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Submission Deadline: 4th of the Month

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Event Report



From left to right: Tessa Marshall (University of Melbourne), Sarah Buckley (RMIT University), Xin Yi Lim (University of Melbourne), Hannah Van Eekelen (RMIT University), Dannielle Hoyle (La Trobe University), Karena Waller (ASM VIC Branch Chair), Jenni Hayward (Monash University), Bree Mellberg (La Trobe University) and James Donnellan (RMIT University).

The annual ASM BD Student Awards night was recently held at La Trobe University (Bundoora Campus; Tuesday February 23rd 2016). The evening was chaired by Dr. Karena Waller (The University of Melbourne and ASM VIC Branch Chair) and commenced with light refreshments before the presentation of fourteen undergraduate prizes for top achieving microbiology student studying at various Victorian Universities, including Monash University, RMIT University, La Trobe University (Bundoora and Bendigo campuses) and The University of Melbourne. Each of the undergraduate prizes consisted of a certificate, a cheque and a year's student membership to the ASM.

The evening then continued with six research presentations from postgraduate students (PhD or Masters by research) who presented the results of their research in the ASM BD Award category. The speakers, Emily Gulliver (Monash University), Georgina Pollock (The University of Melbourne), Joshua Newson (The University of Melbourne), Oonagh Bodin (La Trobe University), Lucie Semenc

(La Trobe University) and Tamsyn Stanborough (CSIRO Werribee/University of Tasmania) competed for a prize consisting of registration at the ASM Annual Meeting in Perth (July 2016), plus an airfare and \$300 towards the cost of attending. The winner of this prize was Joshua Newson (pictured below) who presented *“Identifying the host substrates of the SseK glycosyltransferase effectors from Salmonella”*.

This year, because we did not have any applicants competing in the category for the Victorian ASM Branch Award (for Honours or Masters by coursework students), the VIC Branch committee decided to award this prize to the first runner-up in the above category. The prize, consisting of registration at the Annual Meeting in Perth (July 2016), plus \$200 towards the costs of attending was awarded to Georgina Pollock (pictured below) who presented *“Possible synergistic roles of the enteropathogenic Escherichia coli Type III effectors NleB and NleF”*.

The evening concluded with supper and drinks prepared by Bread and Butta Catering. Overall, it was a great night for Microbiology! Over 60 people enjoyed the evening’s activities.

Congratulations must be extended all students who competed for prizes on the night – their research presentations were excellent!



From left to right: Georgina Pollock, Karena Waller and Joshua Newson

By: Karena Waller

Southern News

Call for Abstracts

Apply NOW to participate in Southern News 2016

Do you have interesting microbial discoveries to share? If so, then you should apply to present at this year's Southern News!

Where: Lecture Theatre 1, Monash Medical Centre, Clayton

When: Tuesday 24th May 2016

Presentations: Each speaker will deliver a 12 minute presentation and receive 3 minutes of questions from the audience

Prize: A prize will be awarded for the best presentation by a Medical Scientist (up to Grade 1 Yr 4). The prize will consist of a 1 year membership to the ASM and a certificate

Applications: Will include the submission of a 250 word abstract

Application forms and instructions can be obtained from Karena Waller (klwaller@unimelb.edu.au)

Please see future newsletters for full event and registration information, or contact Karena Waller (klwaller@unimelb.edu.au)

Abstracts submission closes: 5pm Friday 29th April 2016

AGM of the ASM VICTORIAN BRANCH COMMITTEE

The Victorian Branch will be holding its Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 24th May 2016 at Monash Medical Center in conjunction with Southern News, and is calling for nominations or re-nominations to the committee. The commitment includes attending a regular meeting once a month and assisting with the organization of Branch activities.

If you are interested in becoming involved, contact Karena Waller (Chair) at klwaller@unimelb.edu.au or asmvicbranch@gmail.com

Karena Waller
Victorian Branch Chair

I wish to nominate for the ASM Victorian Branch Committee

NAME: _____

CONTACT DETAILS: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

Proposed by

NAME _____ (MASM or FASM)
SIGNATURE _____

Seconded by

NAME _____ (MASM or FASM)
SIGNATURE _____

Please scan and email to: Karena Waller (ASM VIC Branch) at: klwaller@unimelb.edu.au



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
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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), 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..

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Professor Anne Kelso
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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 2nd 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). Closing date for applications – April 29th 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) for abstract and application instructions. Abstract submissions close: April 29th 2016.

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If so, please contact Karena Waller
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ASM VIC CALENDAR 2015

When planning meetings, please book dates with Karena Waller
(Phone: (03) 8344 0045, Email: klwaller@unimelb.edu.au)

- **Southern News and AGM – 24th May 2016, Monash Medical Centre, Clayton**
- **ASM EduCon Microbiology Educators' Conference, Perth 2016 – 2nd and 3rd July 2016, Perth**
- **ASM Annual Scientific Meeting and Trade Exhibition, Perth 2016 – 3rd – 6th July 2016, Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre, Perth**

**Submission Deadline for April ASM Victorian
News:
April 4th 2016**

Email submissions to: klwaller@unimelb.edu.au or
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