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FROM THE

ESA President

The last few months have been busy ones for ESA Council. In between writing grants, seeing patients and performing experiments, we have continued to make progress on a number of fronts. With senior members of ESA helping to judge, the first ESA scholarship was awarded in a process that went very smoothly. We are delighted that Priya Sumithran is the inaugural scholarship winner for her PhD studies with Prof Joe Proietto. We are now starting to plan our first Postdoctoral Grant-in-Aid, so watch out for an announcement later in the year.

As outlined elsewhere in the newsletter, planning for our scientific and clinical meetings is well advanced and we promise excellent programmes for attendees. The Seminar meeting is already well-subscribed but limited places are still available. We particularly look forward to welcoming our New Zealand colleagues to our meetings in Christchurch later in the year (as well as hitting the slopes, if at all possible!).

On the clinical front, Council continues to be involved with the RACP as it evolves its new structure and governance and reconsiders its training policies. We have also had input to the National Health Workforce Secretariat about future projections for the endocrinology workforce and ensuring that training facilities are adequate for this need to be met.

Finally, the 2008 Annual Scientific Meeting will be a time to celebrate the 50th anniversary of ESA. Council has formed a subcommittee (Tim Cole, Jeffrey Zajac and myself) to commence planning for this important milestone. We would welcome any suggestions, so please contact us with your ideas.

Professor Leon Bach

ESA payment policy for members presenting at ESA meetings

In keeping with many specialist societies around the world (including the US Endocrine Society), it is ESA's general policy that members are not entitled to payment or reimbursement when they are invited to present at any of the ESA meetings (Scientific Meeting, Clinical Weekend, Seminar Meeting). The rationale for this policy is that it is part of a member's role to contribute to the clinical and research activities of the Society. An invitation to present should be seen as an honour bestowed by ESA, which should be a reward in itself.

There are a number of specific exceptions:

1. If a member is invited to present at a meeting that he/she would not ordinarily attend, e.g. a basic scientist invited to speak at the Seminar Meeting or Clinical Weekend. This will not apply to the Annual Scientific Meeting, since both clinical and scientific ESA members should participate in this meeting.
2. ESA members invited to be the Harrison or a plenary lecturer are entitled to the same reimbursements as a non-member.
3. ESA life members presenting at a meeting are entitled to free registration in acknowledgement of their contribution to the Society.

There has been some inconsistency in implementing this policy in the past, which leads to confusion from time to time. I am happy to forward the complete ESA policy on this matter to interested members.

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IMPORTANT DEADLINES:

Abstract deadline	15th June 2007
Novartis Junior Scientist Award	15th June 2007
Servier Award	15th June 2007
ESA Mayne Pharma Bryan Hudson Clinical Endocrinology Award	15th June 2007
ESA Travel Grants	15th June 2007
ESA/IPSEN International Travel Grant Award	1st August 2007

ESA SEMINAR 2007

The ESA Seminar for 2007 is coming up soon on May 4 – 6th. The program has now been finalised and can be accessed through the ESA website. Session themes include endocrine tumours, stem cell research in Endocrinology, diabetes complications and β -cell transplantation.

The seminar is being held at the Sebel Lodge in the Yarra Valley, 50 km east of Melbourne Airport. The Sebel is a boutique hotel located within The Heritage Golf and Country Club. It offers a host of sporting and social activities including personal training, swimming in the indoor heated lap pool, tennis and archery. Nearby are the Yarra Valley vineyards with over 40 wineries, the Healesville Wildlife Sanctuary, historic Yarra Glen, and the National Parks of the Warburton Ranges.

Accommodation at the Sebel is already fully booked but rooms at nearby hotels can be booked through the conference organisers ASN at www.asnevents.net.au/esaseminar/.

Jennifer Conn
Seminar Convenor

Hormones, Mood and Sexuality Across the Lifespan Festschrift for Professor Lorraine Dennerstein AO

This exciting one day meeting will include the world's foremost clinical and research scientists, who will review the latest findings of the role of ovarian hormonal changes in women's mood, sexual function and related health outcomes. This meeting will be of interest to clinicians and researchers who only rarely in Australia will have an opportunity to hear so many international experts speak in Melbourne on this special area of interest.

When: Saturday, 4 August 2007

Where: The University of Melbourne, Parkville campus

To register your interest, please contact:

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SIGNIFICANT MEMBERS HONOURS

Professor Evan Simpson has been awarded the Nancy Brinker Award from the Susan Komen Breast Cancer Foundation in December 2006 at the SABCS meeting in San Antonio, Texas.

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 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 Abstracts 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 Helen MacLean
Department of Medicine
University of Melbourne
Austin Hospital
Studley Road
Heidelberg, VIC. 3084.
Email: hmaclean@unimelb.edu.au
Closing Date: 15th June 2007

2007 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 David Phillips
Honorary Secretary
Endocrine Society of Australia
145 Macquarie Street
Sydney NSW 2000

Closing Date: 15th June 2007

Visit the ESA website:

<http://www.endocrinesociety.org.au/awards.htm#serv>

2007 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. The 2007 ESA Mayne Pharma Bryan Hudson Clinical Endocrinology Award applications need to be made directly to ESA, not the conference secretariat. 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 (ESA-SRB@asnevents.net.au), applicants should email their abstract, a brief CV and a supporting letter from their supervisor as attachments to:

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Closing Date: 15th June 2007

ESA IPSEN INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL GRANT AWARD 2007

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 to assist with the costs of international travel.

Closing Date: 1st August 2007

Visit ESA website:

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

**ESA Travel grants to attend the ASM
2nd-5th September 2007,
Christchurch Convention Centre**

Applications are called for travel grants to the ASM 2007. 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:
 - o Full time student (postgraduate) presenting an abstract
 - o Research assistant/research officer (NH&MRC scale) presenting abstract
 - o Full time student (postgraduate)
 - o 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:
 - o Members in higher positions than RO
 - o Members who are physicians or PhDs more than 7 years post-doctorate
 - o Members resident in a country other than Australia.

The applications should include 5 copies each of:

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

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

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145 Macquarie Street
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Closing Date: 15th June 2007

**ESA Clinical Weekend (In Association with
NZSE) at Clearwater Resort Christchurch
New Zealand
31 August 2007 - 2 September 2007
Convener Jeffrey Zajac**

The Clinical weekend will be at the Clearwater resort near Christchurch this year. We encourage you to attend and encourage all registrars and supervisors to submit interesting cases. The two international speakers this year will be

Robert J Smith on Intensive Glucose Management in Critical Illness and Annamaria Colao on PCOS

The resort is excellent and by popular demand Trivial Pursuit will return. Space is limited so please register early. Information from Jeffrey Zajac: 0394965198, j.zajac@unimelb.edu.au.

**ESA Annual Scientific Meeting,
September 2nd – 5th, 2007, Christchurch**

This year's annual scientific meeting will be held in Christchurch, New Zealand, in conjunction with the NZ Society of Endocrinology. This year's meeting has defined Clinical and Basic streams, with the meeting participants coming together for the plenary lectures, the Novartis Junior and Servier Awards and poster sessions.

The Clinical stream includes:

- Meet the Expert sessions on growth hormone and acromegaly, osteoporosis management and male hypogonadism
- Case Reports that emphasise important diagnostic and management points
- Symposia on the thyroid; endocrinology: the clinic-laboratory interface (joint ESA/AACB); and therapeutic cloning & stem cell therapy (clinical/basic)
- Clinical Workshop on markers of insulin sensitivity
- Oral and Poster presentations

The Basic stream includes:

- Symposia on GH, insulin & IGF signalling; therapeutic cloning & stem cell therapy (clinical/basic); TGFβ superfamily in development & disease; endocrine disruptors (joint ESA/SRB); the gut/brain axis (joint ESA/Neuroendocrinology Australasia); physiology of neurohypophyseal hormones & behaviour; recent advances in insulin signal transduction (joint ESA/ADS)
- Career Development Workshop
- Oral & Poster sessions

The new Career Development Workshop is aimed at junior scientists establishing a career in basic research. This free breakfast session, on Tuesday morning, will include presenters with experience in the NHMRC system, who will provide insight and advice on different aspects of developing a career in medical research, and all PhD students and post-docs are encouraged to attend.

Our distinguished line-up of plenary speakers provides a mix of outstanding clinical and basic research. The ESA's highest honour is the Harrison Lecture, which will be presented this year by Prof Gerard Karsenty from Columbia University Medical Center New York. Prof Karsenty has published a number of seminal papers elucidating mechanisms controlling the differentiation and function of osteoblasts, and more recently he has broadened his studies to investigate the central control of bone mass, with the identification of leptin-mediated pathways that regulate bone. Prof Karsenty will be presenting his latest research findings in his lecture entitled *Cross-regulation of bone and energy metabolism*.

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To continue the IGF/insulin/growth hormone focus of this meeting, the Pincus Taft plenary lecturer for 2007 is Prof Robert J Smith, from Brown Medical School, Rhode Island. The Taft lecture recognises outstanding clinical research, and Prof Smith will be presenting his work on *A molecular journey from insulin and IGFs to neurodegenerative disease*.

The Japan-Australia lecture will be presented by Prof Takashi Kadowaki, from the Graduate School of Medicine, University of Tokyo. Prof Kadowaki's research has focussed on the molecular mechanisms of type 2 diabetes, insulin resistance and obesity, and he is an international leader in this field, having amongst his many achievements, identified and cloned adiponectin and its receptors. Prof Kadowaki will be talking on *Adiponectin and its receptors in insulin resistance, diabetes, and the metabolic syndrome*.

The final plenary speaker is the joint ESA/NZSE Nancy Sirrett lecture, which is presented each year in the NZSE by an emeritus society member. This year Dr Jeff Keelan, from the Liggins Institute and the University of Auckland, will present an overview of his clinical research, entitled *Placental mediators of pregnancy and parturition*.

Registration and the call for abstracts have now opened and abstract submissions close June 15th, 2007.

For further information on the meeting, see <http://www.esa-srb.org.au/>.

We encourage participants, particularly our junior members, to apply for the various awards and grants available to society members.

For further information on the ESA awards, see <http://www.endocrinesociety.org.au/awards.htm>.

CALL FOR CLINICAL CASES FOR THE ESA CLINICAL WEEKEND 2007

All Endocrine Advanced Trainees are eligible to present a clinical case at this year's Clinical Weekend Conference in Christchurch (31 Aug 2007-2 Sep 2007). It would be greatly appreciated if supervisors can please bring this to the attention of any Trainees who may not receive the ESA (email) Bulletin.

SELECTION:

Cases on any aspect of clinical endocrinology are welcomed. Two themes will relate to our International Plenary sessions (Polycystic Ovarian Syndrome / intensive glucose control in Diabetes Mellitus), but any topic will be considered. Selection criteria will include educational value and quality of the presentation. Trainees should discuss the case with their supervisors prior to submission.

FORMAT:

The format for submission is a) one A4 page of relevant clinical detail, investigations and/or management, plus a series of questions for the audience. Cases selected for presentation will be then submitted in PowerPoint, and include a discussion of the questions.

DEADLINES:

The deadline for submission will be 15th June. Please email case submissions to Prof Jeffrey Zajac (j.zajac@unimelb.edu.au).

LENGTH OF PRESENTATION:

At the meeting, Trainees will present their own cases 3 times in a rotating format to small discussion groups. Presenters should aim for 10-15 minutes for the case, and 15-20 minutes for discussion and presentation of the relevant literature (i.e. 30 minutes in total).

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FUTURE MEETINGS - 2007 & 2008

2007
9th European Congress of Endocrinology
28th April-2nd May
Budapest, Hungary
Website: www.ece2007.com

ESA Seminar Meeting
4-6th May 2007
Sebel Lodge, Yarra Valley, VIC
Website: www.esaseminar.org.au

ENDO 2007
The Endocrine Society 89th Annual Meeting
June 2-5th 2007
Toronto
Website: www.endo-society.org

11th Australasian Autoimmunity Workshop
6th-8th July 2007
Melbourne
Website: www.autoimmunity.monash.org/news-updates/aawxi/workshop.html

SSR 2007, 40th Annual Meeting of the Society for Study of Reproduction
22-25th July 2007
San Antonio, Texas, USA
Website: www.ssr.org/meetings.html

Australian Pituitary Foundation- Inaugrial National Seminar
18th August 2007
Westmead Hospital, Sydney
Website: <http://www.pituitary.asn.au/News/tab-id/56/Default.aspx>

ESA Clinical Weekend
31st August-2nd September 2007
Outrigger Hotel, New Zealand
Website: www.esaclinicalweekend.org.au

ESA/SRB ASM
2nd-5th September 2007
Christchurch Convention Centre
Website: www.esa-srb.org.au

ADS/ADEA ASM
5th-7th September 2007
Christchurch Convention Centre
Website: www.ads.adea.org.au

ANZBMS ASM
9th-12th September 2007
Rydges Hotel, Queenstown, New Zealand
Website: www.anzbms.org.au

11th Australasian Menopause Society Congress
14-16 September 2007
Adelaide Convention Centre
Website: www.Tourhosts.com.au/menopause07/

ASBMR 29th Annual Scientific Meeting
16-20th September 2007
Honolulu, Hawaii, USA
Website: asbmr@smithbucklin.com

APEG ASM
15-18th October 2007
Broome, WA
Website: www.willorganise.com.au/apeg07

The Australian Physiological Society conference
2-5 December 2007
Newcastle
Details at
<http://www.aups.org.au/Meetings/200712/>

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World Endometriosis Society / AGES WCE 2008
11-14 March 2008
Melbourne
Website: www.wce2008.com

ENDO 2008
15-18 June 2008
San Francisco. California
Website: www.endo-society.org

ESA/SRB ASM
25-28 August 2008
Melbourne Convention Centre
Website: www.esa-srb.org.au



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