

# ANZBMS e-News



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## ANZBMS INTERNATIONAL AWARD

This award is offered by the ANZBMS to support travel to attend the **IBMS Herbert Fleisch Workshop**, to be held in Brugge, Belgium, from 16 to 18 March 2014 (<http://www.ibmsonline.org/p/cm/ld/fid=202>).

The objective of this workshop is to provide a Gordon-conference style forum for students, post-docs and early stage principal investigators to present work in progress, discuss thoroughly and network with peers, and get constructive feedback from experienced senior scientists.

The aim of this award is to facilitate travel to participate in what the ANZBMS believes to be an excellent opportunity for the development of emerging researchers within bone and mineral-related fields. The award is open to financial members of ANZBMS who have already registered for, and submitted an abstract to attend the workshop. Up to three (3) awards valued at \$1,000 (AUD, GST inclusive) each will be awarded, based on application merit and applicant track record.

**Deadline: COB Thursday 5 December 2013**

**Further information and application form:**

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

## The 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Australian and New Zealand Bone and Mineral Society

**Sunday 7 September – Wednesday 10 September 2014**  
**Millennium Hotel, Queenstown, New Zealand**

## ANZBMS future meetings:

**November 2015:** Hobart, Tasmania

**November 2016:** AHMRC, Sydney

**25 – 28 March 2017:** IBMS-ANZBMS Joint Meeting, Brisbane

## ASM 2014 - speakers

**Dear All**

**We are now working on the programme for next year's Annual Scientific Meeting of the ANZBMS. An important part of this is to invite overseas speakers. We would welcome suggestions for both clinical and basic speakers. If you have suggestions, please send them to Ian Reid ([i.reid@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:i.reid@auckland.ac.nz)) within the next 10 days.**

**Many thanks**

**Ian Reid on behalf of the POC**

## Calendar

**7-9 November 2013** 13<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Cancer-Induced Bone Disease, **Miami, Florida USA**  
Website: [www.ibmsonline.org](http://www.ibmsonline.org)

**17-20 November 2013**  
ASMR National Scientific Conference  
Ballarat Lodge, Victoria  
<http://asmr-nsc.org.au/>

**20-22 November 2013**  
Frontiers in Skeletal Biology  
Garvan Institute, Sydney  
<http://www.garvan.org.au/symposium/frontiers>

**Scholarships to qualified clinicians to undertake Research Higher Degree (PhD or MPhil) at the University of Queensland Diamantina Institute.**

Biomedical science is on the cusp of making major breakthroughs in the significant human diseases that affect society on a global scale. The emergence of rapidly developing technologies has afforded substantial knowledge generation in the many disciplines encompassed by biomedical science. However, with knowledge generation has come the awareness that an integrated approach to solving medical problems is now paramount. Nowadays, most of the discoveries and new knowledge are typically the result of non-clinicians and may not arise directly from observed clinical problems. Its translation to the clinic, the production of clinically relevant research with direct patient outcome, is inevitably reliant on clinician involvement.

Given the explosion of knowledge generation and sophistication of research technologies, clinicians need to be equipped with the knowledge and skills to complex scientific methods and become even more discerning to the needs and problems of the patients under their care. Put succinctly, science needs to engage with the clinic in order to target and translate research findings to the patient and fight disease. There is, however, a globally recognised shortage of scientifically engaged and qualified clinicians capable of bridging basic research and clinical practice. As medical training increases in length, this problem has become more severe, and unless addressed will greatly reduce the dividend that should come from the investments being made in preclinical, basic, biomedical research.

The University of Queensland Diamantina Institute (UQDI) is a modern research facility where clinical and basic science converge in the translational research of cancer and disorders of immune regulation. Headed by Professor Matthew Brown, the Institute is host to over 250 researchers, students and support staff. It lays claim to global, world-changing discoveries such as the world's first cervical cancer vaccine.

UQDI is part of the Translational Research Institute (TRI). UQDI and the TRI are based at the Princess Alexandra Hospital in Brisbane enabling UQDI's strong clinical interactions. TRI is an Australian-first and will see Australia play a leading role in international efforts to address cancers, osteoporosis, diabetes, arthritis and other autoimmune diseases. As one of the southern hemisphere's largest facilities of its kind, TRI is one of only a few places worldwide where new biopharmaceuticals and treatments can be researched, discovered, manufactured, and clinically tested in one location. The Translational Research Institute - 'translating laboratory success into benefits for patients' - is a major step forward in growing Australia's research capacity.

The TRI building will house up to 900 researchers and support staff. State of the art facilities includes physical containment level 2 (PC2) and level 3 (PC3) laboratories, a vivarium, a Cell Therapies clean room facility, staff support spaces, a large lecture theatre and advanced education facilities. The associated and adjacent biopharmaceuticals facility houses a pilot drug manufacturing facility to bring discoveries to pilot commercialisation.

**2-3 December 2013** 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Hip Fracture Management Conference, Melbourne  
<http://www.healthcareconferences.com.au/healthcare-conferences/healthcare/hip-fracture-management-conference>

**12-15 December 2013** IOF Regionals – 4<sup>th</sup> Asia Pacific Osteoporosis Meeting, Hong Kong Website:  
<http://www.iofbonehealth.org/hongkong-2013>

**28-31 March 2014**  
The Eight Clare Bone Meeting  
Clare, SA  
<http://www.themeetingpeople.com.au/CLARE>

**3-7 May 2014**  
ECE 2014  
Wroclaw, Poland  
<http://www.ece2014.org/>

**17-20 May 2014**  
41<sup>st</sup> European Calcified Tissue Society Congress  
Prague, Czech Republic  
<http://www.ectscongress.org/2014/>

**21-24 June 2014**  
ICE/ENDO 2014  
Chicago, USA  
<https://www.endocrine.org/meetings/ice-endo-2014/endo-2014#/nav/>

**25-28 August 2014**  
ESA/SRB ASM  
Melbourne Convention Centre  
<http://www.esa-srb.org.au/>

**27-29 August 2014**  
ADS/ADEA ASM  
Melbourne Convention Centre  
[www.ads-adea.org.au](http://www.ads-adea.org.au)

**7-10 September 2014**  
24<sup>th</sup> ASM of ANZBMS  
Queenstown, New Zealand  
<https://www.anzbms.org.au/>

**12-15 October 2014**  
ASBMR 2014  
Houston, Texas, USA

We would like to actively bridging the gap between the clinic and research with the recruitment of newly qualified clinicians into research higher degree training programs at the University of Queensland Diamantina Institute (UQDI). In order to do so, we are offering substantial scholarships that we hope are suitably financial substantial to compensate for the loss of income these clinicians will inevitably incur. We have four scholarships available that each provides a \$25,000 stipend to suitable candidates over the course of their research higher degree (RHD) studies to produce a new generation of clinician-scientists with a focus on translational research. This will be in addition to any University, Hospital, Commonwealth or Philanthropic scholarships they might also be awarded. We currently envisage most participants in this scheme will undertake MPhil studies which can be completed in 1.5-2yrs although we are also keen to take on students who wish to commit to PhD studies.

We are therefore writing to yours and other clinical organisations with whom our research interests strongly align. We would very much appreciate if you could aid us in our search for potential clinician-researchers by advertising these oppurtunties amongst your membership.

Further information about our research focus, potential projects and details of this scheme can be found on our website: [www.uqdi.uq.edu.au](http://www.uqdi.uq.edu.au), or contact me (Gethin Thomas: [gethin.thomas@uq.edu.au](mailto:gethin.thomas@uq.edu.au) or 07 3443 7048)

Please do not hesitate to enquire further you have any questions.

Regards,



Dr Gethin Thomas

Professor

#### **16-19 October 2014**

7<sup>th</sup> International conference on Osteoporosis and Bone research  
Xiamen, China  
[www.csobmr.org.cn/2014](http://www.csobmr.org.cn/2014)

#### **5-8 March 2015**

ENDO 2015  
San Diego, CA, USA  
<https://www.endocrine.org/meetings/endo-annual-meeting-related-pages/past-and-future-endo-meetings>

#### **9-12 October 2015**

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

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