

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

## **Position Description**

### **Role**

The role of the ANS Regional Representative is to represent ANS members in their region to (i) 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 Regional Representative should be particularly active in promoting relevant activities in their region. Such activities may include the following:

### **Duties and Responsibilities**

1. Solicit ANS member suggestions on a range of regional 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;
  - nominations for government panels, *e.g.* grant review panels;
  - input on government initiatives, *e.g.* green papers, policy reports;
  - surveys and questionnaires, *e.g.* ANS membership surveys;
  - nominations for ANS Council and ANS committees;
  - items for ANS Council meeting agendas;
  - any other issues judged to be important to Australian neuroscience, *e.g.* response to animal rights activists, education initiatives, *etc.*
2. Bring to the attention of regional ANS members any relevant matters included in ANS Council meeting agendas and solicit input on those matters.
3. Remind ANS members of deadlines for registration and submission of abstracts for the Annual Scientific Meeting.
4. As required, support regional activities for neuroscience-related events, *e.g.* Brain Awareness Week, Brain Bee Challenge, regional conferences or workshops, *etc.* Where appropriate, help coordinate these activities with neuroscience activities in other regions.

5. Request and justify the expenditure of funds provided by the ANS for the support of regional neuroscience-related events. Manage any regional budget allocation.

***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 region-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.*