

# FEBRUARY 1996

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## SCIENTIFIC MEETING

Tim Staker :Benchmarking of Biomedical Engineering  
Adrian Richards :Certification of Biomedical Engineering Technicians  
Robert Wiseman :Re-engineering of Biomedical Engineering

**Venue: I.E. Aust  
11 Bagot Street  
North Adelaide**

**Date : Wednesday 14 February 1996  
Time : 6.00 pm for 6.15 start**

Tim, Adrian and Robert will be presenting the papers they presented at the EPSM'95 Conference in New Zealand last year.

The topics to be discussed are very relevant to the management of BME services particularly with the challenges of outsourcing and privatisation that we are all likely to face over the next few years.

Please come along and support Tim, Adrian and Robert and socialise with fellow members.

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## AUSTRALIAN BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING WWW FACILITY

**H**ilary Bridel at the Nepean Hospital in NSW has established a [WWW facility](#) for the biomedical engineering community. Hilary's aim is to build an electronic community for Biomedical Engineering personnel in Australia to promote discussion and the dissemination of information between departments. Some of the facilities available are

- employment opportunities within biomedical engineering.
- a trading page for buying and selling equipment
- changes to the TGA Register of goods
- the IFMBE is available via the internet
- conference information
- SMBE and I.E. Aust . newsletters
- abstracts from EPSM'95
- mailing lists
- news and events
- universities
- medical resources
- newsgroups

The SMBE council has decided to support this initiative with a small donation as it believes it to be a valuable resource and will encourage more communication with our peers around Australia.

We encourage you to use and support this service to ensure that it continues to grow. Hilary Bridel would welcome any comments and suggestions as to how the service could be improved .

The address is [hpbridel@zeta.org.au](mailto:hpbridel@zeta.org.au)

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## 1996 SCIENTIFIC MEETING PROGRAM

**C**onsiderable work has been put in by the joint program committee (I.E.Aust, SMBE, ACPSEM) to ensure that we have a full program of interesting meetings this

year. Meetings planned to date are listed on a separate sheet with this newsletter so please mark these dates in your diary .

Several meetings need to be confirmed and you will receive notification in future newsletters.

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## NEW MEMBERS

**T**he council welcomes Naomi Herbert to the Society. Naomi is employed as a Biomedical Engineer at the Royal Adelaide Hospital.

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## PHYSICIAN HEAL THYSELF

**P**hysicians Amin Karim and Norman Berkinan of Baylor College of Medicine have lately told of a plastic surgeon, age 40, "who performed cardioversion on himself" [New England J Med 332,614 (1995)]. The chap got a shock from a 110 volt wall socket while repairing a lamp in his examining room. After dragging himself to a heart monitor, he found that "he was in rapid atrial fibrillation, with a heart rate of 160 per minute." Being about to pass out , and with no help at hand, "he charged a cardioverter-defibrillator and gave himself two shocks of 100 watt-seconds (100 joules). He fell off the table , but sinus rhythm was restored. Subsequent heart monitoring did not show a recurrence of arrhythmia."

From TQEH SCIENTIST ,Newsletter of The Queen Elizabeth Hosiptal Scientist's Society, Number 8 October 1995.

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## CONFERENCE CALENDAR

February 12-13 1996 I.T. IN HEALTH '96, Sydney

May 26-30 1996 The 2nd Medical Engineering Week of the World, Taipei, Taiwan

June 9-13 1996 [10th Nordic-Baltic Conference](#) on Biomedical Engineering, Tampere,

Finland

October 21-24 1996 [EPSMH'96](#) Engineering and Physical Science in Medicine and Health, Canberra

Sept 14-19 1997 World Congress on Medical Physics and Biomedical Engineering, Nice, France

Information on the above are available from the editor or president

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