

High Blood Pressure Research Council of Australia

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Greetings from the e-news desk. State of the Heart 2014 is now just around the corner – abstracts are being reviewed and the program should be ready at the end of the month.

One of our own executive, Brian Morris, has just returned from the AHA Council for High Blood Pressure Research, where he received the Irvine Page – Alva Bradley Lifetime Achievement Award 2014 – which is a great honour. This award comes on the back of several prominent awards to Council members at the ISH meeting and is clear recognition of the quality of our membership. This fact is also evident at the 'grass roots' of the Council where there is palpable momentum: the 'young guns' have organised a **New Investigators Symposium at the ASM** but recently also held their first New Investigator Seminar Series in Melbourne (see below).



Hope to see you all in Adelaide!

**Rob Widdop,
Secretary**

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President's Message

Abstract submission for this meeting are now closed and we are delighted to see so many student abstracts. The 2014 Annual Scientific Meeting will be held in Adelaide as part of

the International Cardiovascular Pharmacotherapy Meeting – again in conjunction with the Australian Atherosclerosis Society but also with the International Australian Vascular Biology Society and the cardiovascular interest group from ASCEPT (Australasian Society of

Clinical and Experimental Pharmacology and Toxicology).

November 26-28 – State of the Heart 2014. Please register now if you haven't!

Young Researchers get together – November 25, Adelaide

Francine Marques and the Young Researcher Committee have put together a great New Investigator Symposium on November 25 (starts 4pm) at the University of South Australia. It will be followed by a HBPRCA-funded social function, so please put this in your diary and plan on being in Adelaide for this great get together. All student/early career members of HBPRCA, AAS and AVBS will be welcome – and there's no registration fee. [Please register via this link – there is no registration fee.](#)

1600 Career discussion Professors Jim Sharman, Stephen Harrap and Manny Noakes plus

1715 Presentation skills Professor Jim Sharman

1815 Social function

Ambulatory BP monitors available – don't leave them on a shelf!

A small number of ambulatory Welch Allyn BP monitors are still available – donated by Bristol-Myers Squibb to HBPRCA, these are now free to a good home. Any member interested in receiving one or more should email the Secretariat with a request outlining the desired number, who will be using them, what for and how often. Monitors will be distributed after review of all applications.

Melbourne Marathon achievers

You may have seen photos of the 30,000+ participants in last weekend's Melbourne Marathon. Congratulations to all the HBPRCA members who participated – anywhere from 3km to the full marathon. HBPRCA members running in Team Baker IDI were Annas Al-Sharea, Benjie Barzel, Pamela Davern, Geoff Head, Rebecca Ritchie, Jennifer Seabrook, Waled Shihata and me. For Monash, Barb Kemp-Harper, Dorota Ferens and Henry Diep. You might see some AAS and ex-HBPRCA members if you look closely below.... And to any other members who ran that we don't know about, congratulations! Let us know your amazing non-research activities too!



**Jaye
Chin-Dusting, President**

Australians prominent at HBPR



The American Heart Association Council for High Blood Pressure Research awarded **Professor Brian Morris the 2014 Irvine Page – Alva Bradley Lifetime Achievement Award**. This important honor is bestowed only on outstanding cardiovascular investigators and leaders and was presented by Greg Fink, the President of the Council for High Blood Pressure Research of the American Heart Association, at HBPR 2014 held in San Francisco Sep 8-12.



Emily Stevenson represented the HBPRCA having won the AHA-HBPR Award at our 2013 Annual scientific Meeting.

Murray Esler was also spotted presenting at this meeting.



Emily Stevenson reports on her AHA-CHBPR award I was fortunate enough to receive the HBPRCA to American Heart Association – Council for High Blood Pressure Research Student Award which enabled me to present at the American Heart Association Council for High Blood Pressure Research annual scientific meeting in San Francisco in September. The meeting provided me with an excellent opportunity to discover the recent developments in hypertension research. I was able to meet some incredible people in the field, allowing me to discuss my research with experts and establish new collaborations. I received excellent feedback from my peers and the quality of the questions was extraordinary. I was quite nervous to attend my first international conference but the extremely welcoming nature of the attendees soon put me at ease. The meeting has aided in the exchange of some excellent ideas which will enable me to further develop my project. As a first year PhD student it was an incredible honour to present at such a prestigious conference and I would like to thank the High Blood Pressure Research Council of Australia for making it possible for me to attend. It was a truly incredible experience.



I was also fortunate enough to meet with Patrice Guyenet at the University of Virginia where I was able to witness first-hand the outstanding research that he and his team are performing. Their work using optogenetics to assess the regulation of respiration was truly inspiring and I'm incredibly grateful for the experience.

Next issue: Andrew Bulmer reports from the BHS. Good luck to the students/ECR presenting at the 2014 Annual Scientific Meeting.

Thanks

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ONLY FINANCIAL MEMBERS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR AWARDS, TRAVEL GRANTS AND REDUCED REGISTRATION FEES

Annual renewal for HBPRCA is due by March 31 – regardless of when you applied for membership or renewed in the previous year. **Student members are required to renew their membership**, even though no membership fee is payable. If you haven't quite got around to it, so please renew now to:

- maintain your membership
- continue to receive e-news
- receive discounted registration fees at the Annual Scientific Meeting
- be eligible for awards and travel grants at the Annual Scientific Meeting

Full members:

Annual Fee of \$125 (plus GST if Australian)

Student

members: No fee payable, but you must renew

To renew,

please [click here](#). Your user name is

@username@@ (your email usually)

Want to join

AAS or pay both fees together? Please select the option for both memberships and this will automatically submit your application or renew membership.

With my very

best wishes for a strong and vibrant society,

Janna

Morrison, Membership Secretary



Annual Scientific Meeting 2014



**STATE
OF THE HEART 2014**

26-28 November 2014- Adelaide Australia

Don't forget that for the HBPRCA ASM is part of State of the Heart 2014 – the annual scientific meetings of the International Society of Cardiovascular Pharmacotherapy (ISCP), the Australian Atherosclerosis Society (AAS), the High Blood Pressure Research Council of Australia (HBPRCA), and the Australian Vascular Biology Society (AVBS) will be held as one, in conjunction with the Cardiovascular Special Interest Group of the Australasian Society of Clinical and Experimental

Pharmacologists and Toxicologists (ASCEPT CV-SIG).

Website: www.iscp2014.com.

Abstracts close September 30

Accommodation bookings – special rates available, [see website for details](#) and book ASAP. With 400 delegates expected, rooms will disappear.

Confirmed speakers

Tuesday 25th November

- Young Investigator Symposium and Function – UniSA, 4pm – [click here to register](#)

Wednesday 26th
November

- Jennie Gamble,
Grant Drummond, Jaye Chin-Dusting, Yi Zhu, Yunzeng Zou, Wei Kong
(China-Aus Vascular Biology)
- Tom Marwick
(HBPRCA Colin I Johnston Lecture)

Thursday 27th
November

- John Horowitz
(ISCP Henry Neufeld Lecture)
- Veronique
Angeli (AVBS Session: Angiogenesis)
- Harvey White
(ISCP Plenary Lecture)

- Oliver
Soehnlein (Joint Session: Inflammation)
- John Chalmers
(ISCP/HBPRCA Session: Treating High Blood Pressure)

Friday 28th
November

- Brian Schmidt
(HBPRCA Austin Doyle Lecture)
- Rhian Touyz
(HBPRCA RD Wright Lecture)
- Laurent
Yvan-Charvet (AAS/AVBS/HBPRCA Joint Session: Immunity)
- Kasey Vickers
(AAS Session: Lipids)



**Anne
Barden, Program Secretary**

One conference leads to another

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