



FROM THE **ESA President**

“Clinicians: Now is the time to come back to the annual meeting”

Clinicians and scientists play together more happily in ESA than in many other scientific societies. Having said this, there remain issues to be resolved. For today I will focus on issues related to clinicians and clinician scientists.

Over the years, many practicing clinical endocrinologists have made negative comments about the inadequacy of ESA's meetings for clinicians. If we take the view that this is meant to be constructive criticism rather than bitching and moaning, we need to identify why a number of clinicians have this perception and then address the underlying issues. Many clinicians attend the US Endocrine Society Annual Scientific Meeting and go to the clinically oriented sessions. The meeting is of such a size, that despite the enormous amount of high quality science being presented, one could spend the entire time attending practical clinical presentations. ESA has neither the ability nor the desire to compete with that meeting. On the other hand, any well-informed practicing clinical endocrinologist will know that the approach to clinical medicine in Australia has substantial differences from practice in the United States. Drugs may be used differently, in some cases, drugs available in one country are not available in the other. Funding for drugs, consultations and hospital visits makes approaches to treatment different and medico-legal issues alter approaches to therapy. Thus there is clearly a need for Australian clinical endocrinology meetings.

The clinical weekend and seminar meeting are extremely well attended. Indeed, so well subscribed that we need to turn away late registrants. Thus, I do not believe there needs to be any change to these meetings. On the other hand, clinician attendance at the scientific meeting is less apparent. Many of those who do attend are clinician scientists, interested in the basic and applied science presentations. Endocrine scientists are concerned that any change to the meeting may interfere with the presentation of their high quality science, and this must not occur.

With these constraints, this year ESA is attempting to enhance the clinical component of the meeting without detracting from the scientific component by introducing a specific clinical stream. You may say we have heard all this before. That could be the case as this is not rocket science. However we are making a concerted attempt to make the meeting

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more appealing to clinicians by having a clear clinical stream. I would ask clinical endocrinologists who may not have been to the scientific meeting for some years to reconsider the issue and give it another try. The council and I welcome your suggestions. It may not be too late to introduce them for this meeting.

Next time: Endocrine Scientists.

Jeffrey Zajac

NEW MEMBERS

The Society welcomes the following new members: Lisa-Marie Atkin, Graham Caldwell, Sridhar Chitturi, Pru Cowin, Dennis Dowhan, Emma Duncan, Jason Glanos, Mathis Grossmann, Jeremy Hoang, Isabelle Hoong, Ivan Kuo, Dr Paul Lee, Michelle Lui, Stephanie Maclean, Janni Mirosevich, Kirsten Murray, Nimalie Perera, Liza Phillips, Georgina Stilwell, Shoshana Sztal-Mazer, Lyndal Tacon, Simon Vanlint, Dr Paul Lee, Jun Yang and Constance Yap.

IMPORTANT DEADLINES:

Abstract deadline	1st May 2006
Novartis Junior Scientist Award	1st May 2006
Servier Award	1st May 2006
ESA Mayne Pharma Bryan Hudson Clinical Endocrinology Award	1st May 2006
ESA Travel Grants	1st May 2006
ESA Council Nomination Form	12th May 2006
ESA/ISPE International Travel Grant Award	1st August 2006

Nominations for ESA Council 2006

Nominations are now called for election to membership of the Committee of the Endocrine Society of Australia.

The constitutional changes were drafted by ESA Lawyer, David Price, from Paul Duffy Solicitors. These changes were accepted at the Annual General Meeting of the Society that was held on 5th September 2005.

To clarify, the changes are:

1. At the 2006 election the Committee will increase in size from 8 to 10 members (with representation from at least four states or territories of Australia).
2. To make a transition to the new system, at the 2006 election all current committee members will retire. Five members, (those with the most votes) will be elected for a period of 4 years. From these 5, the office bearers will be elected by the committee and the remaining 5 members will be elected for a period of 2 years
3. Beginning in 2008, 5 members of the committee shall be elected every two years.
4. The office bearers will consist of a President, President-Elect, Honorary Treasurer and Honorary Secretary.
5. The President-Elect will be selected by the committee and will have a two year term followed by a 2 year term as President.
6. In 2006 the current President will stay on as Past President for 1 year in an advisory, non voting capacity.

To be nominated, one must be a financial member of the Society, and be nominated by two financial members of ESA. The primary requirement of a committee member is to be prepared to give up some time for the service of the committee.

Nominations for election to the Society must reach the secretary of the ESA, Dr Mark McLean, 145 Macquarie Street, Sydney, NSW 2000 by 5:00 pm, Friday May 12th 2006.

Further details regarding the Committee of ESA, and procedures for elections to the committee can be found at the ESA website: <http://www.endocrinesociety.org.au/constitution.htm>

Professor Jeffrey Zajac

ESA President

Call for Abstracts for Annual Scientific Meeting

Call for abstracts

The abstract deadline is Monday, 1st May, 2006, by electronic mail. As well as the instructions below, the conference website has details for abstract submission, including a checklist that must be completed.

Presentation Types

Submissions will be accepted for two types of presentation: oral and poster.

Although authors may indicate their preference for type of presentation, the final acceptance with regard to presentation type will be at the discretion of the ESA Program Organising Committee.

Specifically for Clinicians - Some oral and poster sessions will be devoted specifically to clinical endocrinology. Therefore clinical members are invited to submit cases for the Clinical Case Review Session as well as abstracts for the scientific sessions. Clinical Case Reviews can be of great value to the clinician and scientist especially if presented well and more time will be allocated to this session, as it has been so well attended in the past. Please avoid abbreviations for clinical tests, diseases, etc. Above all make sure

that you actually say what has been discovered or learnt from the cases. These reports will also be refereed. Please contact the Chairman, POC, A/Prof. Stephen Twigg for further information.

Naming your file

Use the following convention "ABSTRACT - ESA03 - Surname of first Author", for example "ABSTRACT - ESA06- Twigg".

Submitting your abstract

Once the POC receives the Abstract you will receive a Confirmation that it was received. You must also complete the electronic checklist.

Acceptance of papers for presentation

A subcommittee of the Endocrine Society of Australia will independently review all abstracts. Scientific abstracts should therefore have a brief aim, methods, results, discussion and conclusions. There should be sufficient information for referees to evaluate the material as being sufficiently sound. Accepted abstracts will be published in the Meeting Abstract Book, in the form submitted by the author.

The Society is saddened with the passing of Ian Thomas, who was a founding member of the Society and an honorary life member.



*Ian Davies Thomas MB BS FRCP FRACP
1924-2005*

A gentle philosophical friend

Ian went from Sydney High School to the University of Sydney where he graduated in 1946 with honours. His initial resident training was affected and delayed by illness. He had registrar appointments at Sydney Hospital and Royal North Shore Hospital having passed the MRACP exam in 1952. In 1954 he passed the MRCP exam and subsequently went to Boston and worked with Astwood and Raven. In 1957 he returned to RNSH to work with Rundle and Oddie where he made contributions to the rational use of radioiodine in thyroid disease and medical management of thyroid eye disease. He subsequently was appointed as an HMO at RNSH where he continued his clinical activities with emphasis on Endocrinology. During his tenure at RNSH he was involved in teaching both undergraduates as well as post graduate trainees in endocrinology. He retired from the active staff in 1985.

Ian was a foundation member of the Society and was secretary treasurer 1962-64 He was subsequently made an honorary life member of the society and also served on ADRC and CASC.

Ian had a keen interest in sailing art history and philosophy.

He is survived by his wife Joan whom he met when she was an intern in his team at RNSH, two sons and a daughter, and nine grandchildren.

Ian Hales & John Stiel

REMINDER TO PAY YOUR SUBSCRIPTION DUES

All ESA membership subscriptions are due by 15th June 2006. If paid after this date a late fee will apply.

Please ensure that the Secretariat has all the correct mailing and contact details, particularly email addresses, as we rely on these to maintain contact with you and keep you informed of ESA activities.

Membership to the ESA permits access to all meetings, obtaining membership registration, opportunity to apply for the various ESA awards/Travel Grants and the ESA newsletter. You will be sent your subscription renewals shortly.

ESA Website

ESA are in the process of revamping the current ESA website. There will be two new sections. One being the facility to pay your subscription dues on-line, the other will be a secure member section. Members will be able to access other ESA member's details with a secure password.

ESA's new website address: <http://www.endocrinesociety.org.au>

2006 SERVIER AWARD

The Servier Award is made annually to recognise the best scientific paper published in the 12 month period preceding the closing date for abstracts for the Annual Scientific Meeting by an active member of the ESA early in their career. The award is given for a single publication, although up to two additional papers may be submitted in support of the application.

Eligibility:

Society members who are within 8 years of having obtained a higher degree or diploma (i.e. PhD, MD, FRACP) and who are currently financial.

Regulations:

1. The Servier Young Investigator Award is made by a subcommittee of Council consisting of the President, Treasurer and Honorary Secretary.
2. The award will be presented at the dinner associated with the Annual Scientific Meeting to which the awardee is invited and expected to attend.
3. The value of the award supported by Servier Laboratories Australia is \$1000.
4. The deadline for applications is the same as that for abstracts to the Annual Scientific Meeting.
5. The application must be sponsored by a financial member of the Society who may write a letter in support of the application.
6. Work submitted for publication, but

not yet accepted for publication is not eligible for the award.

7. The work must have been performed predominantly in Australia.
8. The applicant should submit a statement from the department head, or head of research group, signed by all co-authors, which outlines the applicant's role in:
 - a) Planning the design of the work
 - b) Experimental and analytical work
 - c) Writing and revision.
9. The winner may be invited by the Program Organising Committee to present the work at the Annual Scientific Meeting.
10. The subcommittee has a duty to apply the criteria equitable to all applicants.

Applications:

An original and 4 copies of the application should be sent to the ESA Secretary and must include the relevant publication. Page proofs are acceptable. If the work is 'in press', written documentation of final acceptance must be provided.

The applications to be sent to:

Dr Mark McLean
 Honorary Secretary
 Endocrine Society of Australia
 145 Macquarie Street
 Sydney NSW 2000

Closing Date: 1st May 2006

Visit the ESA website: <http://www.endocrinesociety.org.au/awards.htm#serv>

ESA IPSEN INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL GRANT AWARD 2006

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

Award: \$3,500 will be awarded once per year to assist with the costs of international travel to a European destination.

Closing Date: 1st August 2006

Visit ESA website: <http://www.endocrinesociety.org.au/awards.htm#policy>

Flyer included with this newsletter.

2006 NOVARTIS JUNIOR SCIENTIST AWARD

The Novartis Junior Scientist Award is given for the best presentation at the Annual Scientific Meeting by an advanced trainee or by a person enrolled for a higher degree (PhD, MD, FRACP). Nominees must be members of the Endocrine Society of Australia. Applicants will be judged initially on the basis of their submitted abstract and a short list of applicants will be chosen to present in a special session. Applicants will be informed of the session in which they are to present when acceptances of Abstracts are sent out. In addition to submitting their abstract to the above address (esa-srb@asnevents.net.au), applicants should email their abstract, a brief CV and a supporting letter from their supervisor as attachments to Dr Stephen Twigg, Chair, POC at stwig@med.usyd.edu.au

Please type 'Novartis award application' in the subject line. Additionally, a hard-copy declaration that the work is the applicant's own must be signed by both the applicant and supervisor and sent to Dr Stephen Twigg, Discipline of Medicine (D06), University of Sydney, NSW 2006. Applications must be received by the abstract deadline (Monday, 1st May 2006).

Visit the ESA Website: <http://www.endocrinesociety.org.au/awards.htm#nov>

2006 ESA Clinical Weekend

August 18-20

This year the Clinical Weekend will be held at the Royal Pines Resort, Gold Coast, Queensland.

The traditional program will centre around cases prepared by Advanced Trainees. We are graced this year by the attendance of two international contributors. Dr William Crowley will talk on genetic causes of hypothalamic-pituitary reproductive failure. Dr Sadaf Farooqi will talk on aspects of adipose tissue/obesity-metabolic syndrome.

Supervisors should note that some of the case-discussions should be selected to complement these themes.

Travel Grants require early attention (see website). The social aspects include an informal Friday Dinner, a formal dinner at the Resort on Saturday and the family-friendly leisure activities of the Gold Coast. Back by popular demand, the feature entertainment at this year's Clinical Weekend will be Trivial Pursuits. This time you ALL have a chance to contribute to the show. ESA Council has approved a move to harness the collective brilliance

of our Society. Each State and Territory can submit trick questions, educationally distorted dilemmas, or endocrinological tangents. Nominees will soon be contacted to act as conduits for at least 7 questions per State or Territory. Please get your thinking caps on, hunt for rare images, think about relationships between science and the rest of life and produce a question in PowerPoint format (hardcopy can be scanned). As a treat, all questions (but no answers) will be handed out with the meeting satchel, forming what I hope will be an additional record for the Society's activities for future generations to enjoy (or laugh at). Deadline for completed questions to reach me is 31st July; feel free to contact me.

Further details are on the conference website: <http://www.esaclinicalweekend.org.au/>
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EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Panel Endocrinologist (sessional)

HealthQuest is seeking expressions of interest from registered Endocrinologists on a sessional basis. In Sydney the position will offer services from our CBD head office in Goulburn Street and opportunities exist throughout NSW to service our clients in regional areas.

HealthQuest is a statutory health corporation under the Health Services Act 1997. The role of HealthQuest is to provide a variety of health screening services for predominately public sector employees. These may include pre-placement assessments, periodic health assessments, occupational exposure assessments and fitness to continue assessments. HealthQuest does not provide primary care or treatment on an ongoing basis.

Clinical staff, predominately medical, are contracted throughout the State to provide services for HealthQuest on an 'as required' basis. To ensure we can service our clients efficiently we have decided to expand our panel of practitioners both in the Sydney metropolitan area and in regional NSW.

HealthQuest maintains all records and employment with us is subject to a criminal records check and observance of a confidentiality agreement.

Enquiries about this role can be directed to Dr P Dodwell, CMO
HealthQuest on (02) 9289-7730.

Applicants should forward full contact details, an updated resume together with a detailed history of work experience and particulars of any special areas of practice etc.

Expressions should be received by 31st May, 2006.

ESA Travel grants to attend the ASM

20-23rd August,
Gold Coast Convention Centre, QLD
Applications are called for travel grants to the ASM 2006. These grants are intended to assist junior members of the society to attend the Annual Scientific Meeting, and generally amount to an Apex Airfare from the applicant's City.

Eligibility:

1. Only members of the society may be awarded travel grants. (Membership must be ratified by Council.)
2. The categories of applicant in order of decreasing priority for consideration are:
 - Full time student (postgraduate) presenting an abstract
 - Research assistant/research officer (NH&MRC scale) presenting abstract
 - Full time student (postgraduate)
 - RA/RO.
3. The supervisor should certify the category and advise whether any other specific support is available from the institution, i.e. travelling scholarship/grant.
4. Generally ineligible for a travel grant are:
 - Members in higher positions than RO
 - Members who are physicians or PhDs more than 7 years post-doctorate
 - Members resident in a country other than Australia.

The applications should include 5 copies each of:

- The application form available from: <http://www.endocrinesociety.org.au/awards.htm#travel>
- Submitted abstracts
- A brief CV.

Requests for travel grants to the Annual Scientific Meeting should be addressed to:

Dr Mark McLean
Honorary Secretary
Endocrine Society of Australia
145 Macquarie Street
Sydney NSW 2000
Closing Date: 1st May 2006

Australian Association of Consultant Physicians

March 2006 update.

The Australian Association of Consultant Physicians (The AACCP) – held an annual general meeting in December 2005. A new Council was elected with Dr Leslie E. Bolitho – President, Dr Jack Best – Secretary / Treasurer, Prof Jerry Koutts, Immediate Past President, Assoc Prof Geoffrey Metz, Assoc Prof Gerard Carroll, Dr Louis McGuigan, Dr Andrew Nunn and Dr William Heddle, AMA Liaison.

The new and revitalised AACCP is legally constituted and complies with ASIC requirements. The AACCP has been registered for GST since 1 January 2006.

We have written to all Specialty Society Presidents introducing the AACCP, explaining our role on remuneration proceedings with the AMA, MBCC and Department of Health and Aging. We will also be involved with Workforce issues.

We are seeking support from Specialty Societies and their members. We are encouraging all Fellows to become financial members of the AACCP. We have recently sent letters to all Fellows of the College seeking their financial support and membership of the AACCP (\$99 including GST) for the calendar year from January 1 to December 31, 2006.

There are 540 current financial members of the AACCP. For those who have joined in 2005 their membership has been extended to December 31, 2006. We are in need of more members to support the AACCP and to extend the influence of the physician-base to ensure appropriate representation from Fellows across all Specialties and interests from consultant physicians and paediatricians.

The AACCP Council has met on several occasions in Sydney, and on teleconference. We have established the Secretariat in Sydney. Our registered premises have now moved to Sydney. We have applied to College Council to request seed funding for the Secretariat.

The Technical Reference Group has developed new Enhanced Physician Attendance Item (EPAI) descriptors and explanatory notes. We have met with the AMA, and held teleconferences with the AMA and Access Economics and are currently awaiting the report from Access Economics to be included in our submission.

The submission for EPAIs is well in progress. The new EPAIs numbers have been developed on the advice of the Department of Health and Aging. The Department is interested in new item numbers for current physician work. The existing physician attendance items 110, 116 and 119 will remain.

The AACCP now has an Economist, Dr Robert Wilson, working with the Council. The AACCP is in the process of developing a framework for submission for the new Enhanced Physician Attendance Items to the Department

of Health and Aging. We will be approaching a Canberra based lobbyist to advise on our submission, prior to seeking a meeting with Minister Abbott in the near future. We are aiming to finalize the submission and enter negotiations with the MBCC and DoHA in the next six weeks.

Dr Sue Morey, Chair, RACP Workforce Committee has been seconded to advise the AACCP on Workforce issues.

I would encourage all College Fellows to join the AACCP and become actively involved with issues directly affecting the long term sustainability of Consultant Physician and Paediatrician practice.

Dr Leslie E. Bolitho
President AACCP
March 6, 2006.
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2006 ESA MAYNE PHARMA BRYAN HUDSON CLINICAL ENDOCRINOLOGY AWARD

This Award, now running for the third year, has been introduced to promote research in Clinical Endocrinology and the profile of Clinical Endocrinology Research at the Annual Scientific Meeting of the Society.

The Award will be made for the best presentation in the field of clinical endocrinology by an active member of the Endocrine Society of Australia early in their career. Society members who are less than 45 years of age or who are within 10 years of obtaining professional qualifications, and who are current financial members of at least 12 months standing, are eligible to apply. Please note that all abstracts with a predominant clinical content will be eligible for assessment, as long as the applicant meets the criteria described.

In addition to submitting their abstract to the above address via the normal mechanisms (e.g. ESA-SRB@asnevernts.net.au), applicants should email their abstract, a brief CV and supporting materials as attachments to:

Dr Stephen Twigg
Department of Medicine (D06)
University of Sydney
Sydney NSW 2006
Email: stwigg@med.usyd.edu.au by 1st May 2006.

Visit the ESA Website: <http://www.endocrinesociety.org.au/awards.htm#hudson>

Jock Findlay

Professor Jock Findlay AM has been awarded the UK Society for Reproduction and Fertility (SRF) Distinguished Scientist Award for 2006.



This award honours Jock's outstanding contribution to reproduction and fertility research. He is the only Australian to have won this prestigious award. He will present a keynote lecture at the Society's Annual conference in July 2006 in Leeds, West Yorkshire, England.

Jock is a world renowned reproductive biologist with more than 30 years of experience in reproductive health research. He was one of the original collaborators on the first paper on hormone replacement in women receiving IVF. His achievements have been recognised through numerous awards including the 2006 Dale Medal the UK Society for Endocrinology. In 2001 he was made a Member of the Order of Australia for services to medical research, as a researcher in reproductive biology and as a medical administrator. He is the Deputy Director of Prince Henry's Institute of Medical Research. He is Chairperson for the Infertility Treatment Authority of Victoria and member of the Scientific Committee and board member of the Victorian Breast Cancer Consortium Inc. ESA congratulates Jock in this prestigious award.

SIGNIFICANT MEMBER HONOURS

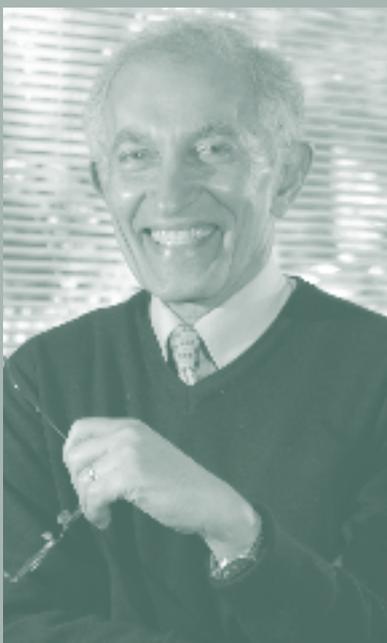
David de Kretser

The larger research community and particularly Monash University have paid tribute to Professor David de Kretser AO, who was appointed the next Governor of Victoria on 19 January. He will take over the five-year appointment on 7 April.

David founded the Monash Institute of Reproduction and Development (MIRD) in 1990, which evolved into the Monash Institute of Medical Research (MIMR) last year. He has been at the forefront of reproductive medicine for over 40 years. In 2000, Professor de Kretser was admitted as an Officer of the Order of Australia and in 1996 was elected a fellow of the Australian Academy of Science and the Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering. In 2001 he was recognised as Victorian Father of the Year.

Monash University Vice-Chancellor Professor Richard Larkins said he was absolutely delighted that a scientist and academic of the calibre and distinction of Professor de Kretser had been appointed to this important role.

"This is recognition not only of David de Kretser's personal qualities, but also of the significance of scientific research to the future of Victoria and the community in general," he said. "David de Kretser will perform the role of Governor with great distinction."



Highlights of Professor de Kretser's scientific and medical career:

- 1985: Discovered inhibin; a hormone that plays a key role in infertility
- 1986: Established the world's first Reproductive Medicine Clinic
- 1990: Founded MIRD
- 1999: Established Andrology Australia; the world's first federally-funded male reproductive health program
- 2000: Admitted to the Office of the Order of Australia
- 2001: Recognised as Victorian Father of the Year
- 2006: Appointed Governor of Victoria

FUTURE MEETINGS

Australia & NZ:

2006

ESA Clinical Weekend

19-20 August 2006

Royal Pines Resort, Gold Coast

Contact: ASN Events

<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/>

ADIPS Annual Scientific Meeting

25-26 August 2006

Gold Coast Convention Centre

<http://www.adips.org>

10th International Congress on Obesity

3-8 September 2006

Sydney Convention & Exhibition Centre

<http://www.ico2006.com>

Australasian Paediatric Endocrine Group Annual Scientific Meeting

20-22 September 2006

Hotel Grand Chancellor,

Hobart, Tasmania

<http://www.willorganise.com.au/apeg06>

IGF's Down-Under Bound Up All Over

29 September 2006

Brisbane

Further information: Dr Jennifer

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ANZBMS Clinical Densitometry Course

20-21 October 2006

Princess Alexandra Hospital, Brisbane

[http://anzbms.org.au/](http://anzbms.org.au/densitometryCourse/index.htm)

[densitometryCourse/index.htm](http://anzbms.org.au/densitometryCourse/index.htm)

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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<http://www.anzbms.org.au>

2007

ESA Seminar Meeting

4-6 May 2007

Sebel Lodge, Yarra Valley, Victoria

Contact: ASN Events

<http://www.esaseminar.org.au/>

ESA Clinical Weekend

31 August-1 September 2007

Christchurch, NZ

Contact: ASN Events

<http://www.esaclinicalweekend.org.au/>

ESA Annual Scientific Meeting

2-5 September 2007

Christchurch Convention Centre, NZ

Contact: ASN Events

<http://www.esa-srb.org.au/>

International:

2006

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>

REGPEP '06: 16th International Symposium on Regulatory Peptides

30 August-2 September 2006

Hakone, Japan

Contact: Symposium Secretariat, c/o Bilingual Group Ltd.

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Annual Meeting, American Society for Bone and Mineral Research

15-19 September 2006

Philadelphia Convention Center

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA

Phone: (202) 367-1161

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2007

British Endocrine Society (BES) Annual Meeting

18-22 March 2007

SAGE Gateshead,

Newcastle, UK.

[http://www.endocrinology.org/SFE/](http://www.endocrinology.org/SFE/confs.htm)

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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>

ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING, THE GOLD COAST

20th-23rd August 2006

This year's program has an exciting line-up of plenary speakers. The Harrison Plenary Lecturer is William Crowley (USA), the Taft Lecturer is Sadaf Farooqi (UK), the Japan-Australia Lecturer is Eiichi Araki and our fourth Plenary Lecturer is Peter Leedman (Aus). Planned symposia topics include 'The pituitary', 'Genetic causes of reproductive failure', 'Routes of insulin delivery', 'Kisspeptins', and 'Nuclear receptors and signaling', including joint sessions with ADS, Neuroendocrinology and SRB. Free-oral communication sessions, and unopposed poster sessions, will again feature at the Scientific Meeting. Meet the Expert sessions will also be part of a defined clinical stream.

Details of the program are at the conference website: <http://www.esa-srb.org.au>.

Sydney Bone Group Meetings

The meetings for the Sydney Bone Group in 2006 will be held on the Second

Tuesday of each month from March to November except for August (ESA meeting) and October (ANZBMS meeting).

Venue: Buffet Room Top Floor, Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron, 33 Peel St Kirribilli

6 00 pm for drinks and canapés

6 30 - 8 00 pm presentations

Parking: Available underneath, free of charge