



# Victorian News

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**Submission Deadline: 4<sup>th</sup> of the Month**

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## Call for Abstracts

Apply NOW to participate in

# ASM BD Student Awards 2016

It's a great way to attend next year's ASM Annual Scientific Meeting in Perth  
(3-6 July 2016)

**Where:** La Trobe University, Bundoora (see next page for address details)

**When:** Tuesday February 23<sup>rd</sup> 2016, from 6.30pm

**Presentations:** Competitors will deliver 12 minute presentations and receive 3 minutes of question time

**Awards:** Two major awards are available to help students attend the national ASM meeting. Winners will receive:

- ASM BD Award – conference registration, an airfare and \$300 towards the cost of accommodation and is awarded to the best student presenting research carried out as part of a PhD or Masters by Research
- Victorian ASM Branch Award – conference registration and \$200 towards the cost of an airfare and is awarded to the best student presenting research carried out as part of a Masters by Coursework or an Honours degree

**Applications close: 5pm on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2016**

**Further details (including application forms and instructions)  
can be obtained by emailing:**

Karena Waller ([klwaller@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:klwaller@unimelb.edu.au))



## Call for Audience Members

Come along to the

# ASM BD Student Awards 2016

**Where:** LIMS1 101 Lecture Theatre  
Located in the La Trobe Institute for Molecular Science 1 (LIMS1)  
Building (<http://lostoncampus.com.au/43457/map>)  
La Trobe University, Bundoora

**When:** Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2016, commencing at 6.30pm  
Supper and drinks will be served at the conclusion of the presentations

**Presentations:** Competing post-graduate students from Microbiology research laboratories from several tertiary institutes will deliver 12 minute presentations and answer questions for a further 3 minutes about their area of study.

Presentations will cover a broad range of topics and are sure to interest and inform you. Cutting edge technologies and new concepts will be discussed. This is an exciting and enjoyable way to update your knowledge and a very positive way of supporting and meeting the next generation of microbiologists.

The ASM VIC Branch undergraduate academic prizes will also be presented.

**All welcome**

Email enquiries to: Karena Waller ([klwaller@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:klwaller@unimelb.edu.au))

**This is a free event but booking is needed for catering purposes,**  
so please **register your attendance by 5pm Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2016**  
using the link below:

<http://www.trybooking.com/KFYF>



# ASM History SIG – Column

## **ASM memorabilia:**

If any ASM members have significant ASM memorabilia that they would like to donate to the ASM archives or would like to suggest topics suitable for possible symposia at future ASM Annual Scientific Meetings, please send details of the memorabilia or suggested symposia topics to:

History SIG convener  
c/o Australian Society for Microbiology Office  
9/397 Smith Street  
Fitzroy VIC 3068

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## Visiting Speakers Program

**Do you know of an outstanding speaker coming to Australia?**

**If so, consider them for the Visiting Speakers Program (VSP).**

**Further information about the VSP and the speaker recommendation form can be found at:**

**<http://www.theasm.org.au/events/visiting-speakers-program/>**

**Alternatively, contact Catherine Satzke ([catherine.satzke@mcri.edu.au](mailto:catherine.satzke@mcri.edu.au)), who is the VSP Coordinator for the ASM VIC Branch.**

3-6 July 2016

PERTH CONVENTION  
& EXHIBITION CENTRE

## Confirmed Plenary speakers



**Professor Peter Hawkey**  
University of Birmingham  
*Nosocomial infection control and antibiotic resistance*



**Professor Dan Andersson**  
Uppsala University  
*Environmental pollution by antibiotics and its role in the evolution of resistance*



**Assoc Prof Susan Lynch**  
University of California San Francisco  
*Colitis, Crohn's Disease and Microbiome Research*



**Dr Brian Conlon**  
Northeastern University, Boston  
*Drug discovery in soil bacteria*



**Professor Anna Durbin**  
Johns Hopkins  
*Dengue and vaccines*

As with previous years, ASM 2016 will be co-run with EduCon 2016: Microbiology Educators' Conference

Watch this space for more details on the scientific and social program, speakers, ASM Public Lecture, workshops, ASM awards, student events, travel awards, abstract deadlines and much more..

**NOW CONFIRMED!**

**2016 Rubbo Oration**

**Professor Anne Kelso**  
CEO NHMRC



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# Annual Scientific Meeting and Trade Exhibition



3-6 July 2016

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## NEW FRONTIERS

As with previous years, ASM 2016 will be co-run with  
EduCon 2016: Microbiology Educators' Conference



July 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 2016  
University of Western Australia

ASM EduCon brings together Microbiology educators from across Australia who share a common goal to advance the teaching and learning of Microbiology. This year's conference will focus on new technologies and interactive learning.

**VIC Branch Educators Award:** As part of an initiative to support Victorian based Microbiology educators ASM VIC Branch would like to announce a VIC Branch Educators Award of \$500 to support travel/registration costs of attending the 2016 meeting. For an application form or more information on the conference or how to apply for the travel award please contact A/Prof Priscilla Johanesen ([priscilla.johanesen@monash.edu](mailto:priscilla.johanesen@monash.edu)). Closing date for applications – April 29<sup>th</sup> 2016.

**Call for Poster Presentations at EduCon:** Would you like to present your educational research at EduCon? If so, please contact Dr Karena Waller ([klwaller@unimleb.edu.au](mailto:klwaller@unimleb.edu.au)) for abstract and application instructions. Abstract submissions close: April 29<sup>th</sup> 2016.

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# ASM VIC CALENDAR 2015

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- **ASM BD Student Awards – 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2016, La Trobe University, Bundoora**
- **ASM EduCon Microbiology Educators' Conference, Perth 2016 – 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2016, Perth**
- **ASM Annual Scientific Meeting and Trade Exhibition, Perth 2016 – 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> July 2016, Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre, Perth**

**Submission Deadline for March ASM Victorian  
News:  
March 4<sup>th</sup> 2016**

Email submissions to: [klwaller@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:klwaller@unimelb.edu.au) or  
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