



Australian
Atherosclerosis
Society Inc.

Dear Member,

As we come from a very successful and exciting Annual Scientific Meeting in Fremantle we would like to thank and congratulate Andrew Murphy for organizing such a stimulating meeting and bid him farewell as program secretary. In addition we have a few changes to the Executive committee as Stephen Nicholls has stepped down as President and Trevor Mori has taken the reins to lead us into 2016 and beyond. We also farewell our Membership secretary Steven Geiseg and Fatiha Tabet, who did a wonderful job as newsletter editor over the past 2 years. We are also joined by 2 new members of the Executive, myself as our new Editor, and Helen Williams, our new Membership Secretary.

Included in this e-News:

- SCOLAR report
- New position
- ASM award winners
- ACvA
- Information on the IAS Visiting Fellowship.
- ATVB|PVD 2016



I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a joyous New Year, see you in 2016!

Belinda Di Bartolo, Editor

SCOLAR 2015

AAS SCOLAR held at the HRI, with broadcasts to the Baker IDI, SAHMRI and Perth on the 16 Oct was a great success! We had more than 70 registrants this year, with outstanding NSW speakers including A/Prof Scott Byrne, Dr Ingrid Gelissen, Prof Stuart Grieve, Prof Shaun Jackson, A/Prof Michael Skilton and A/Prof Shane Thomas. The program included macrophages in innate immunity, lipids/lipoproteins and reverse cholesterol transport, current imaging technologies used in clinical and small animal research, role of platelets, nutrition and endothelial dysfunction in atherosclerosis and CVD.

I would like to thank the SCOLAR Organising Committee members, Bronwyn Brown, Sian Cartland, Pradeep Cholan, Jessica Macer-Wright, Dhanya Ravindran, Anisyah Ridiandres and Shudi Tang, for an outstanding job. Not only did these individuals put the program together, but engaged the invited speakers, secured sponsorship, and made sure the day ran smoothly. An excellent outcome overall.

We are looking forward to next year's SCOLAR Program to be held in Melbourne.

Best wishes,
Mary Kavurma

Annual Scientific Meeting

Congratulations to our finalists and our award winners from the ASM in Fremantle this year. The winners were:

Student Award Laura Vanags – I am a final year PhD student at the Heart Research Institute. My research has focused on using apoA-I to improve stent biocompatibility. We have found apoA-I can improve the three main areas of stent failure, neointimal hyperplasia, in-stent thrombosis and re-endothelialisation of the stent. AAS this year was a great meeting with interesting talks on each area contributing to atherosclerosis. I particularly enjoyed the open discussions and hearing the thoughts and opinions of the leading researchers and clinicians.



Early Career Award Hamid Hosseini – After my PhD, I joined Professor Karlheinz Peter as a research officer in Atherothrombosis and Cell Biology Lab at Baker IDI Heart and Diabetes Institute. My studies mainly focus on the cellular mechanisms and encompassing the role of platelets, coagulation and inflammation in atherosclerosis, as well as the mechanisms leading to the rupture of atherosclerotic plaques, the final stage of atherosclerosis which precipitating MI or stroke. I was very impressed with AAS 2015 Annual Scientific Meeting for choosing junior researchers as co-chairing with seniors, inviting well-known speakers with high quality of presentations, presenting new scientific innovations, vast coverage of topics in the field and a spectacular location with high quality of hosting, foods and services.



Poster Award Denise Demmer – I recently attended the AAS meeting which attracted many attendees ranging from basic, translational, clinical and epidemiological backgrounds. All with the sole purpose to communicate their exciting research to better understand the pathogenesis and to better treat cardiovascular disease. Some key highlights of the conference included being able to listen to presentations given by some of the leading researchers in cardiovascular research. In particular, my interest in epidemiological studies and nutrition drew me to sessions featuring A/Prof Leon Adams, Prof Peter Clifton and Prof Trevor Mori, who all gave insightful talks on their current research. I was selected to give a moderated poster presentation titled 'The relationships between fatness and fitness with the cardiometabolic risk factors in adolescents from the Raine Study'. This opportunity would not have been possible without the support of the poster judges and AAS for which I am extremely grateful to have received.



New Young Investigator Position – last chance to apply!

Young Investigator Representative

The Australian Atherosclerosis Society is seeking a Young Investigator (no more than 3 years post-doc) or a PhD student to be co-opted onto the AAS executive committee with the objectives of:

1. To be directly involved in educational programs for younger members of the AAS through the established Atherosclerosis Education Program , i.e. driving educational content and format across the year including but by no means limited to SCOLAR and the annual scientific meeting
2. Using social media including Twitter to drive the issues of the day and awareness of the AAS
3. Gathering and representing the views, needs and interests of up and coming students and young investigators in the areas of atherosclerosis
4. Assisting to recruit new students / young investigators to the Society

It's a great opportunity to have your say and make a real contribution to your Society. If you are interested in this position, then please express your interest by writing to natasha@yoursecretariat.com.au with a summary (one page max) outlining:

1. Why you are interested in this position
2. What skills, values and experience you would bring to the position to drive the desired outcomes
3. Details of your supervisor (where applicable) or another colleague who is willing to act as a referee for your application

The deadline for application is Friday December 4 2015, with the position to be announced in the New Year. The position will run until the AGM in 2016. We are delighted to have received 5 applications already, so if you want to be in the running, get in quick!

For further queries, please contact natasha@yoursecretariat.com.au. Please note the selection decision will be made by the AAS executive and is final.

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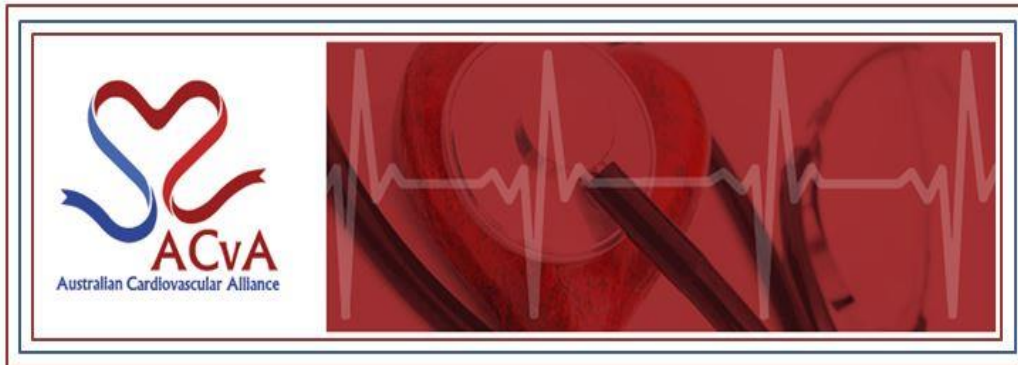
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2016 SCIENTIFIC SESSIONS

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Abstract and Award Submissions Close

Australian Cardiovascular Alliance

The ACvA officially launched on Tuesday November 24th, to learn more about this important initiative, read the press release and become a member, visit www.ozheart.org.au



New look AAS!



The more observant among will have noticed that we have a new logo, as announced by Past President Steve Nicholls at the recent AGM. With a fresh new look, and a greater focus on the Young Investigator and Student member offerings from 2016, we also look forward to bringing you a new improved website in the new year.... Watch this space.....



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IAS Visiting Fellowship Opportunities!

Improve your skills and knowledge in the field of cardiovascular disease

Learn new research techniques

Implement new techniques or initiate new programs in atherosclerosis and cardiovascular disease

Any member of our society who is actively engaged in research in the field of cardiovascular disease, has an MD/PhD or an equivalent degree, and is 40 years old or less may apply

Application Deadline: January 29, 2016

Visiting Fellowship Award

3-Month Visiting Fellowship Award: \$5,000

6-Month Visiting Fellowship Award: \$8,000

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