificate and 12 months free membership to the SMBE. The award is judged on Expo Day at Flinders University by three members of the Council.

This year the award was won by Chantelle Saegenschnitter and Tania Walker for their project titled An Orthopaedic Surgical Simulator. The SMBE congratulates Chantelle and Tania for their success and wishes them well in the chosen career. The brochure for their project is at the end of this newsletter.



Tania and Chantelle with their project at Expo Day, 2003.



Anne-Louise presenting Tania and Chantelle with their award.

Drager/SMBE(SA) Biomedical Engineering Encouragement Award

Nominations are being sought for this very worthwhile award for 2004. Nomination forms were sent out some weeks ago and nominations close on **Friday 28 November 2003**.

PHILOSOPHY

This annual award is to be made as a means of acknowledging and encouraging excellence amongst Biomedical Engineering practitioners.

PROCESS

The recipient shall be selected by the council of the SMBE (SA) and a representative of Drager Australia from amongst candidates who shall:

Be nominated by a peer who deems them worthy of such recognition

THE AWARD

The award shall comprise a funded visit to the annual SMBE (NSW) Technicians seminar.

CONDITIONS

Open to all BME practitioners, from within SA and the NT, be they SMBE members or not. The recipient must be in a position to attend the seminar, in either their own or employer's time. The award may be forfeited if this requirement cannot

be fulfilled. The nomination by a peer must give a clear indication or evidence of the nominee's abilities, skills, motivation or commitment that, in their mind, sets them apart and makes them deserving of particular recognition.

Individuals holding position on the council of the SMBE (SA) at the time of judging are ineligible for consideration.

All entrants are eligible for minor awards of complementary SMBE (SA) membership for a one year period.

The SMBE (SA) council reserves the right to not make the award.

Nominations should be forwarded to:

Robin Woolford, Secretary SMBE
C/- Biomedical Engineering
Flinders Medical Center, Bedford Park 5042
FAX (08) 8204 5840

Please contact Secretary for nomination form.

Christmas Dinner Menu

~ Main ~

Sirloin Steak

200gm Steak, Chargrilled medium, accompanied by Röstis finished with a Beef Jus

Roast Turkey

Oven roasted Turkey Breast, presented with Roast Vegetables, Traditional Gravy and Cranberry Sauce

Chargrilled Chicken

served on sauteed Bacon, Onion and Baby Potatoes finished with a Creamy Green Peppercorn Sauce

~ Dessert ~

Christmas Pudding

Traditional steamed Pudding served with Brandy Custard

Orange Creme Caramel

with Vanilla Bean Chantilly Cream

Advertising rates

Full page\$100.00 ½ page\$50.00

¼ page\$25.00 Business card . \$25.00

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