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Happy New Year, a particularly pertinent year for the ASA as it marks our 75th Anniversary.

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Annual Report

The 2008 Annual Report is now available [online](#). Previously we printed and posted the Annual Report to members but following a survey last year, where you told us you would rather have the report available online, we have printed a small number for official purposes only. If you would like a copy please call or email the ASA headquarters with your request and a copy will be posted to you.

I have no doubt we'll refine the communications process and I welcome your feedback on this edition. The Annual Report is effective as at December 31, 2008 with the exception of the financial and office bearer information which reflects our financial year (ends on 30 June 2008). The audited [Financial Report](#) for last year is also available on our website.

Relative Value Guide

The 11th edition of the *Relative Value Guide* (RVG) was distributed late last year to members. Please contact the ASA headquarters if you have not received your printed copy. With the demise of the printed version of the MBS the RVG becomes an even more useful resource.

Keeping with technological advances the ASA is about to launch a mobile phone/PDA digital edition of the RVG. This will be a digital look up version that members will be able to download from the web. It will be updated as and when Council approves changes to the RVG making it the most current method of recording item numbers.

The application is being written for the ASA by a private software developer in conjunction with Dr Martin Culwick. If you can tell us your mobile phone/PDA requirements it will speed up the development process – follow this [link](#) to a one minute online survey where you can enter your preferences for mobile phone/PDA operating systems.

I expect we'll launch the first application in the next month and it will be a free service to members.

75th Anniversary

We are looking forward to celebrating our 75th Anniversary year. State Committees have been invited to arrange guest speakers at scientific meetings, we will be publishing a commemorative edition of the *ASA News* in April and, of course, we will be meeting in Darwin at the National Scientific Congress in September to celebrate 75 years of the Society!

GPALS

The ASA has undertaken a six month review into the feasibility of establishing a GP anaesthetist locum service for rural and remote Australia. We have received considerable interest and advice from GP anaesthetists. The report will be submitted shortly to the Department of Health and Aging for Ministerial review and implementation funding. If you would like to find out more about the project or register your interest in becoming a locum please follow this [link](#).

ASA Awards and Grants 2009

This year the ASA's Awards, Prizes and Grants total Au\$71,500. Never enough, but it continues the Society's support for research and academic excellence in anaesthesia and pain management that has existed since its founding in 1934. Please download the new ASA Awards and Grants program for 2009 [here](#).

The deadline for Awards and Grants [applications](#) is 30 June 2009. Please don't hesitate to apply. We welcome all applications and have an outstanding team of highly qualified adjudicators to ensure the selection process is meticulous, objective and based on merit.

Do you Enjoy Photography?

We are looking for anaesthesia-related photos for our publications. For more information please contact Avril Cronk at the ASA headquarters on 02 9327 4022 or send your photos to acronk@fed.asa.org.au

Upcoming Events

The ASA [Practice Managers Workshop](#) will be held on Friday, 13 March 2009 at the Menzies Hotel, Sydney. Subject matter experts will discuss common problems and solutions such as informed financial consent, billing issues and Eclipse. To register or make an enquiry please contact Ms Grainne Mullen at the ASA on gmullen@fed.asa.org.au or 02 9327 4022.

It is never too early to start your planning for the ASA's 68th National Scientific Congress. We are looking forward to the NSC which this year will be held at the Darwin Convention Centre from 5 to 8 September 2009. Don't forget to submit your abstract for presentation as a free paper or poster by 6 February 2009. More information on the ASA National Scientific Congress can be found at www.asa2009.com

For information on the Australian Symposium on Ultrasound and Regional Anaesthesia (ASURA), which will be held 20 to 23 November 2009 please click here www.asura2009.anaesthesia.org.au

