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ECIC Co-Chairs Report

Welcome to issue 3 of the ECI newsletter. We hope you have enjoyed reading the first two issues as much as we and the rest of the Editorial Board have enjoyed creating them for you.

Just in the past couple of months, the COVID-19 pandemic has changed the world as we know it, effecting everyone in one way or another. The majority of researchers in Australia, New Zealand, and internationally, are working from home balancing research and homeschooling - clearly not ideal. We all had a very different idea of how 2020 would be - from our experiments and clinical trials, to attending workshops and conferences. We are all behind "schedule" as most, if not all research, has been put on pause. Everyone in the research community is experiencing a delay of some sort. It is so important for us as an ECI community to continue to communicate with each other, so if you haven't already please follow us on Twitter (@anzbms_ecic).

We all know conferences and meetings are essential for networking opportunities, especially for ECIs. As such, we have been working on developing initiatives online in addition to career development programs. Particularly for ECIs, it is important to add invited and oral presentations to track records, to be competitive for fellowships and grants - especially in the current funding climate. The ECIC will work together with the ANZBMS Programme Organising Committee to plan the ANZBMS virtual annual scientific meeting (*dates to be announced soon*). Presenting your abstract will give you the opportunity to engage with other conference delegates, may lead to collaborations, and insightful critique and suggestions for future work. We hope to "see" you all at the virtual meeting!

Finally, if you would like to be part of the ECIC - now is your chance! We have announced the call for new Committee members (details on the final page). Please ensure you complete and submit your applications in order to be considered. It is a great way to be involved, to shape ECIs involvement in musculoskeletal research in Australia and New Zealand. Over the years, the ECIC have formed strong friendships and even collaborations - we encourage you all to apply!

Stay safe and well.

Dr. Ayse Zengin and Dr. Melissa Cantley

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Please email any content suggestions, awards, and publications.**



International Women's Day 2020



To celebrate International Women's Day we asked ANZBMS members from different stages of their career to share their insights on what it is like to be a woman in medical research.



A/Professor Rachel Davey
University of Melbourne

What is your current research focus?

My broad research focus has been studying hormonal action in the musculoskeletal system. My current research focusses on two areas: 1) elucidating the mechanisms by which testosterone negatively regulates fat mass with the long-term goal of identifying targets that could be used therapeutically for the treatment of obesity and 2) Investigating the effects of cross-sex hormone therapy in transgender individuals on bone cell activity, microstructure and strength using pre-clinical models.

What has motivated you as a woman in science?

There is always so much to learn and discover in science. I am very inquisitive and love designing a new experiment to help provide a piece towards solving the larger puzzle. Working together as a team with staff and students in my lab who share this passion of discovery makes my job more rewarding and helps to keep me motivated through the tough and challenging times.

How do you maintain a good work life balance?

Being incredibly organised! I make sure to spend time regular time away from work each week to spend with my family and catching up with friends as well as exercising and doing something for myself, whether it be reading or something creative, although I must admit there is not often much time in my schedule for the latter! I believe maintaining a good work life balance is not only essential for my happiness, health and well-being but also that of my family's. I find these work life balance strategies also have the added benefit of helping me to reduce stress and increase my productivity when I am at work.

What is your current research focus?

My current research interests include novel anabolic bone-growth factors, regenerative medicine, implant-associated bone biofilm infections, and translational medicine.

What has motivated you as a woman in science?

Science is what I knew I wanted to do even at school. I decided early in my career that academic basic rather than clinical science suited me. I had little home support so this also better suited bringing up 2 sons. I have always worked with good collegial clinicians and enjoy translational medicine. I have never been disadvantaged as a woman. I have always worked with supportive males!

How do you maintain a good work life balance?

I love my research, wonderful sons, good friends, exercise with my dog!



Professor Jillian Cornish
University of Auckland



Dr. Ayse Zengin
Monash University

What is your current research focus?

I'm looking at the ethnic differences in bone and muscle across the globe. More specifically, I am interested in low-middle income countries and how osteoporosis and fracture can be prevented in low resource settings (The Gambia and India). Very recently, I've started a study investigating why falls and fractures are higher in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander adults.

What has motivated you as a woman in science?

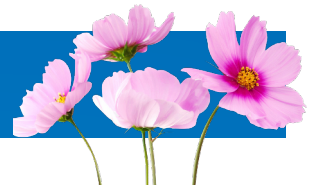
Helping people in every shape and form, whether it be through charity work, donations or improving human health on a large spectrum. As my research involves populations in low resource settings, I see the direct benefits of the science I do, and this is what motivates me.

How do you maintain a good work life balance?

I'm very strict with finishing work at a particular time and calling it a day - work will always be there in the morning. I also turn my emails off when I leave the office. I find if I constantly am checking emails, or doing work, I become less productive and efficient the following day. This "distance" allows me to recharge, albeit overnight, but it enables my brain to "switch off".



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Dr. Agnes Arthur
University of
Adelaide

What is your current research focus?

My research focuses on the cellular and molecular communication within the bone microenvironment during bone metabolism under steady state, disease state, and trauma induced conditions.

What has motivated you as a woman in science?

I've always had a strong passion for the biological sciences and to use my skill-set and abilities to advance scientific and health outcomes. My older sister, an Electronic Engineer, has been an influential role model, alongside many female scientists from the neural, stem cell, and skeletal fields.

How do you maintain a good work life balance?

This is a challenge, I work 0.8FTE and I try to be efficient with my time, I ride my bike as part of my work commute, so exercise tick. I also try not to work while my children are awake so that I am present. and in the moment with my family. Although, like all of us, I do work out of hours when needed.

What is your current research focus?

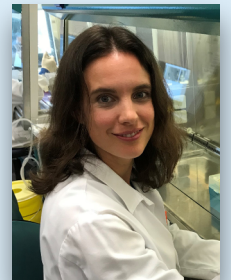
I am interested in understanding fracture healing processes, including the involvement of tissue-resident stem and progenitor cells in the process and what drives their activation. We are also working on the role of sensory innervation in healing.

What has motivated you as a woman in science?

I was interested in maths and science from an early age, so it was always what I wanted to pursue. Having said that, I used to think that being a lab-based scientist was far too nerdy and I'd figure out something else to do. My high school was all girls which I think encourages a certain type of feminism, but I don't think I ever felt like there was an issue with being a female scientist. I find that if you are willing to ask questions and contribute ideas, most people will take you seriously.

How do you maintain a good work life balance?

I don't think I always do! It's definitely nice to have a hobby, I started windsurfing after moving back to New Zealand. I also love to travel, and this job provides great opportunities to visit different places. I hope I'll be able to do both of these things again soon.



Dr. Brya Matthews
University of
Auckland

What is your current research focus?

The overarching goal of my current research is to optimise osteoporosis treatment uptake in the community. As part of this research I am investigating the efficacy and safety of osteoporosis medication in sick people with multiple comorbidities, which were routinely excluded from previous research. Demonstrating this would promote rapid initiation of anti-fracture medications in this group of high risk patients.

What has motivated you as a woman in science?

I was inspired to pursue science by my mother, who was a very passionate chemistry scientist. I thoroughly enjoy the process of coming up with a research question and figuring out how to set up a study design so that the answer will be revealed. I am also amazed that failed hypothesis most of the time leads you to new unforeseen research avenues. However, my main drive in science is the fact that I was on the receiving end of medical science advancements. Thus, if I am able to contribute only a little, my time will not be wasted.

How do you maintain a good work life balance?

Growing up with two academic parents, I was very aware that this career path can be very absorbing and can lead to neglect of other areas of life. I have thus wanted to give my children something I have missed during my childhood. I have tried to be more present in their lives, helping them with their homework, and attending school events. However, there were many times when I had to work on the weekends to meet deadlines and thus had to rely on a very supportive partner.



Dr. Dana Bliuc
Garvan Institute
of Medical
Research



International Women's Day 2020



Dr. Ashika Chhana
University of
Auckland

What is your current research focus?

My current research is focused on investigating how joint tissues are altered in metabolic osteoarthritis, specifically in obesity-related osteoarthritis.

What has motivated you as a woman in science?

I was very fortunate to have a very successful female academic rheumatologist as my main PhD supervisor. She was an excellent role model who showed me how to perform research to the highest standard while maintaining scientific integrity. She also taught me how to navigate some of the other aspects of academic life, such as how to prioritise what is important, how to stay out of drama and how to keep moving forward.

How do you maintain a good work life balance?

After recently returning to work after having my first child at the end of 2019, this is something I'm still trying to work out! I've always been someone who makes lists and schedules and that's even more important now. I'm also very lucky to have a supportive partner, family, and lab family who help me balance everything.

What is your current research focus?

I have two projects running concurrently, one is looking at the osseointegration of personalised, 3D-printed, titanium orthopaedic implants; and the other characterising a novel cell-surface molecule as a potential therapeutic target for osteoporosis.

What has motivated you as a woman in science?

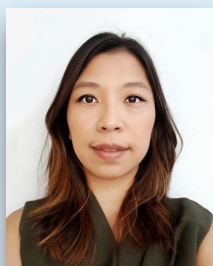
Fascination. Science has been a hard slog for me at times, but the excitement of getting a new set of results or seeing how something works keeps me coming back each day.

How do you maintain a good work life balance?

I have a pile of hobbies that I focus my time on outside of work. I also try to be really strict with myself in turning off my laptop while I am not at work and resisting the temptation to check emails out of hours.



Dr. Victoria Leitch
RMIT University



Dr. Eleanor Thong
Monash
University

What is your current research focus?

I recently submitted my thesis which examines the effects of diabetes mellitus on bone and reproductive outcomes. My research looks into reproductive factors as a potential mediator of skeletal fragility. I am also interested in the associations between secondary reproductive disorders and obesity in young women with diabetes as this is an emerging area, with implications for prevention and management.

What has motivated you as a woman in science?

As a child, my father would constantly challenge me to think more deeply about nature and the mechanics of how things work. He was an engineer, and prided himself on immersing my brothers and me in science while we were growing up. The rest is history, since then I have been incredibly lucky to have several amazing role models during my undergraduate, clinical, and PhD journey, especially my mentors, Prof Helena Teede and A/Prof Fran Milat. They are both successful, kind women who have built their academic careers while raising young families and uplifting other women in science, along the way. In the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, I have also drawn inspiration from the courage of female leaders and healthcare workers at the forefront of this global fight.

How do you maintain a good work life balance?

Professionally, I wear a few hats as a consultant endocrinologist in a busy public hospital and private practice, a research fellow, and a medical undergraduate tutor, so I often find myself struggling to fit it all in. Completing a PhD whilst juggling a clinical role in medicine has given me a chance to get better at time management, although I am very fortunate to have supportive family and friends who understand the nature of my work. I am getting better at not saying yes to everything, and making time for myself – I am an avid runner and will schedule a run in my diary most days, and make it a point not to work on weekends, if I can help it.



11th Clare Valley Bone Meeting

The 11th Clare Bone Meeting in conjunction with ANZBMS was held at the Clare Convention Centre from Friday 28th February to Monday 2nd March 2020.

This meeting is held every two years and is a wonderful opportunity for participants including basic scientists, clinicians, health professionals, and postgraduate students who work in the area of musculoskeletal science to come together and share knowledge, latest research, and ideas.

The themes of this year's meeting were: *Human movement, biomechanics and bioengineering; Bone Health throughout our lifetime; Understanding, prevention and treatment of bone infection; State-of-the-art understanding of bone cancer.* Sessions featured invited international, national, and local speakers.

The Emerging Scientist session was a highlight with a number of ANZBMS ECIs presenting their work. The winner of this session was Dr. Dzenita Muratovic, a Postdoctoral researcher from The University of Adelaide. More about Dr. Muratovic and her work can be found in the ECI spotlight section (page 6).

Other highlights of the meeting included the many networking opportunities, the conference dinner with amazing views over the Clare Valley, The CVBM Debate, and many panel discussions that really enabled attendees to gain knowledge of both the clinical and basic science aspects of the field.



Views from dinner at O'Leary Walker Winery



Prof. Gerald Atkins welcoming everyone to the meeting



ECIs at the conference dinner



ECIC members Dr. Melissa Cantley and Dr. Victoria Leitch with ANZBMS President Prof. Natalie Sims



Networking during the breaks



Conference dinner



ECI Spotlight - Dr. Dzenita Muratovic

Postdoctoral Researcher, Faculty of Health and Medical Sciences, The University of Adelaide

What is your research about?

For years it was commonly believed that osteoarthritis (OA) was a disease of the cartilage. However, increased use of advanced imaging modalities (such as MRI) enabled detection of bone specific pathologies closely related to the initiation, development, and progression of OA. My specific interest is to explore combinations of underlying factors (molecular, cellular, biomechanics, and systemic) behind bone pathologies that may lead to varying severity of joint degeneration and subsequently to the progression of osteoarthritis. Ultimately, the knowledge gained by my research will enable the results from non-invasive MR imaging to be much more informative of the changes (nature, extent, and severity) in the cartilage and subchondral bone in OA patients. Thus, this information may serve as indicators to clinicians regarding treatment choice and/or to optimise the selection of patients, for whom an intervention with a disease modifying drug could prevent the development of a bone subtype of OA disease.

What did winning the award in the Emerging Scientist session at the Clare Valley Bone Meeting mean to you?

Receiving the "Emerging Scientist Showcase Award" at the eleventh Clare Valley Bone meeting presented by Bone Health Foundation is ultimately a recognition of the importance of my research interests and also motivation to keep working even harder.

Further, the monetary award will enable me to attend the Australian and New Zealand Bone and Mineral Society Annual Scientific 2020 Meeting where I will be able to present and further promote my work.

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Dr. Dzenita Muratovic with her supervisors Dr. Julia Kuliwaba and Prof. David Findlay at the Clare Valley Bone Meeting Dinner



Dr. Dzenita Muratovic

What are your goals for the future?

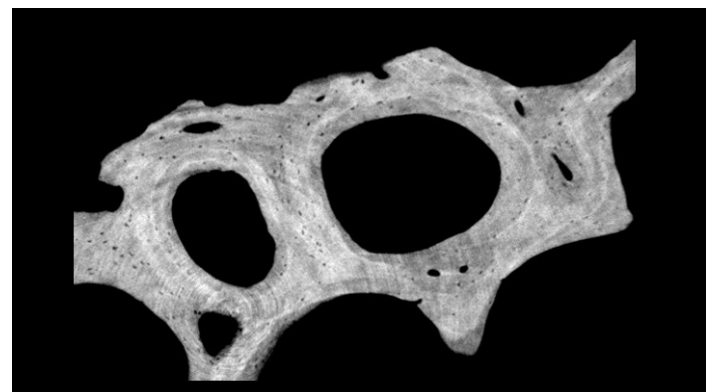
My ultimate goal is to change the lives of those suffering from osteoarthritis.

What is your best piece of advice for fellow ECI's?

I believe that it is of significant importance for every ECI to be motivated to learn new techniques and to take advantage of new learning opportunities. Also, equally important is to learn how to take time to relax.



Dr. Dzenita Muratovic presenting at the Clare Valley Bone Meeting



Synchrotron radiation micro CT image of subchondral trabeculae collected postoperatively from a 62-year-old male with hip OA



ECI Spotlight - Dr. John Kemp

What is your research about?

My research aims to combine statistical and molecular genetics methods to identify genes, proteins, and metabolites that may, in the future serve as pharmacological targets for osteoporosis intervention.

You have been awarded a very competitive and prestigious NHMRC Investigator grant - how has this helped your research?

The Emerging Leadership Award has granted me significant job security and affords me time to focus on developing new research themes that will benefit my students and staff, and hopefully take us a step closer to curing osteoporosis.


What are your goals for the future?

My research vision for the future is to build a world-leading research group that identifies and assesses new osteoporosis drug targets, and in doing so, builds Australia's capacity to translate findings from genetic studies into the clinic.

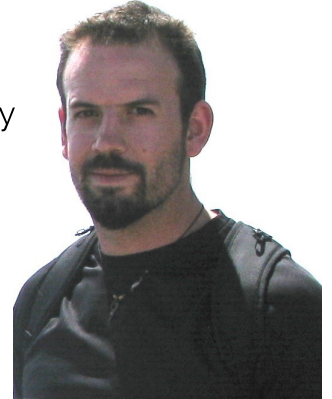
What is your best piece of advice for fellow ECI's?

Join a research team that has a stellar publication track record, as this will place you in the best position to participate in, and ultimately lead top-tier research projects. Ensure that the research team is led by a supervisor who is committed to developing their students and staff.

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Dr. John Kemp



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The **IFMRS Musculoskeletal Knowledge Portal (MSK-KP)** is an open-access resource that aggregates, integrates, analyzes, and displays 'omic results relevant to musculoskeletal traits and diseases.

The MSK-KP will facilitate and accelerate musculoskeletal disease research by comprehensively amassing and distilling "big data" to make them accessible to all researchers.

<http://www.msckp.org/>

ANZBMS Awards

Due 17 July 2020

- Endocrine Society of Australia Young Investigator Scientific Article Award

For further information on other grants and awards, please visit the ANZBMS ECIC 'Awards, Grants & Scholarships page'

<https://www.anzbms.org.au/eci-grants-and-scholarship.asp>

Grant and Fellowship Tips and Suggestions



Dr. David Scott

Senior Research Fellow
Head of the Sarcopenia,
Obesity and Lifestyle
Laboratory
Monash University

What Grants or Fellowships have you most recently been awarded?

In 2016, I was awarded a NHMRC Career Development Fellowship (Level 1) and was able to leverage this to apply for an ASBMR Rising Star Award which I received in 2017. In 2018, I was also successful in my application for a Rebecca L. Cooper Foundation Project Grant. Most recently, I was awarded a NHMRC Investigator Grant (Emerging Leadership Level 2) in 2019.

Did you go through unsuccessful rounds before being awarded this Grant/Fellowship and what important lessons did you learn from this?

I submitted two Career Development Fellowships before my successful third attempt. The first two applications were ranked bottom 50% which was very disheartening. So I realised that if we believe in our ideas, and our mentors do too, then we just need to persevere. I also learnt that luck significantly influences grant outcomes! I think acknowledging these facts has really helped me to move on quickly after a grant rejection.

What are 3 important things ECRs should focus on when trying to improve their CV?

Many funding schemes now focus on research impact rather than inputs and outputs. Think about ways to demonstrate impact and leadership in your field that don't require grant successes or high-impact journal articles. Related to this, my approach has generally been "say yes to everything". Some of my most impactful contributions have grown from an invitation (eg. to join a committee, supervise a student etc) that I initially perceived as a potential inconvenience with little benefit. Finally, approach leaders in your field who have expertise/infrastructure/data that can help advance your career. Many "big names" are open to collaborating if presented with a research proposal with obvious potential.

What is the biggest piece of advice you would give to ECRs currently working on a Grant/Fellowship?

For each grant/fellowship, understand the guidelines and the funding objectives, and write accordingly. The language for a philanthropic grant with a primarily non-scientific review panel is very different to that for NHMRC/ARC. Get feedback on your drafts, particularly from your research office; they know what successful applicants and applications look like for most schemes.



A/Prof. Joshua Lewis

Adjunct Senior Research
Fellow
Faculty of Health and
Medical Sciences
University of Western
Australia

What Grants or Fellowships have you most recently been awarded?

Recently, I have been fortunate enough to be awarded a Heart Foundation Future Leader Fellowship as well as an NHMRC ideas grant as CIA.

Did you go through unsuccessful rounds before being awarded this grant/fellowship and what important lessons did you learn from this process?

I have unsuccessfully applied for both the Heart Foundation fellowship and NHMRC project grants previously and really learned from those experiences. I think the most important lesson is to not get angry (its hard sometimes) about poor scores or rejection as sometimes the reviewers can help you identify where you need to focus more effort. Keep building the applications year on year, and don't be afraid to show your personality when writing the grant applications.

What are 3 important things that you think ECRs should focus on when trying to improve their CV?

Be realistic when identifying areas of strength or weakness in your CVs and try and address the weaknesses and focus the strengths into a cohesive story, be strategic by developing collaborations and projects that can be productive during periods of your career that are not productive due to personal or professional reasons and try to say yes to opportunities that may take you slightly out of your comfort zone as these are often where your biggest research achievements come from.

What is the biggest piece of advice you would give to ECRs currently working on a Grant/Fellowship?

Think about your research vision and what makes you/your research unique and important. You need to convey this in the first 1-2 paragraphs of any grant application.

Impact of COVID-19 on Research

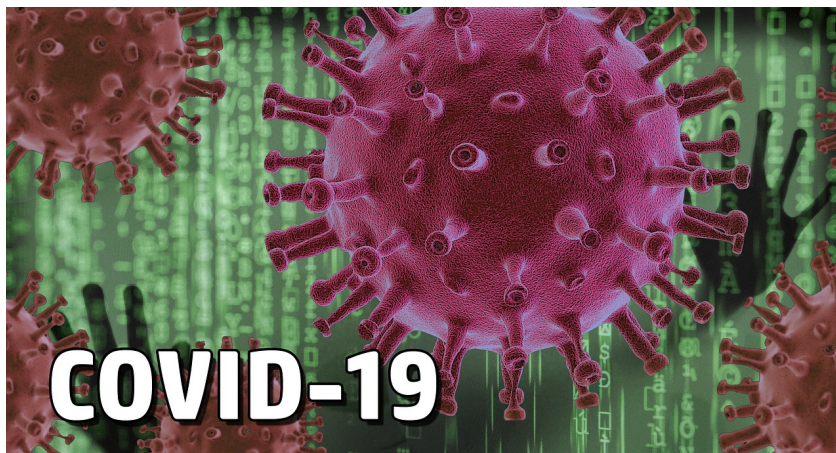
The COVID-19 pandemic has spread through the world at a blistering speed, taking us all by surprise. The increasing levels of lock down are vital to prevent the spread of disease, but they unfortunately come at a high cost for scientific research.

Basic research has come to a halt as labs are shut down. Clinical trials are being canceled or postponed, including intervention trials that have been in progress for months or years. Access to vital reagents and equipment has become limited.

Although most people have to work from home in an effort to beat the virus, there are some great ideas that people have shared to minimise the impact on your work:

- Have a routine to your day and set small goals to achieve daily.
- Exercise regularly – there are several indoor work-out videos that are widely available online. Exercising will help to focus your mind and improve productivity.
- Focus on your mental well-being. There are several ways to do this and if needed, psychologists are available through telehealth.
- Keep in touch with your colleagues and support networks. Zoom, Skype, Teams – whatever works for you!
- If you have had an invited presentation canceled or postponed, still include it on your resume with a note explaining the cancellation/postponement.
- Speak to your funding bodies/Universities to make sure your milestones are realistic and achievable with your available resources.
- Access the resources that are available to you – platforms such as IFMRS Huble (www.huble.org) contain a wealth of information and opportunities to keep up to date with research from all over the world.

If you have any ideas for minimising impact and maximising output in these strange and challenging times, share your thoughts with us on twitter @ANZBMS_ECIC!



Useful links:

- [Staying connected in lockdown, The Conversation – http://tiny.cc/glfxnz](http://tiny.cc/glfxnz)
- [Mental health in lockdown, Beyond Blue – http://tiny.cc/yqfxnz](http://tiny.cc/yqfxnz)
- [PhD students guide, Samaritans – http://tiny.cc/qvfxnz](http://tiny.cc/qvfxnz)
- [Helping children cope, World Health Organisation – http://tiny.cc/z1fxnz](http://tiny.cc/z1fxnz)
- [COVID-19 impacts, NHMRC – http://tiny.cc/bagxnz](http://tiny.cc/bagxnz)

Awards/Scholarships Received by ANZBMS ECIs



**Ms. Carrie-Anne Ng,
Monash University**

**ESCEO-AgNovos
Healthcare Young
Investigator Award (2000€)**

Carrie will give an oral and plenary poster presentation on her abstract titled "The feasibility, safety and effectiveness of a 16-week home-based hopping and jumping exercise intervention in post-menopausal women with low bone mineral density", at the WCO-IOF-ESCEO Congress.



**Dr. Victoria Leitch,
RMIT University**

**Rebecca L Cooper Project
Grant (\$100,000)**

Over the next 2 years, this project will look at the potential of GPC6, a cell-surface receptor, as an anabolic treatment for osteoporosis, and also characterise the human SNPs that have been detected in GPC6 as a risk factor for osteoporosis in a recent GWAS. This application also won the *Leo Dintenfass Memorial Award* for the best application in endocrinology.



**Dr. Emma Buckels,
University of Auckland**

**Maurice and Phyllis Paykel
Trust Project Grant
(\$8,000NZD)**

This project will use a preptin knockout mouse model alongside a high-fat diet, to examine the influence of preptin on the bone phenotype in the presence of metabolic dysfunction.



**Dr. Michelle McDonald,
Garvan Institute of Medical
Research**

**Project Grant, Cancer
Council NSW**

This projects aims to demonstrate that early anti-resorptive therapy can keep tumour cells in a dormant state and prevent relapse in experimental models, a crucial first step to improving outcomes and survival in patients.



**Mr. Jason Talevski,
University of Melbourne**

**ESCEO-AgNovos Healthcare
Young Investigator Award
(2000€)**

Jason will give an oral presentation at the WCO-IOF-ESCEO Congress on his abstract titled "Health Service Use and Recovery of Quality of Life 12-Months Post-Fracture: Latent Class Analyses of The International Cost and Utilities Related to Osteoporotic Fractures Study".



**Dr. Ayse Zengin,
Monash University**

**Clinical Research Grant,
Bayer Hemophilia Awards
Program (\$75,000 USD)**

This grant will fund The Haemophilia Osteoporosis Registry (THOR) which will identify the mechanisms of bone loss associated in patients with haemophilia A.

**ESCEO-IOF Young
Investigator Award (1000€)**

Ayse will give an oral presentation at the annual IOF meeting on the sex differences in the associations between calcified vessels and BMD in Gambian adults.

ECIs if you have received any awards/funding/scholarships please let us know so we can share it. Send us an email: ecinewsletter@anzbms.org.au. We would love to hear about your success!



Apply to join the ECIC

The ECIC advocates for and fosters active engagement of ECIs within the ANZBMS. The ECIC aims to support the professional development of ECIs and facilitate interactions between junior and senior members of all disciplines.

We are seeking formal applications from members wishing to become a member of the ECIC.

ANZBMS members currently enrolled in a higher degree or within 10 years from the award of a higher degree (e.g. PhD/MD), taking in account career disruptions, are eligible to apply.

Please visit the ANZBMS website for the ECIC terms of reference and the application form <https://www.anzbms.org.au/eci-get-involved.asp>

Please email your application to ecic@anzbms.org.au by July 31 2020

Application includes 1) completed form available from the website and 2) a brief CV.

2020 Annual Scientific Meeting Update: The 2020 combined meeting of the ANZBMS, MEPSA and Vitamin D Workshop has been postponed.

Sadly, ANZBMS has had to reschedule our international meeting planned for 17-20 August 2020 on the Gold Coast, which was to be combined with the Vitamin D Workshop and MEPSA, due to the uncertainty and risks associated with the COVID-19 global pandemic and the difficulties of international and national travel.

The meeting has been rescheduled in the same location, to occur on August 1st-4th in 2022. If you had already registered, you will be contacted regarding a refund for registration. Our 2021 meeting which had already been planned as a combined meeting with the Endocrine Society of Australia will go ahead.

There will still be an opportunity to meet ANZBMS colleagues and share your work in 2020. The ANZBMS Meetings Committee is working hard to develop an online conference and we will be in touch soon with details of dates, abstract submission, and details of awards that will be available.

Stay tuned for more details on the 2020 Virtual Meeting