

Copenhagen Conference Perspectives

- Date:** Saturday, 26 November 2011
- Time:** 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm
- Lunch:** A light lunch will be provided before the Seminar
Lunch will be available at around 12:30 pm, following the SGM and the AGM
- Venue:** Regency Function Centre
Burwood RSL Club
96 Shaftesbury Road, Burwood NSW
Parking is available on site but, as always, you are advised to be early



Polio Australia's National Program Manager, Mary-ann Liethof, recently travelled to Copenhagen, Denmark, to attend an important European Conference *Post-Polio Syndrome – A Challenge of Today* which was held from 31 August until 2 September 2011. The Conference was hosted by the European Polio Union (EPU) and The Danish Society of Polio and Accident Victims (PTU) and was attended by 330 participants from 25 countries. Your Network was well represented at the Conference as also attending were Committee Members Dr John Tierney and Dr Diane Bull.

Much of the Conference was divided into two streams: one for polio survivors and the other for health professionals. This Seminar will bring you three different perspectives of the Conference and will also provide the opportunity to watch recorded excerpts from some of the Conference sessions. To lead off, Mary-ann will present an overview of the polio survivor stream, including her own presentation on Australia's *Polio Health and Wellness Retreats*, and also touch on other highlights from her time in Copenhagen. Diane Bull will then share her perspective on the health professional stream. Finally, with Polio Australia now investigating the feasibility of Australia holding an International Polio Conference in 2014, John Tierney will give us his perspective on the pros and cons of the format of both the 2011 Copenhagen and 2009 Warm Springs Polio Conferences that he attended, and discuss what Australia could adopt and/or do differently if an Australian 2014 Conference becomes a reality. The Seminar will end with a panel Q & A session where your questions will be expertly answered by the presenters.

You won't want to miss this Seminar and the chance to catch up with friends over lunch at our second day-long event for the year. We look forward to seeing you there.

REMINDER: The activities on 26 November will commence at 11:00 am with a Special General Meeting (SGM) (see separate enclosure), followed by the Annual General Meeting (AGM) commencing at 11:30 am (full details overleaf), lunch, and then the Seminar which will commence at 1:30 pm. Please support your Network and its volunteer Management Committee by attending both the Special and Annual General Meetings, and the Seminar.

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On Saturday, 26 November 2011 the Network will hold a Special General Meeting (11:00 – 11:30 am), our 23rd Annual General Meeting (11:30 am – 12:30 pm), followed by lunch (12:30 - 1:30 pm) and a Seminar (1:30 – 3:00 pm). We look forward to your participation.

The AGM is your opportunity to have a say in the management of the Network. After many years of stalwart service, Secretary and Support Group Co-ordinator, Neil von Schill, will not be standing for re-election this year due to ill health. Rebecca Rodwell is also standing down having just given birth to her second child. In addition, the Committee currently has two casual vacancies. We therefore need at least four new people to put their hands up at this AGM to ensure that the Committee can operate at full strength throughout 2012. **This is your Network and we need your help – please try to attend the AGM, and please give some thought to joining the Committee so we can continue our efforts to support polio survivors and their families.**

23rd Annual General Meeting

Date: Saturday, 26 November 2011

Time: 11:30 am - 12:30 pm (following Special General Meeting at 11:00 am)

A light lunch will be provided before the Seminar – please RSVP to the PPN Office by Fri 18 Nov

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Annual General Meeting Agenda

1. Opening of Meeting
2. Present
3. Apologies
4. Confirmation of Minutes of 22nd Annual General Meeting held 27 November 2010
5. Annual Report
6. Financial Statement
7. Auditor's Report
8. Election of Management Committee (minimum 6, maximum 12)
 - 8.1 President
 - 8.2 Vice-President
 - 8.3 Secretary
 - 8.4 Treasurer
 - 8.5 Committee Members (minimum 2, maximum 8)
9. Appointment of Auditor
10. Appointment of Patron(s)
11. General Business
12. Close of AGM

Immediately prior to the Annual General Meeting, a Special General Meeting will be held to consider six (6) Special Resolutions – please see the separate enclosure.

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