

18 June 2015

### ESA Senior Plenary Award- extended to 29 June 2015

This award recognises an outstanding research career in the field of Endocrinology in Australia. The award comprises a plaque and a plenary lecture at the Annual Scientific Meeting, and complimentary meeting registration.

#### Eligibility:

Active ESA member with extensive research experience, output and impact in any field of Endocrinology post-higher degree (PhD, MD or FRACP). The awardees must attend the ASM to present their lecture.

Apply Now: <http://www.endocrinesociety.org.au/awards-and-grants.asp#Plenary>

### ESA / IPSEN International Travel Grant Award

**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.

Awards: One award of \$3500 will be granted to assist with the costs of international travel.

Deadline: **1 August 2015**

For further information: <http://www.endocrinesociety.org.au/awards-and-grants.asp#esa>

### ESA Subscriptions

Membership to the ESA permits access to all meetings, obtaining membership registration, opportunity to apply for the various ESA awards/Travel Grants, ESA newsletter, e-bulletins and patient information. ESA membership also enables inclusion in the ESA "find an endocrinologist" which is a popular portal within the site.

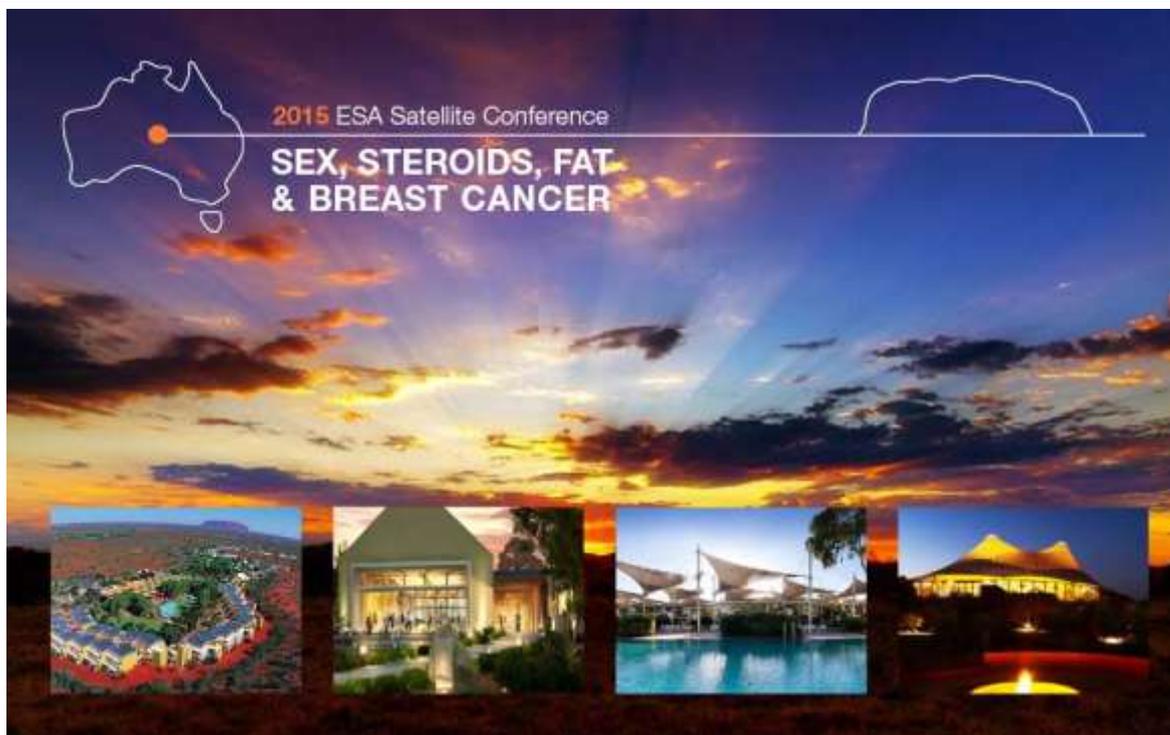
**If your dues are not paid you will not be eligible to apply for membership registration fees and awards for the forthcoming ESA meetings.**

Log in at the ESA homepage: <http://www.endocrinesociety.org.au/> Go to subscription renewal.

### IMPORTANT DEADLINES:

ESA Senior Plenary Award	29 June 2015
ESA IPSEN International Travel Grant Award	1 August 2015
ESA Postdoctoral Award	30 October 2015
ESA Research Higher Degree	30 October 2015
ESA Ken Wynne Memorial Postdoctoral Scholarship	16 November 2015

Apply for ESA awards: <http://www.endocrinesociety.org.au/awards-and-grants.asp>



**27-29 August 2015**

Sex, steroids, fat and breast cancer

Uluru Meeting Place **Flver**

Website: <https://ssfbc2015.eventbrite.com> Abstract deadline: **June 30, 2015** Contact: [kristy.brown@hudson.org.au](mailto:kristy.brown@hudson.org.au)

### **Thyreporter Assay for Thyroid stimulating immunoglobulins**

The Thyretain thyroid stimulating immunoglobulin (TSI) Thyreporter assay is a new bio-assay for those TSH receptor antibodies that stimulate the thyroid cell in patients with Graves disease. This assay is more specific and sensitive than the old TSH receptor binding assay (e.g. measured as TRAB) and has a particular advantage in that TSI Thyreporter more levels correlate closely with the presence and severity of any associated ophthalmopathy; the antibodies appear to be markers for the orbital inflammation, if not its cause. The TSI assay is a live cell bioassay and this is another reason why it is more specific for the autoimmune reactions in Graves disease and Graves ophthalmopathy. This assay will be set up in our laboratory at Nepean Clinical School (University of Sydney) in Kingswood, NSW and offered as a clinical test for endocrinologists, ophthalmologists and other practitioners throughout Australia. The TSI assay will supplement our eye muscle antibody program. This is a private test and there will be a fee of \$50.00 for the test which will be used to support our thyroid eye disease research.

Serum samples should be sent frozen on dry ice, to the Thyroid Research Laboratory, Level 5 South Block, Nepean Hospital in Kingswood NSW. This test is at present non-reimbursable although an effort will be made for this to be included in the MBS system, possibly replacing the TRAB assay.

For further information about the tests and interpretation of the results please email me at [jack.wall@sydney.edu.au](mailto:jack.wall@sydney.edu.au) or telephone 02 4734 2613 (Robyn).

The assay will be set up over the next few months and made available for clinical use throughout the country towards the end of the year. The TSI Thyreporter bioassay is not available elsewhere in Australia or New Zealand.

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## **New ESA initiative! “Find a researcher”**

ESA Council would like to provide a facility for members to explore research interests represented within the Society, identify researchers who are willing to review manuscripts or grants, and those willing to receive invitations to speak at local or national meetings. The primary aim is to encourage research interactions and collaborations, the secondary aims are to raise the profile of emerging and early career researchers and establish the Society’s membership as a valuable national resource for peer review activities related to research.

Council encourages ESA members to “opt in” by providing details of their qualifications, training, current position, research interests and “top 5” recent publications to a member-access database. The database will provide a means for researchers to identify potential collaborators, and promote interactions between clinical and laboratory-based researchers within the Society. These data will be accessible only to other members of ESA.

If you would like to be listed in ‘Find a Researcher’ Log in at the ESA homepage:

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

Go to resources.

## **Find an Endocrinologist**

The Endocrine Society of Australia receives regular enquiries to recommend an endocrinologist with particular interests or expertise. Endocrinology is a broad field, which includes some very common conditions, but also some very rare ones. As a result, people who have rare conditions may benefit from seeing a specialist with additional experience or expertise. The Society comprises clinical endocrinologists and also scientists, who research endocrine disorders but do not see patients. Clinical members of the Society have been invited to submit their contact details and self-nominated areas of interest. Please note that the Endocrine Society of Australia is providing this as a community service to help patients find a suitable endocrinologist (considering both geographical issues and area of interest). The Society is not endorsing or recommending any of the listed clinicians or their degree of expertise.

The general public will be able to search for an Endocrinologist in this section:

<http://www.endocrinesociety.org.au/search-for-an-endocrinologist.asp>

If you would like to be listed in ‘Find an Endocrinologist’ Log in at the ESA homepage:

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

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## **RACP info: PBS s100 changes for botulinum toxin**

The Department of Health has recently announced changes for the PBS regarding botulinum toxin. Initially the changes were to be introduced from 1 July 2015 but after subsequent consultations this has now been pushed back to 1 September 2015.

The Department has now provided a 1 page FAQ on the changes. **FAQ**



The Organising Committee welcomes all students and interested scientists to the 2015 ESA Basic Career Development Weekend.

**Website:** <http://esamentorworkshop.org/>

**When:** 21-22<sup>nd</sup> August (immediately preceding the Annual Scientific Meeting).

**Where:** [Stamford Grand](#), Glenelg, Adelaide.

**Focus:** The weekend is focussed on mentorship and career development. There will be a number of leading Australian researchers who will provide insight into career development.

**International Plenary:** We welcome [Professor William Rainey](#) (University of Michigan), who will provide personal insight into the development of an internationally renowned career.

**Included Topics:**

- Fellowship funding: how to stay one step ahead.
- Alternative sources of funding: looking beyond NHMRC
- How do basic scientists develop translational strengths?

*Travel grants will be available for students and early career researchers (5 years post-doctoral). Further information will be shortly available.*

We look forward to seeing you in Adelaide.

**Dr Belinda Henry, Chair, Organising committee**



The Organising Committee welcomes all trainees, endocrinologists, and interested clinicians to the 2015 ESA Clinical Weekend in the beachside town of Glenelg, Adelaide. Our two overriding themes will be Reproductive Endocrinology and Thyroid Cancer. We look forward to stimulating case discussions based on presentations by our advanced trainees supported by plenaries by our international guests, Professor Richard Santen and Professor Michael Tuttle, both renowned speakers and clinicians in the fields of breast cancer and advanced thyroid cancer respectively.

Registration and case study submissions open **10<sup>th</sup> February 2015**

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



### **ESA-SRB 2015 - Adelaide**

The Annual Scientific Meeting of the Endocrine Society of Australia and the Society for Reproductive Biology 2015 will be held from 23rd - 26th August at the newly redeveloped Adelaide Convention Centre.

**Registrations are now open!** <http://www.esa-srb.org.au/>

**PATIENT RESOURCES IN ENDOCRINOLOGY- a partnership between ESA and the US Endocrine Society**



Hormone Health  
N E T W O R K®  
FROM THE ENDOCRINE SOCIETY

<http://www.endocrinesociety.org.au/patient-resources/index.asp>

The Endocrine Society of Australia have established an international collaboration with the US Endocrine Society to adapt patient information to the Australian setting and make them readily available.

These resources are rigorously developed, evidence based and aimed to support patients to understand their endocrine condition with the support of their doctor.

**Click for resources**

These are available in both English and Chinese.

\*This information is designed to be informative and educational. It is not intended to provide specific medical advice or replace advice from your doctor.

\*Please note that only the information on the Australian link below is adapted to national settings including medications and tests. Other resources on the US website may be helpful but may not be consistent with Australian practice.

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

### 2015

#### 27-30 June 2015

7<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Children's Bone Health  
Salzburg, Austria  
Website: <http://www.iccbh.org/>

#### 21-23 August 2015

ESA Clinical Weekend  
Adelaide, SA  
Website: <http://www.esaclinicalweekend.org.au/>

#### 22nd-23rd August 2015

ESA Early Career Research Development Weekend  
Stamford Grand, Glenelg, Adelaide  
Website: <http://esamentorworkshop.org/>

#### 23-26 August 2015

ESA/SRB ASM  
Adelaide Convention Centre  
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ADS/ADEA ASM  
Adelaide Convention Centre  
Website: <http://www.ads-adea.org.au/>

#### 27-29 August 2015

8<sup>th</sup> International Congress on Farm Animal Endocrinology  
Billund, Denmark  
Website: <http://anis.au.dk/en/icfae-2015/>

#### 15-17 September 2015

AACB 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Scientific Conference  
ANZ Stadium, Sydney NSW  
<http://www.aacb.asn.au/eventsinfo/aacb-53rd-annual-scientific-conference>

#### 25-27 September 2015

19<sup>th</sup> Congress of the Australian Menopause Society  
Canberra  
Website: <https://www.menopause.org.au/health-professionals/ams-congress-centre>

#### 7-10 October 2015

ISPAD/APEG Annual Meeting  
Brisbane, QLD  
<http://www.ispad-apeg.com/>

#### 9-12 October 2015

ASBMR 2015  
Seattle, Washington, USA  
<http://www.asbmr/meetings>

#### 1-4 November 2015

ANZBMS ASM  
Hobart, Tasmania  
Website: <https://www.anzbms.org.au/>

#### 10-13 December 2015

AFES 18th Congress is jointly organised by the Malaysian Endocrine and Metabolic Society and the ASEAN Federation of Endocrine Societies  
Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre, Malaysia  
Email: [afes2015sec@gmail.com](mailto:afes2015sec@gmail.com)

## 2016

### 1-4 April 2016

ENDO

Boston, MA

Website: <https://www.endocrine.org/meetings/endo-annual-meetings>

### 28 May – 1 June 2016

18<sup>th</sup> European Congress of Endocrinology (ECE 2016)

Munich, Germany

Website: <http://www.es-hormones.org/meetings/>

### 19-21 August 2016

ESA Clinical Weekend

Queensland

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

### 21-24 August 2016

ESA/SRB Annual Scientific Meeting

Gold Coast Convention Centre

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

### 25-28 August 2016

ADS/ADEA Annual Scientific Meeting

Gold Coast Convention Centre

Website: <http://www.ads-adea.org.au/>

### 31 August – 4th September 2016

ICE/ENDO

Beijing, China

Website: <http://www.endsociety.com/events.html>

### 16-19 September 2016

ASBMR Annual Meeting

Atlanta, Georgia, USA

Website: <http://www.asbmr.org/meetings/annualmeeting.aspx>

### 28 September-1 October 2016

World Congress on the Menopause, International

Menopause Society

Prague, Cz

[http://www.imsociety.org/world\\_congress.php](http://www.imsociety.org/world_congress.php)

### 6-9 November 2016

8<sup>th</sup> International Congress of the GRS and IGF Society

Tel Aviv, Israel

<http://www.grs-igf2016.com/>

### 6-9 November 2016

AHMRC

Gold Coast Convention Centre

Website: <http://www.ahmrcongress.org.au/>

## 2017

### 1-4 April 2017

ENDO

Orlando, Florida

Website: <https://www.endocrine.org/meetings/endo-annual-meetings>

### 17-21 June 2017

ANZBMS/IBMS Joint Meeting

Brisbane, Queensland

Website: <https://www.anzbms.org.au/>

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