

## Dear Member,

Welcome to this month's short edition of the AAS E-News blast.

We are delighted to be able to announce a fantastic line up of speakers both National and International for this year's ASM at the Maritime Museum in Fremantle in WA, October 21-23.



## **Invited International Speakers**

- Bart Staels (FRANCE)
- Bhama Ramkhelawon (USA)
- Katrina Binger (Germany)
- Jean-Sebastein Silvestre (FRANCE)

## **Invited National Speakers**

- Len Kritharides (NSW)
- Karlheinz Peter (VIC)
- Leon Adams (WA)
- Alex Bobik (VIC)
- Gerald Watts (WA)

The themes for this year's meeting are below, so there is something for everyone at what promises to be a fantastic meeting.

- Nutrition (Basic and Clinical studies)
- Cellular Cholesterol Metabolism

- Lipids and Lipoproteins
- Clinical Management of Lipids
- Innate Immunity in CVD
- Reverse Cholesterol Transport and HDL
- Pharmacological Interventions
- Complications that Accelerate CVD
- Innovative Concepts in Atherosclerosis



#### International Guest Lecturer Professor Bart Staels, Pasteur Institute, Lille, France.

Prof. Bart Staels' research focuses on molecular pharmacology of cardiovascular and metabolic diseases, including dyslipidemia and type 2 diabetes. He particularly studies the role of nuclear receptors (such as the PPARs, FXR, Rev-erba and RORa) in the control of inflammation and lipid and glucose homeostasis as well as the transcriptional mechanisms involved. Pr. Staels was among the first to identify a crucial role for the nuclear receptor PPARa in the control of lipid and glucose metabolism as well as cardiovascular function in humans.



**Prof. Leonard Kritharides, University of Sydney,** Head of the Department of Cardiology and Director of Echocardiography at Concord Repatriation General Hospital, and Professor in Medicine University of Sydney. Particular clinical interests include the primary prevention of coronary disease, the management of complex hyperlipidemia, cardiac involvement in muscular dystrophy, pulmonary embolism and pulmonary hypertension, and cardiac toxicity after chemotherapy or after psychotropic medications.



Prof. Karlheinz Peter, Baker IDI, Head of Laboratory, Atherothrombosis and Vascular Biology.

His research spans from basic research in vascular biology to clinical trials in cardiology. This includes studies on the cellular mechanisms of coronary artery disease, encompassing the role of platelets, coagulation and inflammation in atherosclerosis, as well as the mechanisms leading to the rupture of atherosclerotic plaques, which is the final event of atherosclerosis, precipitating myocardial infarction or stroke."



A/Prof Leon Adams (MBBS, FRACP, PhD) is an Associate Professor in the School of Medicine and Pharmacology, University of Western Australia and Consultant Hepatologist in the Liver Transplant Unit at Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital. His research areas include examining genetic and environmental risk factors for nonalcoholic fatty liver disease (NAFLD) and defining its liver and extrahepatic complications. He currently leads multiple investigator initiated clinical trials in NAFLD. He has been a research fellow at Mayo Clinic (Rochester, USA) and visiting scholar at the University of California, San Diego.

<u>Click here to download a flyer</u> on the ASM to print and circulate to your colleagues. A full invitation brochure will be available with further details soon.

# Young Investigators take note!

Also new in 2015, is the change in criteria for the Young Investigator Awards, applicants will now be eligible to apply if they are within 0-5 years post completion of their PhD, whereas previously this was within 0-2 years.

We are hopeful this will encourage even more applicants in 2015 for these awards.

#### **Call for Abstracts**

Abstract submissions will be opening in July, with a closing submission date of September 4th. Further details of how to submit your abstracts will follow in the July e news. For more information contact admin@yoursecretariat.com.au.

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