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## Peter Ebeling and Helena Teede appointed to the NHMRC Research Committee



Professor Ebeling AO

Congratulations to two Monash leaders on their appointments to the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) Research Committee.

Head of Department of Medicine, Professor Peter Ebeling AO and Professor Helena Teede, Executive Director of Monash Partners Academic Health Sciences Centre, Head of the Monash Centre for Health Research and Implementation, School Public Health and Preventive Medicine and an Endocrinologist at Monash Health have both been appointed to the NHMRC Research Committee.



Professor Teede

### IMPORTANT DEADLINES:

ESA Postdoctoral Award  
ESA Research Higher Degree  
ESA Ken Wynne Memorial Postdoctoral Scholarship

30 October 2015  
30 October 2015  
16 November 2015

**NSW Diabetes Chair**  
**Sydney Medical School | Charles Perkins Centre**  
**Reference no. 568/0215**

Sydney Medical School has established a NSW Diabetes Chair funded through a donation by Diabetes NSW. The position is to be located in the University's newly established Charles Perkins Centre, a unique multidisciplinary centre dedicated to easing the burden of obesity, diabetes and cardiovascular disease.

Applications are now invited from highly motivated clinical researchers with a strong track record of research leading to improvements in the outcomes of diabetes both nationally and internationally.

Apply

All applications must be submitted via the University of Sydney careers website. Visit [sydney.edu.au/recruitment](http://sydney.edu.au/recruitment) and search by the reference number for more information and to apply.

**Closing date:** 11.30pm 3 November 2015 (Sydney time)

**[Download further information](#)**

**Genetic studies of Bilateral Macronodular Adrenal Hyperplasia**

Principal Study Investigators: Dr Lucia Gagliardi, Professor David Torpy, Professor Hamish Scott

Dear Colleagues

As many of you will be aware, for some time we have studied the genetic basis of bilateral macronodular adrenal hyperplasia causing Cushing's syndrome. Recently, we and others have reported on various germline mutations in Armadillo-repeat containing 5 (*ARMC5*) as underlying the cause of BMAH in many cases. The cause of BMAH in patients who do not have *ARMC5* mutations is unknown. In addition, many patients with BMAH have been reported to have non-adrenal tumours is not well understood.

We are currently recruiting for our ongoing studies which aim to add to the catalogue of *ARMC5* mutations underlying BMAH, as well as potentially identify other genes responsible for BMAH in *ARMC5* mutation negative patients. We also aim to determine the pathogenesis of non-adrenal tumours occurring in patients with BMAH.

We are recruiting patients with bilateral macronodular adrenal hyperplasia (at least one nodule of at least 1cm diameter in each adrenal) and any of:

1. Cushing's syndrome
2. Subclinical Cushing's syndrome
3. Primary aldosteronism
4. Sex steroid hypersecretion
5. No hormone hypersecretion

If you have a patient who may be interested in participating, then please contact Dr Lucia Gagliardi ([lucia.gagliardi@health.sa.gov.au](mailto:lucia.gagliardi@health.sa.gov.au)), with a brief clinical history and the patient's contact details. We will send an information sheet to the patient, consent them for the study and arrange for sample collection. We may be in touch with you for further clinical details after enrolling the patient in our study, but otherwise volunteering your patient for our study should not add to your workload. This study is being conducted at the Royal Adelaide Hospital and Centre for Cancer Biology, SA Pathology, and has been approved by the Royal Adelaide Hospital Human Research Ethics Committee.

## 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/>  
Go to edit my details

## PATIENT RESOURCES IN ENDOCRINOLOGY- a partnership between ESA and the US 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.

## PRE-NOTICE OF POSSIBLE RESEARCH OPPORTUNITY

### **A Possible Research Opportunity May Arise For Endocrine Or Neurology Trainee**

A 1 yr project is currently being considered for a suitable trainee interested in, or already training in, *either* endocrinology or neurology, in the first instance; a possible extension for second year may arise.

The primary goal of the position would be research directed to ascertain the possible links between metabolic and neurological disease and to study novel treatments based on that link. The second goal of the position is to ultimately encourage development of clinicians with expertise that spans both disciplines and in particular interested in researching and ultimately practicing at the interface between neurology and endocrinology.

Project includes:

1. Writing a review of the literature;
2. Establishing, documenting and running initial case studies in Parkinson's patients, using novel metabolic agents in subjects with Early Parkinson's disease for benefit of neurological disease; as well as investigating possible inflammatory, genetic and metabolic associations with disease.
3. Preparation/commencement of a clinical trial of a metabolic agent in suitable Parkinsonian subjects in randomised fashion

Site: Neurology and Endocrine Departments St Vincent's Hospital and Garvan Institute of Medical Research Neurodegeneration Research Laboratory

Supervision:

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Dr. Bryce Vissel

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## **15<sup>th</sup> International Thyroid Congress**

Those attending the **15th International Thyroid Congress** in Orlando, Florida during 18-23 October, that the **Asia and Oceania Thyroid Association (AOTA) General Assembly** will be conducted at **5.30-6.30 pm in the Northern Hemisphere Room E1-E2, Fifth floor, Walt Disney World Swan and Dolphin Resort, Lake Buena Vista** (the congress hotel).

Website: <http://www.thyroid.org/itc2015/>

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

### 2015

#### 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>

#### 18-23 October 2015

15th International Thyroid Congress  
Lake Buena Vista, Florida  
Website: <http://www.thyroid.org/itc2015/>

#### 30-31 October 2015

The Alfred General Surgery Meeting 2015  
Pullman Melbourne Albert Park, Victoria  
Early registration closure: 25 September 2015  
View the [provisional program](#), or register [online](#).

#### 1-4 November 2015

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

#### 30 November – 4 December 2015

World Diabetes Congress (WDC 2015)  
Vancouver  
Website: <http://www.idf.org/worlddiabetescongress>

#### 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/>

### **27 August – 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2017**

ESA/SRB ASM

Perth Convention Centre

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

## 2018

### **1-4 December 2018**

ICE 2018

Cape Town, South Africa

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

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