

# ANZBMS e-News



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## NHMRC

Many of you will be giving your time and expertise during this year's NHMRC reviewing season either as an external reviewer or as a member of a panel. For newcomers, this can be a daunting task. If you would like confidential discussion as to how to approach these important tasks, a number of senior ANZBMS members would be happy to talk with you. To access this support, please email Ivone Johnson [ijohnson@anzbms.org.au](mailto:ijohnson@anzbms.org.au) who will pass your email along to an ANZBMS volunteer.

## RACP Selection into Training Draft Policy Consultation Pack

Dear ANZBMS member,

The Royal Australasian College of Physicians is consulting on a 'Selection into Training' policy and has identified ANZBMS as a key stakeholder in this process. The RACP would like to invite ANZBMS to provide feedback on the draft 'Selection into Training' policy.

Attached are a cover letter and an associated consultation pack relating to the draft policy.

[Download cover letter](#)

[Download consultation pack](#)

Please email your comments to Nathasha Kugenthiran via [EducationPolicy@racp.edu.au](mailto:EducationPolicy@racp.edu.au), with cc to Ivone Johnson at [ijohnson@anzbms.org.au](mailto:ijohnson@anzbms.org.au)

Kind regards,

Markus Seibel



### **THE ANZBMS INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL 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 **28 February to 1 March 2016** (for more information see below).

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 registered for, and submitted an abstract to attend the workshop. Up to three (3) awards valued at AU\$1,000 (GST inclusive) each will be awarded, based on application merit and applicant track record.

#### **Eligibility:**

Research students or early career scientists within five (5) years of obtaining PhD, Masters or equivalent training who are financial members of the ANZBMS with continuous membership for 12 months or more, will be eligible to apply. They must be first, joint first, senior or joint senior author on an abstract submitted to the Workshop.

**Applications** must be received by the ANZBMS Secretariat by COB Thursday **31 October 2015**. The application must include the following components.

**Proof of paid registration to the Herbert Fleisch Workshop** (e.g. a copy of the registration tax receipt).

**Copy of the abstract submitted to the workshop:** The applicant has to be first, joint first, senior or joint senior author on the submitted abstract and provide all abstract details.

**Curriculum Vitae:** A summary curriculum vitae must be included for assessment of track record. This should include publications for the past five years, and may include the name of at least one referee. The CV must not exceed 4 pages.

**Supporting documentation:** Applications must include a letter of support from the head of their laboratory, institution and/or supervisor to acknowledge support of the applicant's attendance to the Herbert Fleisch Workshop.

**A letter outlining the applicant's objectives for attending the workshop:** The applicant must indicate their rationale to attend the Herbert Fleisch Workshop and their expected outcomes through attendance. One page maximum of free text will be accepted.

**Post Workshop Reporting:** Within 3 months of the completion of the travel, the applicant must submit a one page final report to the ANZBMS Council indicating whether the aims were achieved, and what benefits were gained from attending the Workshop. Elements of this report may be used for publication in the ANZBMS newsletter, and a brief report may be requested for presentation at the AGM during the Annual Scientific Meeting.

**Assessment:** A sub-committee of the ANZBMS Council will make a decision on the applications based on the merit of all the provided information, the quality of the abstract and the track record of the applicant.

**Application form:** Type your details into the form, save it as a Word document and append the additional requested information. Email the complete application to the following address for receipt by COB **31 October 2015**: [ijohnson@anzbms.org.au](mailto:ijohnson@anzbms.org.au)

[Download application form](#)



### Joint ANZBMS, MEPSA and MBSANZ Annual Scientific Meeting

1-4 November 2015, Hotel Grand Chancellor, Hobart, Tasmania  
Abstract deadline and early bird registration closes: 31 August 2015

Conference website: <http://www.anzbmsconference.com/index.asp>

#### Confirmed international invited speakers

- Mike Briggs (Newcastle University, UK)
- Henry Kronenberg (MGH & Harvard Medical School, USA)
- Dennis McGonagle (University of Leeds, UK)
- Lai Guan Ng (ASTAR, Singapore)
- Mariusz Ratajczak (University of Louisville, USA)
- Jerry Turnbull (University of Liverpool, UK)
- Marian Young (NIH, USA)

**WHEN:** The first Sydney Bone group meeting for 2015 will be held on **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2015**.

**WHERE:** **The Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron  
Shell Cove Room, Top Floor  
33 Peel Street, Kirribilli  
(Parking available underneath, free of charge)**

**CONTACT:** Co-conveners for the 2015 SBG are:  
Hala Zreiqat ([hala.zreiqat@sydney.edu.au](mailto:hala.zreiqat@sydney.edu.au)) and  
Dr Kirtan Ganda ([kirtan.ganda@sydney.edu.au](mailto:kirtan.ganda@sydney.edu.au))

**MEETING:** **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2015**  
Time: 6:00 pm drinks for a 6:30 pm start  
Presentations:  
Title: Picking the right animal model for bone research.  
Dr Aaron Schindeler, Kids Research Institute at The Children's Hospital at Westmead  
Title: Atypical Femoral Shaft Fractures - an orthopaedic surgeon's perspective  
Dr Ian Harris, UNSW  
RSVP: We will dine during the talks, so please get back to Professor Hala Zreiqat by **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2015**  
([hala.zreiqat@sydney.edu.au](mailto:hala.zreiqat@sydney.edu.au)) to confirm numbers.

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## ANZBMS Subscriptions

Your ANZBMS subscription for 2015 is **now due**. Early payment will ensure continuation of your ANZBMS and IBMS Member entitlements.

Please renew your subscription by logging in at <https://www.anzbms.org.au/> and selecting Subscription Renewal from the menu.

Financial members of ANZBMS are provided with IBMS full membership status. This includes:

- Free access to BoneKEY Reports via the IBMS website.
- Access to member only areas of BoneKEY (this is not provided by institutional library access).
- Voting and committee rights for IBMS
- Discounts at IBMS meetings (Sun Valley, joint meetings, workshops and Cancer Induced Bone Disease meetings).
- Eligibility for IBMS awards – travel, Fellowships (Rodan and Gregory R. Mundy) and IBMS Awards.
- Discounts on “open-access” and [nature.com](http://nature.com)

## Osteoporosis/Musculoskeletal Health

Effective October 2014, the Osteoporosis Merck Investigator Studies Program (MISP) Committee will accept proposals within our current areas of interest (AOI) up to April 17, 2015. Decisions will be made on the basis of scientific merit and strategic fit within the AOI.

**The following areas are of interest to Merck Investigator Studies Program Committee:**

**(PLEASE NOTE: No Odanacatib can be provided to independent investigators in 2015. In addition, no selective rodent CatK inhibitors are available from Merck.)**

Mechanistic studies to better understand the effects of Cathepsin K and/or its inhibition on bone modeling and remodeling

Mechanistic studies to better understand the effects of Cathepsin K on collagen metabolism

Studies that assess non-density related bone properties and their relation to bone strength or fracture risk, such as bone material properties or bone macro and microarchitecture, including studies to validate new methodologies

Studies to characterize osteoporosis in men: including natural history, etiology, prevalence, rates of diagnosis, treatment, and adherence

Studies that explore:

- The effects of vitamin D, or its metabolites, on bone cells
- The relationship between vitamin D status and BMD and/or the risk of osteoporotic fractures in humans

Please complete a full protocol and detailed budget to your Merck (MSD) country representative (outside US). The proposals will be collectively reviewed on an international level and selected by the Osteoporosis MISP Committee  
**Critical Activities and Timelines:**

Activity	Review Cycle
Full Protocol Submission / Detailed Budget	April 17, 2015
Final Comments to Investigator	May 22, 2015
Final Protocol Submission by Investigator	June 5, 2015
Final Protocol Approval by Committee	June 23, 2015

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## Calendar

### 21-24 April 2015

18<sup>th</sup> Vitamin D Workshop

Delft, The Netherlands

Website: <http://www.vitamindworkshop.org/>

### 25-28 April 2015

ECTS IBMS Joint Meeting

Rotterdam, The Netherlands

Website: <http://www.ects-ibms2015.org/>

### 27-29 April 2015

13<sup>th</sup> Congress of the International Society of Bone

Morphometry

Tokyo, Japan

Website: <http://www.procomu.jp/isbm2015/index.html>

### 1-3 May 2015

ESA Seminar Meeting

Novotel, Manly Pacific, Sydney

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

### 23-26 May 2015

Australian Rheumatology Association 56<sup>th</sup> ASM

Adelaide Convention Centre, SA

<http://www.araconference.com/>

### 24-27 May 2015

RACP Congress 2015

Cairns

<http://www.racpcongress2015.com/about/>

### 17-20 June 2015

9<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Nutritional Aspects of Osteoporosis (ISNAO 2015)

Montreal, Canada

Website: <http://www.cvent.com/events/isnao-2015-9th-international-symposium-on-nutritional-aspects-of-osteoporosis/event-summary-7d1b628933b6460a8b12f2785db7e69f.aspx>

## 2016

### 28 February – 1 March 2016

Herbert Fleisch Workshop 2016

Hotel Novotel Brugge Centrum

Brugge, Belgium

Website: <http://www.ibmsonline.org/>

### 1-4 April 2016

ENDO

Boston, MA

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

### 30 April-4 May 2016

Australian Rheumatology Association 57<sup>th</sup> ASM

Darwin, NT

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

### 21-23 July 2016

34<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of JSBMR

Osaka International Convention Center

Website: <http://jsbmr.umin.jp/en/basic/>

### 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.endosociety.com/events.html>

### 16-19 September 2016

ASBMR Annual Meeting

Atlanta, Georgia, USA

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

**27-30 June 2015**

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

**23-25 July 2015**

33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting of JSBMR  
Keio Plaza Hotel, Tokyo  
Website: <http://jsbmr.umin.jp/en/basic/>

**21-23 August 2015**

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

**22-23 August 2015**

ANZBMS Bone Densitometry Course  
Brisbane, QLD  
Website: <https://www.anzbms.org.au/anzbms-bone-densitometry-course.asp>

**23-26 August 2015**

ESA/SRB ASM  
Adelaide Convention Centre  
Website: <http://www.esa-srb.org.au/>

**27-29 August 2015**

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

**9-12 October 2015**

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

**1-4 November 2015**

Joint ANZBMS, MEPSA and MBSANZ Annual Scientific Meeting  
Hobart, Tasmania  
Website: <https://www.anzbms.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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