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Welcome to a very packed e news this month! As we are approaching the ASM in Hobart there is a host of information included, with a reminder on the eligibility criteria for the AAS Trust Travel Awards and details for the Young Investigator commended paper award. We also have 2 wonderful reports from those that have benefited from both the Trust award and the ICLA travel awards. The program for the ASM looks exciting and filled with excellent presentations. We look forward to seeing you all in Hobart!

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Belinda Di Bartolo, Editor



Joint ASM, Hobart Tasmania, Dec 7 - 10

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.

Full program available for viewing now online at www.jointasm.com.au

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 sharing of ideas will no doubt

provide a fruitful experience for all. The ANHA nurses will also hold their annual meeting alongside the HBPRCA and we welcome them as ever.

Our guest speakers hail from all over the globe and include newly appointed British Heart Foundation Medical Director, Prof. Sir Nilesh Samani, 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 Victoria, Prof. Chris Semsarian, Royal Prince Alfred, NSW and Prof. Alan Cooper, specialist in the genetic analysis of evolution, from SA.

Registration fees are detailed on the website, be sure to take advantage of special member rates for delegates who are members of any of the three societies. There is also an array of awards for best oral and poster presentations, as well as the new AAS Commended Paper award - see www.athero.org.au for more details.

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

We look forward to seeing you in Hobart, Tasmania.

Organising Committee: Anne Barden (HBPRCA), Heather Medbury (AAS) and Mary Kavurma (AVBS)



AAS Trust Awards - revised criteria

The AAS Trust Travel Awards are to assist with travel to an international conference. Applicants must apply in the Round in which their conference date falls. Applicants will be able to receive funds retrospectively. Applications will be assessed together and ranked by the Trustees after the close of each Round. The successful applicants will have been ranked as the top two in each Round. Consideration will be given to the prestige of the conference, its alignment with the aims and mission of the AAS and the type of presentation that is being given (i.e. poster/oral). Applicants must show evidence of abstract acceptance and presentation type.

Eligibility criteria

1. Must be a current financial member and a member for at least 2 consecutive years
2. Currently enrolled in a PhD or less than 10 years postdoctoral
3. Less than 5 years postdoctoral for medical graduates

Two travel awards will be available every 6 months valued up to a maximum value of \$1500 each.

Round one: for travel between January 1st and June 30th. Applications close on April 30th.

Round two: for travel between July 1st and December 31st. Applications close on November 1st.

These changes were effective as of July 1st 2016

AAS Young Investigator Commended Paper Award

This new award is now open - when you register for the ASM in Hobart, don't forget to submit your paper if you want to be considered for the award, details are below. Go to www.jointasm.com.au to register now!

This \$500 award has been initiated by members of the AAS Young Investigator Committee in recognition of an outstanding publication by a young investigator member of the AAS community. The award will be presented at the upcoming Joint Scientific Meeting between AAS, HBPRCA, AVBS in Hobart 7th-10th December 2016.

Eligibility criteria

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

1. Students or early researchers (<5 years post-doc)
2. Principal author(s) including first author and joint first authors
3. Research article accepted and published within the past 18 months (01 January 2015 – 30 June 2016). Please note that review articles are not eligible
4. AAS current member at the time of application
5. Will attend the Joint Scientific Meeting in Hobart 7th-10th December

Dates

Applications will open in August coinciding with registration for the Joint Scientific Meeting.

Awardees will be notified in November and presentations will occur at the Joint Scientific Meeting in December.

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SCOLAR update

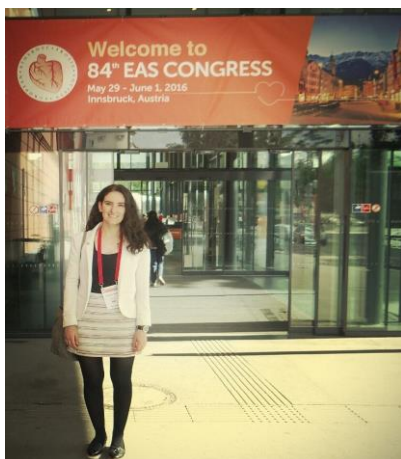
This year, the SCOLAR program will be run a little differently to previous years, which will hopefully allow greater accessibility and flexibility for you all to view the presentations, and ask questions. Rather than having to log in at a set time to a webinar you have to register for, in 2016, video and audio of the selected presenters' slides will be made available for all to see at any time, from November 25th. Additionally, a threaded discussion page will be available for you to post questions as you watch the presentations, and allow your peers and indeed the presenters to reply to your comments and questions. We hope you enjoy the new format, where you can pick and choose what you watch and when.

We would like to thank the presenters, for their time and commitment to this important program

- Christina Bursill
- Anna Calkin
- Yung Chich-Chen
- Hannah Prebble
- Peter Psaltis
- Man Kit Sam Lee

AAS Trust Award Report - Stephanie Paone

84th European Atherosclerosis Society Congress May 29th-June 1st 2016, Innsbruck, Austria



Thanks to the AAS travel award, I was fortunate enough to attend the 84th European Atherosclerosis Society Congress in Innsbruck, Austria from the 29th May – 1st June, 2016. Set amongst the Austrian Alps, the Innsbruck Congress Centre was perfectly positioned a short walk from the historic centre of town, making it easy to explore the surrounds during lunch breaks.

Over 2000 clinicians and scientists from across 79 countries gathered at the meeting to share recent developments in atherosclerosis related research and therapies. The programme featured plenary and workshop sessions, together with oral communication and poster sessions, allowing the majority of attendees to present their work. Topics covered ranged from basic science through to clinical practice and facilitated interaction and discussion between researchers and clinicians.

The keynote lecture “How genes control cholesterol” by Nobel Prize Laureate Professor Michael S. Brown was definitely the highlight of the meeting. He recapped the low-density lipoprotein receptor story and proposed a new view of LDL lowering – “Not how low but how long to lower LDL cholesterol”, demonstrating that lifelong, lower plasma LDL cholesterol levels are associated with substantial reductions in the incidence of coronary events.

I presented my research in a poster session alongside 300 other presenters and was delighted to generate interest from a few key scientists. They provided constructive criticism and I benefited from this interaction immensely.

Until next time, auf wiedersehen Austria!

ICLA Travel Award Winners - Katrina Ellis and Jing Pang

The 5th International Congress on Lipid Metabolism and Atherosclerosis (ICLA 2016), 9th-10th September 2016, Seoul, Korea.



Thank you to AAS Trust for travel funding to enable me to attend and present a poster at the XIII International Congress of Obesity (Vancouver, Canada) hosted by the World Obesity Federation in partnership with the Canadian Obesity Network.

We are grateful to the AAS for facilitating our submissions, and to the ICLA for selecting us as recipients of their travel awards to attend ICLA 2016.

The 5th International Congress on Lipid Metabolism and Atherosclerosis was held in Seoul, Korea and featured an excellent line-up of both international and local speakers. Presenters covered a wide range of topics, and of particular interest were the sessions on imaging approaches in atherosclerosis, lipid metabolism, genetics, therapeutic approaches for managing hyperlipidaemia, and familial hypercholesterolaemia. The conference also included several great plenary and symposium speakers. We were lucky to have the opportunity to hear Professor Nabil Seidah give an impressive presentation on the role his group played in the identification of PCSK9 as an important regulator of lipid metabolism, and the exciting developments in the management of hypercholesterolaemia which have stemmed from this initial discovery. Professor Sidney Smith from the University of North Carolina also gave a very interesting talk on the importance of evidence based guidelines in medicine.

We both had the opportunity to present our research in an oral abstract session on the final day of the conference. The first presentation focused on our recent investigations of mutation-negative FH, and in particular the prevalence of other inherited disorders of lipid metabolism in this group of patients, and the contribution of these conditions to coronary artery disease risk. The second presentation described recent findings from the 'Ten Countries "FH" Study', a collaborative series of projects which have investigated multiple aspects of FH in the Asia-Pacific region. This later talk compared the availability of services and facilities for the care of FH in each of the participating countries.

We really enjoyed our time in Seoul at ICLA 2016, and are glad that we had the opportunity to attend and participate thanks to the support of both the AAS and ICLA. The conference was extremely well run, and we would recommend that others attend in the future if they have the opportunity.

IAS Visiting Fellowships



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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 31, 2017

Visiting Fellowship Award

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

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

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Upcoming Conference Information



The 3rd World Congress on Clinical Lipidology will take place in Brisbane, Australia on 10-12 February, 2016. The 2017 Congress will cover the state of the art educational lectures in the field of clinical lipidology, focusing on practical lipid management including difficult to treat hyperlipidemias, genetic dyslipidemias, screening, dietary and nutraceutical approaches and case studies. Major emphasis will be given to new therapeutics, diagnosis and management of high risk patients.

Register now for Clinical Lipidology and Join us in Brisbane where prominent speakers will exchange their updated information and guidelines in the treatment of lipid disorders.

Early bird Registration: <http://www.clinical-lipidology.com/>

The 85th European Atherosclerosis Society Congress will be held in Prague, April 23-26, 2017.



The meeting will build bridges between today's research and tomorrow's therapies in the diagnosis and treatment of atherosclerosis and related vascular disease. The historical city of Prague is a picturesque setting for the meeting; its charming bridges symbolising the progress in the field as world-leading experts come together to inform and inspire.

KEY DATES

September 4, 2016
Abstract submission opens

November 28, 2016
Abstract submission deadline

February 13, 2017
Early registration deadline

March 27, 2017
Regular registration deadline

FUSION CONFERENCE LIMITED

Immune Mechanisms of Atherosclerosis Conference
11 March - 14 March 2016
Mexico
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: 13 JANUARY 2017



Ziad Mallat (Chair) and Christoph Binder (Co-Chair) look forward to welcoming you to the Fiesta Americana Condesa, Cancun, Mexico from March 11-14, 2017. <https://www.fusion-conferences.com/conference54.php>

Australian Cardiovascular Alliance



The ACvA officially launched on Tuesday November 24th, 2015. To learn more about this important initiative, read the press release and become a member, visit www.ozheart.org.au