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Dear ANZATS individual member,

On behalf of the Council, we would like to give a brief update on the forthcoming edition of *Colloquium*, our 2026 conference, upcoming membership renewals, and expressions of interest for the Editor of *Colloquium*.

First, we are delighted to announce that the latest edition of *Colloquium* is about to be issued. We know there has been a gap since the last issue. Thanks for your patience during this time and our apologies for the delay. We are also pleased that the next five issues of *Colloquium* will be released on an online "open access" basis rather than in print form, broadening the audience of *Colloquium* journal. More details will be on the ANZATS web-site shortly.

Second, for our annual conference ANZATS will be convening a series of sessions (including an ANZATS AGM) as an Affiliate at the forthcoming SBL International Conference 2026, to be held **5-9 July 2026** at the University of Adelaide, Australia. For further details on SBL International sessions, please refer to <https://www.sbl-site.org/meetings/international-meeting/>. The call for papers is open until 15 January 2026. Please think about submitting early or creating a reminder to do this soon after New Year. For Biblical papers we encourage you to apply direct to an SBL unit. For Theological areas, you can click the Affiliate box and do a search at the Program Unit page at <https://members.sbl-site.org/International-Meeting/IM-program-units>. You will see there are ANZATS options in History and Theology, and a special session on 'Disability, Vulnerability, and Caregiving'. All paper proposals are through the SBL site—and there won't be a separate call for submissions direct to ANZATS—**so please note the 15 Jan SBL deadline**.

Third, in conjunction with Society of Biblical Literature, we advise that all paid up individual members of ANZATS for the 2025 year will be eligible to submit papers to ANZATS and/or SBL International sessions. In most cases, this constitutes a significant saving for ANZATS members over SBL membership. For ANZATS members who have not yet paid their ANZATS subscription, there is both opportunity to pay those subscriptions and also for new members to sign up for the 2025 year (not 2026) before 31

paper.

Finally, the ANZATS Council is seeking Expressions of Interest for the Editor of Colloquium. Please refer to "Positions Vacant" on our website at <https://anzats.edu.au/members/positions-vacant/>. Feel welcome to draw it to the attention of anyone you know who might be interested.

Best wishes

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