

INVITATION



Join us in Hobart for the 2016 Joint Annual Scientific Meeting of

The Australian Atherosclerosis Society, (AAS)
High Blood Pressure Research Council of Australia, (HBPRCA)
and Australian Vascular Biology Society, (AVBS)

**Hotel Grand Chancellor, Hobart, Tasmania
7-10 December 2016**

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Join us in Hobart for the 2016 Annual Scientific Meeting of
the Australian Atherosclerosis Society,
the Australian Vascular Biology Society and
the High Blood Pressure Research Council of Australia.

On behalf of all three societies, we would like to invite you to participate in our Joint Annual Scientific Meeting in 2016, to be held at the Hotel Grand Chancellor, Hobart Tasmania, from the afternoon of Wednesday 7 December until lunchtime on Saturday 10 December.

This year, this integrated meeting will see us sharing ideas and experience from all over the country, with plenty of opportunities to network with your colleagues. The Young Investigator Symposium will bring together Young Investigators and Early Career Researchers from all three societies and this cross fertilisation of ideas will no doubt provide a fruitful experience for all.

Our guest speakers hail from all over the globe and include, newly appointed British Heart Foundation Medical Director, Prof. Sir Nilesh Samani from the UK, Prof. Kathy Griendling, Professor of Medicine in the Cardiology Division of Emory University and Fellow of the American Heart Foundation from Atlanta Georgia, and the eminent Prof. Jean-Pierre Després from Laval University in Quebec, Canada.

Our National invited speakers include Prof. Craig Anderson from the George Institute in NSW, A/Prof. Jonathan Shaw from Baker IDI in VIC, Prof. Chris Semsarian, Royal Prince Alfred, NSW and Prof. Alan Cooper, specialist in the genetic analysis of evolution, from SA.

With such an engaging line up of both researchers and clinicians, we are sure you will agree this program will have something for everyone.

We look forward to seeing you in Hobart, Tasmania.

Organising Committee:

Heather Medbury (AAS), Anne Barden (HBPRCA), Mary Kavurma (AVBS).

Key Dates

Before the Meeting

Monday 15 August	Call for abstracts
Friday 23 September	Abstract deadline
Monday 24 October	Final program due
Friday 4 November	Early bird registration closes
Monday 7 November	Abstract withdrawn if author not registered

During the Meeting

Wednesday 7 December	Young Investigator / Early Career Researcher Joint Session
Wednesday 7 December	Welcome reception and poster viewing
Thursday 8 December	Student oral and moderated posters
Thursday 8 December	HBPRCA and AVBS Annual General Meeting
Friday 9 December	Young Investigator / Early Career Researcher oral and moderated posters
Friday 9 December	AAS Annual General Meeting



Conference Organiser

If you have any questions regarding the meeting, please contact:

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Preliminary Program

The diversity and quality of invited speakers is sure to provide excellent opportunities to increase knowledge and understanding of the field. Free communications will be scheduled in each session.

Free communications will cover topics including (but not limited to) the following:

- Clinical Insights into Cardiovascular Disease
- Lipid Metabolism
- High Blood Pressure
- Vascular Biology / Function
- Diabetes
- Inflammation
- Angiogenesis / Lymphangiogenesis
- Platelets
- Lifestyle and Nutrition



Invited Speakers

RD Wright invited Lecturer: Prof. Sir Nilesh J Samani, UK

Nilesh Samani is British Heart Foundation Professor of Cardiology and Head of the Department of Cardiovascular Sciences at the University of Leicester. He is also Director of the Leicester National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) Biomedical Research Unit in Cardiovascular Disease and Consultant Cardiologist at the Cardiac Centre, Glenfield Hospital, Leicester.

Colin I Johnston invited Lecturer: Prof. Chris Semsarian

Chris Semsarian is a cardiologist with a specific research focus in the genetic basis of cardiovascular disease. Prof. Semsarian trained at the University of Sydney, Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, and Harvard Medical School. A focus area of his research is in the investigation and prevention of sudden cardiac death in the young, particularly amongst children and young adults. Prof. Semsarian has an established research program which is at the interface of basic science and clinical research, with the ultimate goal to prevent the complications of genetic heart diseases in our community. Prof. Semsarian is the director of two speciality clinics at RPAH: The Genetic Heart Disease and Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy Clinics.

Austin Doyle invited Lecturer: Prof. Alan Cooper

Alan Cooper has been an Australian Research Council Federation and Future Fellow (2005-2010, 2011-2014), during which time he has specialized in the genetic analysis of evolution, biodiversity, climate change, paleoecology and microbiomes.

Prof. Kathy Griendling, USA

Kathy Griendling is currently a Professor of Medicine in the Cardiology Division of Emory University, and a Fellow of the American Heart Association. She serves as an Associate Editor for Circulation Research and is one of the Executive Editors of Antioxidants and Redox Signaling. She is Vice Chair for Research and Faculty Development in the Department of Medicine and Assistant Dean for Faculty Development in the School of Medicine.

Prof. Jean-Pierre Després, Canada

Jean-Pierre Després is a professor at the department of sciences of food and nutrition at the Laval University in Montreal, Canada. He is also director of research at the Institute of Cardiology at Laval Hospital, and director of the research center on lipidic diseases.

A/Prof. Jonathan Shaw

Jonathan Shaw is Associate Director of Baker IDI and has been practising at the clinic for the past 10 years. A/Prof. Shaw is Co-Chief Investigator of the AusDiab Study, the largest population-based study in Australia examining the natural history of diabetes, pre-diabetes, heart disease, and kidney disease.

Prof. Craig Anderson

Craig Anderson is Director of the Neurological and Mental Health Division at The George Institute for International Health, and Professor of Stroke Medicine and Clinical Neuroscience in the College of Health Sciences at the University of Sydney and Neurologist (Director of Stroke Services) at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital.



Program outline

Wednesday 7 December	
14:30 - 20:30	
Young Investigator / Early Career Symposium	
WELCOME RECEPTION AND POSTER VIEWING	
Thursday 8 December	
08:30 - 18:30	
JOINT OPENING SESSION HBPRCA RD Wright Lecture Prof. Sir Nilesh Samani, UK	
Oral presentations	
MORNING TEA	
STUDENT FINALISTS Oral Session	
LUNCH	
STUDENT FINALISTS Moderated Poster Session	
CONCURRENT SESSIONS	
Oral presentations	Prof. Craig Anderson
AFTERNOON TEA AND POSTER VIEWING	
CONCURRENT SESSIONS	
Oral presentations	Oral presentations including AVBS Achievement and Career Development Award winner
HBPRCA Annual General Meeting	AVBS Annual General Meeting



Friday 9 December

08:30 - 22:00

JOINT OPENING SESSION

Dr Kathy Griendling, USA

Oral presentations

MORNING TEA

YI / ECR FINALISTS Oral Session

LUNCH

YI / ECR FINALISTS Moderated Poster Session

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

HBPRCA Colin Johnston Lecture

Prof. Chris Semsarian

Oral presentations

Oral presentations

Oral presentations

AFTERNOON TEA

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Oral presentations

Prof. Jonathan Shaw

AAS Annual General Meeting

CONFERENCE AWARDS DINNER

Saturday 10 December

09:00 - 13:00

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

HBPRCA Austin Doyle Lecture

Prof. Alan Cooper

Oral presentations

Oral presentations

Oral presentations

MORNING TEA

JOINT CLOSING SESSIONS

Prof. Jean-Pierre Després, Canada

Oral presentations

CLOSING COMMENTS AND DEPART



Awards

All those who wish to present oral or poster communications are invited to submit abstracts. Deadline: midnight Friday 23 September, 2015. It is anticipated that the final program and notification of presentation style will occur on 24 October 2016.

Young Investigator (YI) / Early Career Investigator (ECR) and Student Awards:

A panel of independent referees will review all abstracts submitted by Young Investigator / ECR and Student Award nominees.

Each society will judge its own members' abstracts. *In the instance a submitter is a member of more than one society, they will be asked to nominate which society they would like to submit their abstract under and consequently be judged by. If you are applying for an award, you are only able to apply for the award from the society you have selected to judge your abstract.*

Finalists will be selected (based on average scores) and asked to prepare an oral or poster presentation. Oral presentations will be given in the YI/ECR and Student finalist sessions. The best presentations by YI/ECR and students at the Annual Scientific Meeting will receive YI/ECR Awards. There will be awards for both oral and poster presentations. Awards will be announced at the Conference Dinner.

Eligibility criteria for Awards:

AAS awards

To be eligible for the **AAS Student Awards**, you must be a financial student member (Honours/Masters/PhD student) of the AAS.

To be eligible for the **AAS Young Investigator awards**, candidates must be financial members of the AAS by the time of application and not more than 5 years beyond the award of a doctoral degree (PhD, MD) or fellowship (FRACP).

Please indicate when submitting an abstract if you would like to be considered for a Young Investigator/Student Award. The applicant must not have published the work presented in the abstract other than in electronic form at the time of submission and must not have won an award in the same category previously.

HBPRCA awards

To be eligible for the **HBPRCA Student Awards**, you must be a student member (Honours/Masters/PhD student) of the HBPRCA. Membership is free of charge for students.

To be eligible for the **HBPRCA Early Career Researcher (ECR) awards**, candidates must be financial members of the HBPRCA by the time of application and not more than 10 years beyond the award of a doctoral degree (PhD, MD) or fellowship (FRACP).

Please indicate when submitting an abstract if you would like to be considered for an ECR/Student Award. The applicant must not have published the work presented in the abstract other than in electronic form at the time of submission and must not have won an award in the same category previously.

AVBS awards

You do not need to be a financial member of the AVBS to be eligible for a student or ECR award. For ECR awards, candidates must be not more than 5 years beyond the award of a doctoral degree (PhD, MD) or fellowship (FRACP).

To be considered for an award through AVBS, please email a letter confirming your Student or Early Career Researcher status and signed by your supervisor to mary.kavurma@hri.org.au and cc admin@yoursecretariat.com.au. Prior publication is acceptable for AVBS awards.

IN ALL CASES:

The applicant **MUST** be the first author of the abstract.



Travel Grants

A range of travel grants are available from the participating societies:

AAS Student Travel Grants

To be considered for a student travel grant you must be a financial student member of the AAS, a full-time student in Australia or New Zealand and presenting at the meeting. Student travel grants are NOT available to students residing in the state that the meeting is being held. If a travel grant is approved, available funds will be distributed based on a percentage of the economy return fare (maximum of 50% of return economy fare). A cheque will be available at the meeting. Student travel grants will only be available to those student members have paid their annual subscription. You may apply for a student travel grant during the abstract submission process.

HBPRCA Student Travel Grants

To be considered for a student travel grant you must be an approved student member of the HBPRCA, a full-time student in Australia or New Zealand and presenting at the meeting. For the 2016 meeting, HBPRCA has increased the number of travel grants available to students. Student travel grants are NOT available to students residing in the state that the meeting is being held. If a travel grant is approved, available funds will be distributed based on a percentage of the economy return fare (maximum of 50% of return economy fare). A cheque will be available at the meeting. Student travel grants will only be available to current student members. NB student membership is free of charge however students MUST be registered as a member, at the time of application to be eligible. You may apply for a student travel grant during the abstract submission process.

AVBS Student Travel Grants

To be considered for a student travel grant you must be a full-time student in Australia or New Zealand and presenting at the meeting. You do not need to be a member of AVBS to apply. Grants are not available to students residing in the state that the meeting is being held. If a travel grant is approved, available funds will be distributed based on a percentage of the economy return fare (maximum 50% of return economy fare). A cheque will be available at the meeting. You may apply for a student travel grant during the abstract submission process.

Call For Abstracts

Abstracts are open for submission on 15 August 2016.

Please click [here](#) / visit www.jointasm.com.au

If you are a member of more than one society, you will be asked to select which society you would like to judge your abstracts and apply for awards and travel grants through, upon submission.

Abstracts must be submitted through the online portal and not e-mailed to the secretariat. Once submitted, abstracts are considered final and no further changes or versions will be accepted. In the case of any difficulties, please contact admin@yoursecretariat.com.au or call +61 2 4356 0007

All those who wish to present oral or poster communications are invited to submit abstracts.

The closing deadline for abstracts is Friday 23 September 2016

It is anticipated that the final program and notification of presentation style will occur week commencing **24 October 2016**.

Early bird registration closes on 4 November 2016.



Abstract Submission Form

Please complete all fields of the abstract submission form online carefully. If you have any difficulty in completing the form or submitting your abstract please contact admin@yoursecretariat.com.au or call + 61 2 4356 0007. Please aim to keep your abstract to less than half an A4 page according to the abstract specifications and the form provided.

No changes will be able to be made after this submission, so please check carefully before submitting. You are not able to save your submission partway through.

The abstract submission process and online form is self-explanatory and information from this online form is utilised to generate the final program, so please complete carefully, following the on-screen instructions.

Receipt of all abstracts will be acknowledged automatically on submission via email.

You will be notified w/c 24 October of your abstract acceptance and final presentation method (oral / poster / moderated poster) via email, and directed to the final program on the meeting website to determine your final abstract number and presentation time.

If you do not get this confirmation email nor an email re final presentation method, please check your spam folder and contact admin@yoursecretariat.com.au as soon as possible.

Oral presentations will be allowed 10 minutes with 5 minutes for questions.

Poster Presentations Fabric covered poster boards will measure 1800mm high x 1200mm wide. The most appropriate poster size is 1m x 1m.



REGISTRATION

Registration is on line – www.jointasm.com.au

Registration fees: Prices are in **AUD** and are **GST inclusive**. Payment can be made securely by credit card (Visa, Mastercard, Amex) through the registration site, or by offline methods including wire transfer/bank deposit or by cheque.

If you select to pay off line, please ensure payment is made within 15 days of your registration and ensure you have your name included as a reference to ensure correct allocation of your payment.

All payment methods will have Tax Receipts available following receipt of funds.

Registration includes a ticket to the Conference Awards Dinner on Friday 9 December 2016. Additional dinner tickets may be purchased if required for guests.

Entitlements • Attendance at all scientific sessions • Conference satchel • Abstract book • Welcome reception drink and canapes (1 ticket) • Conference Awards Dinner (1 ticket) • Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea on Thursday and Friday • Morning tea only on Saturday

Registration categories are below – Member discounts apply to delegates who are a member of any of the 3 societies.

Registration acknowledgement: All registrations will be acknowledged via email on receipt. Please ensure you read your confirmation carefully and advise of any corrections promptly. Registrants who have not submitted their payment by 15 November will be assumed to have withdrawn their registration.

Cancellation policy: A cancellation received prior to 15 November will receive a full refund of registration/function fees less a cancellation fee of \$66.00. Refunds for any cancellations after 15 November will only be made in exceptional circumstances, with the decision being made after the conclusion of the meeting. Substitutes are welcome at any time. Please call us on +61 2 4356 0007 to advise of substitutions.

Accommodation refunds will only be available if your hotel is prepared to offer one, and are at the discretion of your accommodation venue of choice.

Privacy In accordance with the Privacy and Spam Acts we advise that information collected in the registration/abstract submission process will be held in databases on secure sites by Your Secretariat. It is the intention to use the information to communicate with you by mail, phone, fax or email and to provide a delegate list comprising only name, institution, State and Country to delegates and sponsors. You may elect to not be included on this list, please advise admin@yoursecretariat.com.au if this is the case.

REGISTRATION CATEGORY	Inc GST
Early Bird prices available until 4 November 2016	
Member incl Conference Awards Dinner	\$572.00
Non-member incl Conference Awards Dinner	\$715.00
Student member incl Conference Awards Dinner	\$440.00
Student non-member incl Conference Awards Dinner	\$517.00
Registration prices from 5 November 2016	
Member incl Conference Awards Dinner	\$693.00
Non-member incl Conference Awards Dinner	\$770.00
Student member incl Conference Awards Dinner	\$539.00
Student non-member incl Conference Awards Dinner	\$616.00
Additional tickets for guests	
Welcome Reception	\$70.00
Conference Awards Dinner	\$110.00



Venue

Hotel Grand Chancellor, Hobart, Tasmania

www.grandchancellorhotels.com/hotel-grand-chancellor-hobart

Hotel Grand Chancellor Hobart is the ideal conference venue. Centrally located in Hobart, steps from Franklin Wharf and Constitution Dock, this 4.5-star hotel is within close proximity of the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery and Maritime Museum of Tasmania. Self parking (subject to charges) is available onsite.

Accommodation

Hotel Grand Chancellor (meeting venue)

1 Davy Street, Hobart, TAS 7000

Tel +61 3 62354535

www.grandchancellorhotels.com/hotel-grand-chancellor-hobart

All details for accommodation booking and relevant discount codes are available on the meeting website.

Conference rates have been negotiated by the Secretariat for delegates attending the Joint ASM:

Standard room (Mountainside) per night \$210.00 or Harbourview room \$245 per night.

Check in: 3.00pm.

Check out: 11.00am.

Hotel amenities include an indoor swimming pool, sauna and fitness centre.

\$30.00 per person for Full Buffet Breakfast.

To take advantage of these specially negotiated rates:

1. Click on this link www.grandchancellorhotels.com/hotel-grand-chancellor-hobart
2. Enter the Promo/Corporate code - JASM16
3. Select the dates of your stay

Your discounted rate will now appear as an option, and you can proceed with the reservation.

All rates include GST.

Conference accommodation rates are available to delegates 3 days prior to and 3 days after the conference dates subject to availability.

Cancellation: Cancellations made will only receive a refund if the hotel is prepared to offer one.



Other Accommodation close to the venue:

The following hotels are within walking distance to the Hotel Grand Chancellor (approximate walking times to the meeting venue are listed next to the name of the hotel).

Travelodge Hobart (11 minutes)

167 Macquarie Street, Hobart, TAS 7000

Tel +61 3 6220 7100

www.tfehotels.com/brands/travelodge-hotels/travelodge-hobart

Conference rates have been negotiated by the Secretariat for delegates at the ASM:

Guest Room \$160.00 per room per night

Breakfast is \$16.00 for a full buffet per person

The above accommodation rate is subject to availability and conditions apply.

The same rate will apply one night pre/ post subject to hotels availability at the time of booking.

To take advantage of these special rates:

1. Log onto hotel website www.tfehotels.com/brands/travelodge-hotels/travelodge-hobart
2. Click on Check Availability and Select and your dates of stay
3. Enter your Promo/Corporate code on left side of the screen – JOINTASM

Your discounted rate will now appear as an option, and you can proceed with the reservation.

Henry Jones Art Hotel (1 minute)

25 Hunter Street, Hobart, TAS 7000

Tel +61 3 6210 770

www.thehenryjones.com

Hadley's Orient Hotel (8 minutes)

34 Murray Street, Hobart, TAS 7000

Tel +61 3 6237 2999

www.hadleyshotel.com.au

Mantra Collins Hotel (5 minutes)

58 Collins Street, Hobart, TAS 7000

Tel +61 3 6226 1111

www.mantra.com.au/collins-hotel

