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Dear Jon

Welcome to the Q4 e news of 2016,

There are just 6 weeks to go before our flagship event of 2016, the Annual Scientific Meeting. As you will know this year we are again joining with the Australian Atherosclerosis Society and the Australian Vascular Biology Society, and the meeting will be held at the Hotel Grand Chancellor in Hobart, from Dec 7-10th 2016.

We have received a total of 186 high quality abstracts for this meeting across the 3 societies and the full program will be available week commencing October 24.

All the best

Rob Widdop



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President's Message

I have just realised this will be my last Presidential message. After 6 years, I confess that realisation comes with not a little relief!

Having said that, this last one also comes with an enormous sense of gratitude and pride; gratitude to all who served with me on the Exec committee over the last 2 terms and pride that as the recent elections demonstrated, we leave the HBPRCA in great hands with many members wanting to be actively engaged and with a new team with the perfect mix of experience and youth, clinical and basic, and also one that is reasonably gender balanced.

It is also with great glee that I announce that Michael Stowasser, with support from several key members, successfully led our bid to host the APSH meeting in Brisbane in 2019. That will be one to look forward to for sure.

So, all eyes focused on Hobart next – I look forward to hearing everyone's progress on the research front this year and more, to catching up socially with all of you.

All the best



Jaye Chin-Dusting



2016 Joint Annual Scientific Meeting 7 - 10 Dec

As Rob has described above the full program with all abstract allocations will be with you week commencing October 24, I would like to thank all the 73 people we received abstracts from under the HBPRCA, which were all of a high quality, and are sure to drive another excellent scientific meeting.

With the opportunity to network among members of the other two societies, and the stunning backdrop of Hobart Harbour, I am sure this will be a terrific meeting.

Visit www.jointasm.com.au for further details and to register. Early bird rates close on 4 November 2016.

We look forward to seeing you all in Tasmania.



Anne Barden
Program Director



Feature Article - ISH 2016



Australia was again very well represented at the recent ISH meeting in Seoul, Korea last month.

This was the 26th Meeting of the International Society of Hypertension (Hypertension Seoul 2016) in collaboration with the 12th Congress of the Asian Pacific Society of Hypertension (APSH) and the 25th Annual Scientific Meeting of the Korean Society of Hypertension (KSH).

Joint HBPRCA and ECCR Breakfast Workshops

Several of these activities involved two joint workshops between our Council and the European Council for Cardiovascular Research (ECCR), which was the third ISH meeting (following on from Sydney and Athens) at which we have provided an opportunity to showcase junior members of our Councils, with invited presentations. Despite the 7am starts, we had audiences of ~50 people which was a fantastic outcome!

We also held a HBPRCA/ECCR dinner which doubled as the so-called 'Aussie' dinner for those attending the ISH meeting. Special thanks to Joon Lim (BakerIDI) for his local knowledge and invaluable help in sorting out bills on the evening! The attached photo is from one of our 3 tables who attended the dinner (thanks Susie Mihailidou).



ISH prize winners

No less than three of our Australian colleagues came home with well-deserved awards:

Suang Suang Koid - ISH New Investigator Poster Presentations Winner Basic Science Award

Elena Velkoska - ISH New Investigator Poster Presentations Runner Up Basic Science Award

Francine Marques - ISH New Investigator Oral Presentations Runner Up

(see attached photo courtesy of Susie again).

Suang Suang is a HBPRCA member who is currently doing her post-doc in Tokyo on a Japanese Fellowship (having completed her PhD with Jock Campbell), and was very pleased to see a few familiar faces! She narrowly beat Elena who is a postdoctoral fellow with Louise Burrell.

Francine was pipped at the post by a fellow researcher from the UK for the award which was established in 2012 to encourage new investigators and encourage excellence in scientific contribution at the ISH Bicentennial meetings.

Congratulations ladies!



From left to right: Suang Suang Koid; Francine Marques; Elena Velkoska

Servier FRANCO - Australian Exchange Award Winner report

This year, James (Jim) Sharman was the recipient of a Franco-Australian Exchange Award and will spend six months in France working with Professors Pierre Boutouyrie and Stephane Laurent who lead the Paris Cardiovascular Research Centre, L'Institut National de La Santé et de La Recherche Médicale.

Jim is due to return to Australia in December, and so far reports that it has been an extremely stimulating and rewarding experience, not only for him but also for his family living in the 14th arrondissement of Paris.

Jim has worked on analyses of the Paris Prospective Study III, a large population study among 10,000 French people followed over 10 years aiming to determine the causes of sudden cardiac death. It has also been invaluable to strengthen ties with European colleagues and lay foundations for continued collaboration between Australia and France. Jim and his family are extremely grateful for the opportunity provided by the HPBRCA and highly recommend taking

New Investigator Corner

advantage of this great program.

The HBPRCA Facebook page is live and active! Please like us to stay up to date.

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1. communicate with your colleagues about recent research findings
2. improve collaboration
3. promote upcoming PD events at your Institute/University
4. keep up to date with conferences and annual meetings
5. create groups for peer-to-peer discussions promote your labs achievements
6. purchase / sell equipment

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Many thanks to Rachel Climie for updating the page for us.

Early Career Researcher (ECR) Symposium

In collaboration with new investigators from the Australian Atherosclerosis Society (AAS) and the Australian Vascular Biology Society (AVBS), we have put together very exciting program for our annual Young Investigator Symposium.

The program includes how to write an eye catching scientific resume and a workshop on science communication and how to get your message across the media and the public. We will end the symposium with a career panel, to discuss job opportunities after a PhD and an opportunity to hear about membership benefits of the other 2 societies who are joining us this year.

Check out www.jointasm.com.au to see the full program and register now!

We hope to see all HBPRCA early career researchers there!

Francine Marques

YI Representative



Science meets Parliament

March 2017 sees the return of the very valuable Science Meets Parliament meeting and the two nominees to attend, supported by HBPRCA are Yugeesh Lankadeva and Martin Schultz.

Congratulations to you both I am sure it will be again a rewarding and informative experience and we look forward to hearing all about it.

Membership

Some students are still to renew / update their details (even though it is free, please action especially if you want to attend the ASM and be eligible for a travel grant if presenting!)

If you no longer wish to be a member, or if your contact details (especially e mail) have changed please let the Secretariat know by e mailing admin@yoursecretariat.com.au or calling 02 4356 0007.



Janna Morrison

