

### Profile: Professor Sean Hood

Professor Sean Hood MBBS MSc FRANZCP undertook his undergraduate medical degree at the University of Western Australia before completing formal postgraduate training in Psychiatry in Perth (Australia) and Bristol (United Kingdom) in 2003. Since 1999 he has worked with Professor David Nutt's Psychopharmacology Unit at the University of Bristol where he continues to hold an honorary appointment.

It was in Bristol that Sean first began investigating serotonergic systems in clinical anxiety disorders using the acute tryptophan depletion (ATD) technique and other challenges, and this body of work was the focus of his Masters' Degree in Affective Neuroscience (University of Maastricht, The Netherlands, 2003). Subsequently, he returned to Perth setting up a Clinical Psychopharmacology laboratory as a clinical academic in the University of Western Australia's Psychiatry & Clinical Neurosciences Unit.

Prof Hood is Chair of the Western Australian Psychotropic Drug Committee (WAPDC) and a member of the RANZCP Committee for Research. He is a psychiatrist in academic, public and private practice. A major area of academic research interest is the neurobiology of anxiety and mood disorders. His recent research includes investigating neurotransmitter mechanisms in clinical anxiety disorders and hypertension by pharmacological challenge.

Sean is well known to several ICANS members both through his extensive work in the Psychopharmacology Unit in Bristol and subsequent ongoing collaborations, and through his participation in the inaugural Affective Neuroscience Masters Degree course in 2003.