



FROM THE **ESA President**

A Death In Office

A morbid and melodramatic theme one might think for a President's report. None the less, chest pain in the middle of the night during the Endocrine Society Meetings did focus the mind of your President. Keith Harrison, ESA's third President died suddenly in office. Duncan Topliss, the eminent 21st President had his moment of clarity with sudden onset of headache, associated with one of those neurological events one would prefer not to experience. The 25th President considered all of these issues, when struck by chest and back pain at 4 a.m. in the middle of the ESA meetings. Luckily downward movement of the pain indicated non-cardiac pathology. Despite the considerable advice of a large number of internationally renowned endocrinologists, sense prevailed and the President had his gall bladder resected.

Is the life of the ESA President this stressful? In general I would think not, and have put this down to coincidence. During this period, there was an amalgamation of abdominal ultrasound, annual general meetings, charring sessions, intravenous infusions, presidential speeches, opiate analgesia, council dinners and young investigator awards. This jumble of activity, still somewhat unclear in my mind, brings me to the twin themes of this report: The change in the constitution of ESA and the recent scientific and clinical meetings.

Between abdominal ultrasound at Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital, and laparoscopic cholecystectomy at St. John of God Hospital, I chaired the Annual General Meeting, which resulted in acceptance of changes to the constitution. Without repeating

them in detail here, they include having a President Elect, and Past President. The other change was a 4-year term in office for council, with half the members being elected every two years. These changes were accepted after some discussion by unanimous vote of those in attendance at the Annual General Meeting and a substantial number of proxy votes. These changes will ensure continuity of council membership and allow for what could be considered a more professional approach to council decision making. I would like to thank all those involved in this process. I would also like to thank my surgeon. Either time of surgery or time of AGM had to change. Impossible to change the time of the AGM of course.

The recent meetings in Perth were a great success, despite the above-mentioned health issues. All found the clinical weekend to be well organised, clinically useful and entertaining. There was very good feedback. Thank you to Seng Khee Gan and his team. The scientific meeting was equally successful, although a combination of pain, anaesthetic agents, and analgesics make any comment from me in this column particularly

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Changes to election of office bearers

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unreliable. There remains the ongoing issue of balance between clinical issues and basic science and the program organising committee continues to make attempts to satisfy a broad constituency. Helpful suggestions are appreciated. Congratulations to Bu Yeap (Chair of LOC), Catherine Choong, Esme Hatchell and Christin Down for a job very well done. I would also like to thank Steven Twigg and POC members Charles Allan, Rory Clifton-Bligh, Shaun McGrath, Anne Nelson and Paul Williams as well as Mike Pickford from ASN.

For those not present at the Annual General Meeting, I would like to repeat my thanks to Ivone Johnson for her work over the past year. The Society and its President are very grateful for her attention to detail, enthusiasm and professional approach.

Jeffrey Zajac

**HELP CELEBRATE
ESA'S 50th
YEAR!**

ESA will celebrate its 50th Annual Scientific Meeting in 2007. Suggestions on how to celebrate this event, photos and other historical ESA information can be emailed to Ivone Johnson (esa@racp.edu.au).



The Council meeting at the ASM in Perth. Those in shot are (L to R) Leon Bach, David Torpy, Jeff Zajac, Stephen Twigg, Catherine Choong and Evan Simpson.

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ESA INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL GRANTS

Purpose: To support younger members of the Society to travel to international meetings, laboratories and/or clinics to further their training and knowledge in Endocrinology.

Eligibility: Applicants must have been financial members of ESA for at least 12 months prior to the closing date for applications. Applicants must possess a higher degree (MD, PhD or equivalent) and be within 5 years of the award of that degree. Compensation will be given for those applicants who have spent periods outside the workforce (due to illness, family leave, etc.). In these cases, the criterion of 5 years fulltime equivalence will be applied and the applicant must verify their absence from the workforce in the application. Applicants must be attending a recognized meeting of a learned society or organization within the general field of Endocrinology.

Award: \$AUD2500

Deadline: 1st February, 2006

For further information: See the ESA homepage, <http://www.racp.edu.au/esa/awards.htm#policy>

NEW MEMBERS

The Society welcomes the following new members, which were formally acknowledged at this year's Annual General Meeting: Todor Arsov, Amy Au, Diana Azzam, Kirsten Campbell, Carmel Cluning, Rebecca Craythorn, Linda Dawson, Jean Fleming, Ashish Gargya, Craig Harrison, Ali Hassan, Theresa Hickey, Lowenna Holt, Jenny Huynh, Caroline Jung, Nicholas Kasmeridis, Grace Kong, Manoj Kuruville, Namson Lau, Patrick Lim, Louisa MacDonald, Mark McCabe, Kirsten McTavish, Loretta Piccenna, Simon Rajaratnam, Bill Richards, Mahjooba Sidiqi, Kalpana Sumithran, Alexandra Umbers, Suresh Varadarajan, Becky Webster, Bruce Wen, Justina Wu, Hayley Wyper and Felicity Yates.

REPORTS ON ESA TRAVEL GRANT WINNERS

Two awardees of the ESA International Travel Grants, Jayne Sierens, from Prince Henry's Institute of Medical Research, and Stuart Ellem, of Monash Institute of Medical Research attended International Scientific meetings using their grants. Below is a précis of their experiences, clearly illustrating the usefulness of these awards to enable younger Endocrinologists to hear of state-of-the-art research being carried out in their chosen field.

From Jayne, who attended this year's SSR annual meeting: 'The Society of the Study of Reproduction (SSR) conference was held in Quebec, Canada in July 2005. I am currently researching into the Liver Receptor Homolog-1 (LRH-1) which is present within the testis and may have a role in aromatase regulation as well as influencing other, as yet unknown

novel gene targets. There are not many laboratories working on the function of LRH-1 in the testis, however at the conference I was able to talk to many scientists who were working on related receptors and signaling pathways which are possibly involved in LRH-1 regulation and action. Canada was an ideal country to host the SSR conference for me as it is in Canada that the majority of the research into LRH-1 is being carried out. Unfortunately I was unable to visit one of the laboratories in Quebec, however I did manage to talk to various laboratories and have arranged to maintain contact with at least one, and a possible collaboration with a lab who are looking at the knock down of SF-1 and LRH-1 protein. I also presented a poster of my work which generated great interest. It was a valuable experience for me as I was able to talk with scientists and could share opinions on the direction of my work and the experimental techniques available to incorporate into my research. The conference gave me the opportunity to show other researchers my work which is essential as I am a young scientist embarking on a science career in a very competitive field. Aside from my direct interest in LRH-1, there were also a host of enthralling oral sessions and some fascinating plenary lectures on reproduction. I feel I gained a great deal from attending the SSR conference, ideas for future work and collaborations that will aid me to further my career.'

From Stuart, who attended this year's Endocrine Society annual meeting:

'I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the Endocrine Society of Australia for giving me this award. Without it I would not have had the opportunity to attend the 87th annual meeting of the Endocrine Society (ENDO) in San Diego earlier this year.

This award could not have come at a more opportune time, as I am currently in the final stages of my



Winner of the ESA International Travel Award, Stuart Ellem

degree. The broad focus, and sheer size and scope of the conference made it an ideal venue to present my work, garner feedback and investigate the possibility of postdoctoral positions around the world.

The ENDO conference was also the perfect opportunity to meet and talk with current collaborators to discuss current work and possible future directions. The conference also provided the opportunity for new collaborative work, and a number of promising discussions resulted from the poster presentation.'



Winner of the ESA International Travel Award, Jayne Sierens

November 2005

REPORT ON THE ESA ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING (ASM), PERTH 2005

This year's program, held from 4th to 7th September, was presented by an exciting line-up of plenary speakers. The Harrison Lecturer delivered by Prof. Richard Pestell (USA), provided insights into current concepts in integration of cellular signals in carcinogenesis. The Taft Lecture by Prof. David Dunger (UK) addressed key aspects of hormonal dysregulation in the metabolic syndrome, and the Japan-Australia Lecturer, A/Prof. Hiroyuki Namba, who also contributed to the ESA Clinical Weekend, explored thyroid cancer molecular pathology. Our fourth plenary lecturer and domestic speaker, Prof. Roger Smith, was particularly well received in his overarching presentation on hormonal signals in parturition. Congratulations to the recipients of the following highly competitive ESA awards at the



Winner of the 2005 Servier Award, Simon Chu, with Catherine Devlin, from Servier.

Meeting, who 'did their research institutes and supervisors proud'. The Novartis Junior Scientist Award was jointly won by Agnes Kovacic and Amy Au. Agnes, from Prince Henry's Institute of

Medical Research and Monash University, presented 'Functional interactions between LRH-1 and CREB regulate aromatase expression in breast cancer'. Amy, from the Kolling Institute of Medical Research, The University of Sydney, presented 'PAX8-PPAR γ alters normal thyroid transcriptional regulation'.

Congratulations also to the Servier Award winner, Simon Chu, from Prince Henry's Institute of Medical Research and Monash University, for his published work in Molecular Endocrinology, entitled 'Transrepression of estrogen receptor- β signaling by nuclear factor- κ B in ovarian granulosa cells'.

The 2005 ESA Mayne Pharma Bryan Hudson Clinical Endocrinology Award was won by Carolyn Allan from Prince Henry's Institute of Medical



Joint winners of the 2005 Novartis Junior Scientist Award, Amy Au and Agnes Kovacic, with Tricia Croxen, from Novartis (centre).



Winner of the 2005 ESA Mayne Pharma Bryan Hudson Clinical Endocrinology Award, Carolyn Allan, with ESA Vice-President, Leon Bach.

Research, and Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Monash University. Carolyn presented 'The Effects of Physiological Testosterone Therapy on Body Composition and Markers of Cardiovascular Risk in Non-Obese Ageing Men: A 12-month Placebo Controlled Trial'. Now in its second year, this clinical research Award is increasingly popular in the Society.

Many thanks to all the members of the Society who presented at symposia, and/or acted as chairs at the meeting. The six symposia were well attended, and also allowed an increasing clinical stream to occur throughout the meeting. The clinical meet the expert session presented by Dr John Walsh was also clearly very popular, forming a precedent for subsequent years. Free-oral communication sessions and unopposed poster sessions featured at the Meeting.

Many thanks also to my colleagues and members of the Program Organising Committee, for the second year running: Charles Allan, Rory Clifton-Bligh, Shaun McGrath, Paul Williams and Anne Nelson. Anne also undertook the demanding job of Proceedings Editor, with severe time constraints this year to ensure production of the Proceedings in a published journal format, as part of an ESA Initiative with the Japan Endocrine Society.

At the 2006 ESA Annual Scientific meeting planned for the Gold Coast our Program Organising Committee look forward to providing another highly relevant program to all Society members.

Stephen Twigg
Chair of ESA ASM Program
Organising Committee

FUTURE ESA MEETINGS

ESA Seminar Meeting

7-9th April 2006
Erskine on the Beach, Lorne
Contact: ASN Events
<http://www.esaseminar.org.au/>

ESA Clinical Weekend

19-20th August 2006
Royal Pines Resort, gold Coast
Contact: ASN Events
<http://www.esaclinicalweekend.org.au/>

ESA/SRB Annual Scientific Meeting

20-23rd August 2006
Gold Coast Convention Centre
Contact: ASN Events
<http://www.esa-srb.org.au/>

ESA/SRB Annual Scientific Meeting

2-5th September 2007
Christchurch Convention Centre
Contact: ASN Events
<http://www.esa-srb.org.au/>

ESA Clinical Weekend

31st Aug-1st September 2007
Christchurch area
Contact: ASN Events
<http://www.esaclinicalweekend.org.au/>

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting Of the Endocrine Society of Australia

Held at Perth Convention Centre
Perth, WA

Monday 5th September 2005

Attendance: Christine Clarke, Peter Leedman, Bu Yeap, Stephen Twigg, Mark Kotowicz, Patricia Crock, Tony Lafferty, Peter Colman, Andrew Weissberger, Catherine Coulter, Kris Park, Timothy Cole, Tuan Quack, Ben Canny, Brian Hirschfeld, David Phillips, Kathryn Gatford, Brian Luttrell Duncan Topliss, Harvey Newnham, Errol Wilmshurst, Warrick Inder, Don Perry-Keen, Robert Schmidli, Richard Arnott, David Hurley, Anne Nelson, Walter Plehwe, Kin-Chuen Leung, Ken Ho Brendan Waddell, Karen McNeil, Elke Hendrich, Peter Fuller, Seng Khee Gan, Jeffrey Zajac, Leon Bach, David Torpy, Vicki Clifton, Mark McLean, Evan Simpson, Catherine Choong, David Healy

1. Apologies: Peter Ebeling, John Hutson, Ivan Jarrett, J. R. Hazel, C. J. Eastman, Henry Burger, Sophie Clarke, Jeff Schwartz, Geoffrey Ambler, Arthur Shulkes, Jim Stockigt, Anthony O'Sullivan, Ann McCormack, Judith Clements, Sonia Stanton, Tien-Ming Hng, Richard Larkins, Simon Maddocks, John Turtle, F.I.R. Martin, K. N. Wynne, A. L. Wallace, Bernard Champion, John Casey

2. Confirmation of minutes: Minutes of the Annual General Meeting that was held on 23rd August, 2004 were accepted as a true and accurate record. Proposed by Christine Clark and seconded by Vicki Clifton.

3. Business Arising: Nil

4. President's Report

Jeffrey Zajac stated that ESA's main function is to organise high quality scientific and clinical meetings. Additional work is required on the clinical stream. This year the abstracts have been printed in the Japanese Endocrine Journal.

Sponsorship

Corporate sponsorship has increased this year as Ivone Johnson sent out letters for sponsorship to 30 companies of which 6 paid sponsorship fees. These companies are GlaxoSmithKline, Servier Laboratories (Australia), Astra-Zeneca Pty. Ltd, Ispen Pty Ltd and Pfizer Australia Pty Ltd. The corporate sponsorship money also includes the awards given by Servier, Novartis, Eli Lilly and Mayne Pharma at the ESA meetings. Prof David Torpy is presently handling new initiatives in corporate sponsorship which may further increase sponsorship in future years. ESA will give out more scholarships and fellowships over the next few years.

RACP

The RACP regularly meets with the Specialty Societies with a view to strengthening the relationships that the societies have with the College, and to provide educational support for both Fellows and Advanced Trainees.. Mark McLean is the ESA representative on this committee. A major task for the RACP is to develop a clinical training curriculum for endocrinology and other specialties. The ESA will have significant input to this process and will endeavour to ensure that it is appropriate to the needs of the specialty, and as flexible as possible.

Other Societies

The ESA continues to enjoy strong relationships with a number of sister societies, both nationally and internationally.

This include continued collaboration with the Japan Endocrine Society.

Our relationships with ADS, SRB, ANZBMS and APEG continue to be strong and cordial, with significant collaboration with respect to Annual Scientific Meetings being developed.

Committees

Sincere thanks to the following for significant contribution to the activities of the Society:

Steve Twigg and the POC (Charles Allan, Rory Clifton-Bligh, Shaun McGrath and Anne Nelson and Paul Williams) for putting together a superb scientific program;

Bu Yeap (Chair of LOC) and Catherine Choong, Esme Hatchell, Christin Down

Jennifer Conn for organising a very successful Seminar Meeting and her team Duncan Topliss, Leon Bach, Helen MacLean and Leo Rando.

Seng Khee Gan and his team for organising the Clinical Weekend;

Anne Nelson also edited the proceedings;

David Phillips for editing the newsletter;

Mike Pickford and his team at ASN.

Jeffrey Zajac thanked the present Council members for the tremendous support they have given, and their work for the Society.

Leon Bach for his support in regards to ESA meetings

David Torpy for his advice with matters involving medical affairs and the College and new sponsorship initiatives.

Mark McLean for Secretarial assistance and overseeing College related matters;

Vicki Clifton for her thorough work as Treasurer;

Catherine Choong with advice regarding awards and training matters

Evan Simpson for advice regarding relationships with international societies;

David Healy for managing Clinician Affairs, giving clinicians a voice in making ESA meetings more relevant to clinicians.

Ivone Johnson who looks after the secretariat.

4.1 Special Resolution-Amendment of Articles of Association

The ESA Council is currently elected every 2 years and can have quite a significant turnover in any one electoral cycle. This can lead to some lack of continuity and corporate memory. Furthermore, we do not have a formal role for the outgoing President, nor do we have a clearly designated President-elect. The current Council believes that some changes to the Council structure might improve its effectiveness. This would require a change to the ESA constitution and a vote of the membership at the AGM, to be held in Perth during the Annual Scientific Meeting.

The proposed constitutional changes have been drafted by ESA Lawyer, David Price, from Paul Duffy Solicitors.

To clarify, the proposed changes are:

1. At the 2006 election Council will increase in size from 8 to 10 members (with representation from at least four states or territories of Australia).
2. Council elections will continue to be held every 2 years, but councillors will have a term of 4 years, and half of the council will be replaced at each election.
3. To make a transition to the new system, at the 2006 election all current councillors will retire. Five councillors will be elected for a period of 4 years. From these 5, the office bearers will be elected by Council. In 2006, the remaining 5 councillors will be elected for a period of 2 years
4. Beginning in 2008, 5 members of Council shall be elected every two years.
5. The office bearers will consist of a President, Treasurer and Secretary. The current office of Vice-President will be replaced by that of a President-Elect. The President-Elect will be selected by Council within 3 months after the council election, and will become President one year later.

6. The term of a President will be for 2 years, and on standing down the retiring president will remain on Council for a further 1 year as a non-voting councillor.

Proxies were sent to all members and 23 were returned to ESA.

Motion to accept these changes. Moved: Leon Bach, Seconded: Mark McLean. CARRIED.

5. Treasurer's Report AUDIT REPORT

The audit report indicated a \$27 133 profit for this financial year relative to last year. This was due to the fact that the current travel grants for ASM 05 were paid in the present financial year (05/06), that we had an increased profit from the 2004 ASM, increased corporate sponsorship and decreased office expenses.

Membership subscriptions

Once again we still have outstanding membership subscriptions which total 30% of the membership. We have recently decided to review the list of members and attempt to personally enquire as to whether these individuals wish to remain members of the society. On reviewing the list I noted that members of my own group in Newcastle who had outstanding unpaid dues were students who have completed their degree and not continued with scientific studies in endocrinology. This may be the case for at least a proportion of the unpaid members. We are planning to up grade our fee payment system with on-line payments organized with the National Australia Bank thus reducing time required to re-new membership.

Society's investments

Asgard Investment portfolio

The ESA funds are presently allocated to a number of different managed investment profiles which include 15.6% in a Cash account, 9.3% in Australian fixed interest deposits, 6.3% international fixed interest deposits, 33.9% in Australian shares, 26% in International shares, 8.2% in property. The total value of these investments is \$718 345.28 and the investment has a net earnings of \$67, 218.88 for the 04/05 financial year. This is a 9.4% return.

Future earning on the account can only be based on indicative rates, which are dependant upon sector performances ie Australian Shares, International Shares, Property, Fixed Interest & Cash, which vary

from time to time. For Example: For the last financial year ending 30th June 2005, we have calculated a

return of 9.41% (after fees), in comparison, if we convert that to a calendar year (Jan - Dec 2004), we calculate a return of 14.82% (after fees). In future, we anticipate this Diversified Investment Portfolio to return somewhere between 8-12% on average (after fees).

As detailed by our previous treasurer, Dr Cathie Coulter, this portfolio will be maintained for another 5 years to generate a substantial profit which will allow the society to offer long term scholarships and fellowships for early career endocrinologists and researchers.

Travel grants

We increased travel grant sponsorship from 25 early career endocrinologists for ASM 04 totalling \$8840 to 32 individuals for ASM 05 totalling \$16845. The extra cost relates to the increased cost of flights to Perth. This expense will not be recognized until next financial year. Travel grants to international meetings were increased to \$5000 as we paid for two applicants this year rather than one the year before.

Approval for the Treasurers Report was moved by Cathie Coulter and seconded by Walter Plehwe.

6. Medical Affairs Report

The Society has provided representation, assistance and advice to various government agencies concerning a range of health-related matters. These include:

1. Thyroxine storage conditions and shelf life, and dosage formulations
2. Salivary Hormone Test
3. Clinical Affairs-Cretin Prevention

7. Report on 2005 ESA Meeting Seminars*Clinical Weekend*ASM

2005 ASM, Perth Convention Centre, WA

Steven Twigg, POC Chairman, stated that the programme was good and excellent speakers attended. He thanked all the members of the POC, LOC, the proceedings editor Anne Nelson and Mike Pickford and staff.

Clinical Weekend, The Novotel Vines Resort, Swan Valley, WA

Seng Khee Gan was the convenor for this successful meeting. The organising committee would like to thank the professional conference organiser, Australian Science Network, in particular Mike Pickford and Sheridan Wright, for their friendly and expert management.

Seminar Meeting – Sebel Yarra Valley, VIC

The convenor was Jennifer Conn. Organising committee includes: Duncan Topliss, Leon Bach, Helen MacLean and Leo Rando. This successful meeting was held on the 15-17th April at the Sebel Yarra Valley, Victoria.

8. Future Meetings

ASM 2006, 20-23rd August

This meeting will be held at the Gold Coast Convention Centre.

Clinical Weekend 2006, 19-20th August

The Clinical Weekend will be held at the Royal Pines Resort, Gold Coast

ESA Seminar meeting 2006, 7-9th April

The Seminar meeting will be held Erskine on the Beach, Lorne

ASM 2007, 2-5th September

This meeting will be held with the New Zealand Endocrine Society at the Christchurch Convention Centre

ESA Clinical Weekend 2007

This meeting will be held in the Christchurch area.

9. Other business

Hormone Therapy

Ken Ho stated that government subsidy for Growth Hormone Therapy in adults with GH deficiency is still sought. A formal application needs to be put by a pharmaceutical company. Support from ESA is needed. Ken Ho agreed to formulate a letter to the PBAC. It was thought that the first indication to attempt should be continuing treatment for GH-deficient children reaching adulthood Approval in the UK might set a precedent, making an Australian application more likely to succeed.

RACP

Ken Ho stated that ESA need to maintain an active relationship with the RACP, regarding endocrinology and training of clinical fellows.

ESA need to take a lead with ESA members to develop the curriculum. He suggested that ESA Council should co-opt a senior member of the Society with an interest in medical education to develop an Endocrinology curriculum.

New Zealand Endocrine Society

Members agreed that the New Zealand Endocrine Society should be approached to determine their views on a possible amalgamation with the Endocrine Society of Australia.

ESA 50th meeting

ESA will hold its 50th meeting in 2007
Suggestions from members welcome on how to celebrate this event.

10. Date of next meeting

21st August 2006 at the Gold Coast Convention Centre

REPORT ON THE ESA CLINICAL WEEKEND, 2005

This year's Clinical weekend was held at the Novotel Vines Resort in the Swan Valley near Perth on September 2nd to 4th and attended by over 150 registrants. An engaging Endocrine Trivial Pursuit (thanks to John Walsh and helpers) set the mood for the meeting at the welcome dinner, hopefully reviving this portion of the programme for future Clinical Weekends.

The twelve case presentations this year were presented under four themed sessions encompassing issues in diabetes management, thyroid neoplasia, endocrine tumours and disorders of mineral metabolism. Trainee presentations were again of a high standard and their (together with their supervisors') efforts were much appreciated. We were also fortunate to have the participation of both Associate Professor Hiroyuki Namba from Nagasaki University and Professor Raj Thakker from University of Oxford who delivered lectures on clinical aspects of thyroid neoplasia and familial endocrine tumour syndromes respectively. The conference dinner was held at the Belvoir Function Centre, and Saturday afternoon activities included visits to Sandalfords winery for the wine buffs, John Forrest National Park for the nature-minded with golf and tennis options for the more active types. Overall satisfaction for the programme content from the feedback survey was high.

The cheerful contributions of the members of the Local Organising Committee, Graeme Stewart, David Hurley, John Walsh and Fiona Frazer are acknowledged as well as the organisational efforts of Sheridan Wright and Mike Pickford of Australian Science Network Events in ensuring the meeting's prime position on the calendar for trainees and clinical endocrinologists.

Seng Khee Gan
Chair, Local Organising Committee,
ESA Clinical Weekend 2005

AUSTRALASIAN WOMEN IN ENDOCRINOLOGY

The 6th meeting of the "Australasian Branch of Women in Endocrinology" (AWE) was held on Sunday September 4th at The Perth Convention Centre. The reception again was well attended with over 50 registered for the event and was generously sponsored by DSL-Australia with the continued support of their Managing Director, Dr Sylvia Johnson.

The 2005 AWE-DSL Travel Award was awarded to Ms Theresa Hickey of the Research Centre for Reproductive Health, University of Adelaide (who later took out the SRB Young Investigator Award). David Albachten, the new Asia/Pacific Managing Director of Novo Nordisk, presented the 2005 AWE-Novo Nordisk Travel Award to Ms Agnes, Kovacic of Prince Henry's Institute for Medical Research, Monash University (who later took out the ESA Novartis Junior Scientist Award). Susan O'Hara from Abbott-Medisense, attended the evening and presented the AWE-Abbott Medisense

Travel Award to Dr Elspeth Gold, of Monash Institute of Medical Research. AWE-Merit certificates were presented to Dr Carolyn Allan (who later took out the Mayne-Pharma Clinical Award), Ms Denise Goldman and Ms Christin Down.

Annual AWE-DSL, AWE-Novo Nordisk and AWE-Abbott Medisense Travel grants of \$1500 each, will be available again to attend ENDO 2006 in Boston. These awards are to assist senior PhD students and post-doctoral fellows who are AWE members, application forms will be available from the ESA website in January 2006, and the deadline for receipt of applications is April 15th 2006. The 7th meeting of AWE will again be supported by DSL-Australia and will be held on Sunday August 20th 2006, in conjunction with the commencement of the ESA-SRB conference at the Gold Coast Convention Centre.

Cathie Coulter
Founder and Director, AWE

FUTURE MEETINGS

Australia & NZ:

2005

World Congress of Neurology
5-11 November 2005 Sydney
Website: www.aan.org.au

ASMR National Scientific Conference: Hormones, Fertility & Cancer

20-23 November 2005
Hormones, Fertility & Cancer
Couran Cove, Queensland
<http://www.asmr-nsc.org.au>

2006

ESA Seminar Meeting
7-9 April 2006 Erskine on the Beach, Lorne
Contact: ASN Events
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ANZBMS Clinical Densitometry Course

8-9 April 2006
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Royal Pines Resort, Gold Coast
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<http://www.esaclinicalweekend.org.au/>

ESA Annual Scientific Meeting

20-23 August 2006
Gold Coast Convention Centre
Contact: ASN Events
<http://www.esa-srb.org.au/>

ADS/ADEA Annual Scientific Meeting

23-25 August 2006
Gold Coast Convention Centre
Contact: ASN Events
<http://www.ads-adea.org.au/>

Australasian Paediatric Endocrine Group Annual Scientific Meeting

20-22 September 2006
Hotel Grand Chancellor,
Hobart, Tasmania
<http://www.willorganise.com.au/apeg06>

Combined Third IOF Asia-Pacific Regional Conference on Osteoporosis and 16th Annual Scientific Meeting of the Australian and New Zealand Bone and Mineral Society

22-26 October 2006
Sheraton Mirage,
Port Douglas, Queensland
Contact: Ms Ivone Johnson
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International:

2005

ASEAN Federation of Endocrine Societies Congress

Linking Molecular and Clinical Endocrinology
December 7-10, 2005
Philippine International Convention Center
Manila Philippines
<http://afes2005.diabetesphil.org/>

2006

ECE 2006 : 8th European Congress of Endocrinology

1-5 April 2006
SECC, Glasgow. UK
<http://www.ece2006.com>

ENDO 2006

24-27 June 2006
Boston Convention & Exhibit Center
<http://www.endo-society.org>

SSR 2006, 39th Annual Meeting of the Society for Study of Reproduction

29 July-1 August 2006
Omaha, Nebraska, USA
<http://www.ssr.org/meetings.html>

Annual Meeting, American Society for Bone and Mineral Research

15-19 September 2006
Philadelphia Convention Center
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA
Phone: (202) 367-1161
Fax: (202) 367-2161
asbmr@smithbucklin.com

2007

British Endocrine Society (BES) Annual Meeting

18-22 March 2007
SAGE Gateshead, Newcastle, UK.
<http://www.endocrinology.org/SFE/confs.htm>

ENDO 2007

June 2-5, 2007
Toronto, Canada
<http://www.endo-society.org>

SSR 2007, 40th Annual Meeting of the Society for Study of Reproduction

22-25 July 2007
San Antonio, Texas, USA
<http://www.ssr.org/meetings.html>