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This year promises exciting times. The 2011 Annual Scientific Meeting will be held in conjunction with the International Osteoporosis Foundation and the Japanese Bone and Mineral Society on the Gold Coast in early September. The program has items to interest just about everyone and an excellent list of invited speakers from all over the globe. Note that the closing date for abstracts is May 17th. As the abstracts will be published this year in Osteoporosis International, there will be little scope for the usual extension of time for submission. Please see more details in the ASM 2011 Report. Considerable thanks are due to the Chair of the Program Organizing Committee, Emma Duncan, her co-chair, Cyrus Cooper and the team from Australia, Asia and Europe. I have seen some of the proposals for the associated events, put together by LOC Chair Mark Forward and his group and predict that the conference will be very enjoyable, as well as scientifically stimulating. You are also advised to start thinking about the 2012 ASM, which will be held in Perth in early September. This meeting will also have an international flavour, with plans to include groups from India, South Africa, Japan, China and possibly other South East Asian countries.

This year ANZBMS is also organizing one-day Advanced Clinical Postgraduate Meetings in Bone Disease – one in Sydney and one in Melbourne, which seem to be very much welcomed, judged by early registrations. More details are available elsewhere in the newsletter. I particularly want to thank Markus Seibel for getting these off the ground and Natalie Sims for her work for the Melbourne meeting. Our clinical densitometry group under the leadership of Roger Price and his team, have organized two Densitometry Training Courses, one already held in March, in Melbourne, and one planned for the first time in New Zealand – Wellington May 20-22.

This is also the time to think about ANZBMS awards that are not based on abstracts submitted to the ASM. The closing date for both the Kaye Ibbertson and the Sol Posen awards is also May 17th.

You have a little longer to plan a submission for the Christine and T Jack Martin Research Travel Grant, which has a closing date of August 1st. Details are on the ANZBMS website under resources. Please also make sure you renew your ANZBMS membership in good time. Eligibility for these awards depends on being an ANZBMS member. You should also become familiar the revised eligibility for travel grants, flagged last year. Eligibility criteria includes holding ANZBMS membership for 12 months before the conference unless people can show they started their candidature or position more recently than that, the supervisor being an ANZBMS member, and precludes people who gained their higher degree or fellowship more than 3 years earlier. Again, full details are on the website. Remember that for most people, the membership fee is exceeded by the benefits, even just considering monetary benefits.

As you will see in the accompanying reports, our committees have been very active in their various areas of interest. The ANZBMS website lists the committees and their current membership. Thank you to Markus Seibel, who has agreed to take over the Chair of the Therapeutics committee. Earlier this year, input of many members on the proposed update to the Vitamin D position statement (adults) was very much appreciated. The revised statement is currently under review by the Medical Journal of Australia. An update to the Vitamin D position statement (pregnancy and paediatrics) is nearing completion and will be posted for comment on a password protected site in the near future. An email will be sent to all members and to members of other relevant organizations, as we did for the adult statement. Council would encourage members with an interest in contributing to the work of any committee, to email the committee chair with their details. This is one way to play an active role in the Society and to get your ideas heard effectively.

You will also note that Council Elections are due later this year. Details and a nomination form are provided elsewhere in this newsletter.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Professor Rebecca S Mason

I hope you will turn to our new section on members' achievements. We clearly have a wealth of talent that is not restricted to research and clinical abilities! Closer to our core business, congratulations to Peter Ebeling, a former President of ANZBMS, who has been elected to the Council of the American Society for Bone and Mineral Research. Peter is also the current Medical Director of Osteoporosis Australia. Peter joins a number of other ANZBMS Past

Presidents and members who have served and are serving on International bodies like ASBMR, the International Bone and Mineral Society and the International Osteoporosis Foundation.

I hope you enjoy reading the new look newsletter and hope to see you at the Gold Coast in September.

Professor Rebecca S Mason

ASM 2011 REPORT

This year, the Australian and New Zealand Bone and Mineral Society is joining forces with both the International Osteoporosis Federation and the Japanese Society for Bone and Mineral Research to hold a very special international meeting here in Australia - the IOF Regional 2nd Asia-Pacific Osteoporosis and Bone Meeting, in conjunction with the ANZBMS Annual Scientific Meeting and JSBMR, on 4 - 8 September 2011, at the Gold Coast. This combination will result in a truly exciting meeting presenting both the breadth and depth of clinical and basic research in bone.

With an active Asia-Pacific Office and 28 member societies from the Asia-Pacific region, this IOF regional meeting provides a valuable opportunity for a truly international meeting but with regional representation and focus on the Asia-Pacific Region. This is particularly timely, the IOF Asian Audit in 2009 revealed that by 2050 more than 50% of all osteoporotic fractures worldwide will occur in Asia.

As usual, our programme includes invited plenary presentations, seminars, meet the professor sessions, basic and clinical abstract presentation and young investigator awards-poster sessions. Confirmed speakers are coming from Australia, China, India, Japan, New Zealand, Singapore, UK, and the USA, so the meeting will have a strongly international flavour.

Session titles will include:

- Biomechanics and Bone Measurement
- Bone Regeneration
- Clinical Management of Osteoporosis (featuring my personal favourite talk title: "To BMD or not to BMD")
- Fracture Risk Algorithms: Soothsaying or Science?
- Male Osteoporosis
- Malignancy and Bone
- Non-Canonical Bone
- Osteoclasts

- Osteoporosis in Oceania / Asia Pacific Region
- Paediatric Bone Disease
- Paget's Disease
- Rheumatology and Bone
- Skeletal Dysplasias
- The Effects of Ageing
- Therapeutics in Osteoporosis: Controversies

For details regarding speakers and talk titles, I strongly encourage you to have a look at the detailed programme at www.anzbms-iof.org. And of course there will be many opportunities to network and discuss science and medicine, with a welcome function, students' BBQ, Women in Bone session, conference dinner and dance, and of course the annual fun run finishing with a barbeque breakfast on the beach. There are prizes also – the Roger Melick Young Investigator Award, the Christopher & Margie Nordin Young Investigator Poster Award, the ANZBMS Outstanding Abstract Award (both for best clinical and best basic abstract), the Christine & T. Jack Martin Research Travel Grant, the Kaye Ibbertson Award for Metabolic Bone Disease and the Sol Posen Research Award. Younger researchers should also apply for the ANZBMS Travel Awards.

The **abstract submission deadline** date is 17th May 2011 – and ANZBMS members are warned that due to printing restrictions this will be strictly observed this year! The **earlybird registration rate deadline** is June 22nd 2011, and late registration rates will come into force from September 1st 2011.

To register for this great bone meeting, and to submit your abstract, please visit the official conference website – www.anzbms-iof.org. We look forward to seeing you there!

Associate Professor Emma Duncan
Chair, Programme Organising Committee

RESEARCH REPORT

In December 2010, the Research Committee made a submission to the Australian Bureau of Statistics to be considered next time the Fields of Research (FoR) codes are updated. We recommended the inclusion of a new FoR called "Musculoskeletal" which would include subcategories such as osteoporosis, orthopaedics, muscle development, malignant and metastatic bone disease (among others). Thanks go to John Eisman and Jackie Center for working hard at fine-tuning this series of recommendations, which will hopefully allow for more relevant classification of grants to the NHMRC and ARC, as well as better classification of research outcomes.

In March 2011, the Research Committee made submissions to the Australian Research Council as part of its ERA 2012 Ranked Outlets Public Consultation. The ARC ranks

each academic journal within disciplines, and associates each journal with up to 3 of the Bureau of Statistics Fields of Research codes (FoRs). The research committee reviewed the rankings of journals that ANZBMS members frequently publish in; most of these were ranked appropriately. We have made recommendations for additional FoRs to classify the relevant bone and mineral research journals, and recommended increased rankings for some journals. We have requested that the ANZBMS be involved in assessing recommendations made as part of the public review process.

Best of luck for your research grant applications for 2011!

**Natalie Sims,
Research Committee Chair**

THERAPEUTICS COMMITTEE REPORT

The Therapeutics Committee has had another busy 6 months with various matters including writing to the MSAC about a proposal to review indications for bone densitometry including adding use of aromatase inhibitors in women with breast cancer to the Medicare schedule.

A proposal from Prof. Chris Nordin to fund a screening bone density at the menopause has been reviewed by the Federal Government and rejected in the first instance. Further correspondence is planned and the Therapeutics Committee will be part of this process.

Professor Philip Sambrook

ANZBMS COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

The new ANZBMS Council's term (2011-2013) will commence at the Annual General Meeting at the Gold Coast on 6th September this year. The new President for this 2 year term will be Professor Matthew Gillespie.

Nominations are needed for President-elect and council.

Nomination form is included with this newsletter.

Deadline: 16th May 2011

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MEMBERS' ACHIEVEMENTS

As many members of our Society regularly engage in interesting activities outside of their more usual professional duties, we thought it would be appropriate to acknowledge these in our Newsletter in this new section. Achievements may include successful participation, recognition or achievements in sporting events, in the Arts or in events that support charities. If you or a colleague (who is an ANZBMS Member) has achieved, why not let the Society know about it?

Please email Ivone at:
anzbms@racp.edu.au.

Most Recent Members' Achievements

2011 Mutual Community Challenge Tour
Congratulations to **Philip Sambrook** who took part in the 2011 Mutual Community Challenge of the Tour Down Under in January.

The Santos Tour Down Under was first held in 1999 and has grown year on year to become the biggest cycling race in the southern hemisphere.

The week-long event brings the top World Tour professional cycling teams to race on the streets of Adelaide and regional South Australia each January and this year featured Lance Armstrong's last professional race before he retired.

Not just a bike race, the Santos Tour Down Under is a festival of cycling, with a range of associated events.



Philip Sambrook

The Queensland Philanthropic Orchestra is a unique, exciting and positive philanthropic initiative that over the last three years has raised over \$30,000 for Queensland charities. The orchestra brings together musicians from all of life, many of whom manage full time professional careers, such as the chair of the programme organising committee for ANZBMS, **Emma Duncan!** Under the leadership of a world class conductor, these high-calibre performances symbolise the spirit of philanthropy - working together, united by the desire to give to the community which these people belong for the benefit of others.

Emma Duncan and her 8 year old daughter Julia are the Australian Womens' national champions in Heron class sailing boats (recent Four Winds Marine 52nd Heron championships in Victoria) and 15th overall nationally.



Emma Duncan and her 8y old daughter Julia

Professor Peter Ebeling

As many of you will have heard directly from ASBMR, Peter Ebeling, a former President of ANZBMS has been elected to the Council of the American Society for Bone and Mineral Research.

Peter will assume his three year term on the thirteen member Council at the end of the ASBMR 2011 Annual Meeting, which will be held on September 16-20, 2011, in San Diego, California, USA. Only one other Councillor is from outside the United States (Japan).

This is a great honour for Peter and an excellent outcome for International Members of ASBMR.

MEMBERS' ACHIEVEMENTScontinued

Kerrin Bleicher is currently completing her PhD in risk factors for osteoporosis and fractures in older men as part of the CHAMP study. Her passion is snow skiing and about 10 years ago she took up Masters racing. Each year there are Slalom, Giant slalom and Super G. races held around the Australian resorts with ski instructors and passionate amateur racers aged from 30 to 90 years. They compete in 5 year age groups and tussle for the big overall prizes.



She was recently clocked at over 90 km/hr. Kerrin has held the position of Australian Masters champion in all events since 2007. This is a record in itself. In Thredbo last year, she was awarded the Austrian Consulate perpetual trophy to keep.

Now as her PhD comes to an end, the pressure is on to travel and compete in Europe.



OSTEOPOROSIS AUSTRALIA

Osteoporosis Australia welcomed a new Chief Executive Officer, Shelley Evans, earlier this year. Shelley has a Pharmacy background, a good deal of common sense and is delightful to work with. There is a renewed emphasis on the ANZBMS/OA Research Fund and ANZBMS has provided some money for professional advice in obtaining funds.

OA continues to produce helpful information for consumers and health workers. It is developing a number of initiatives which will help raise awareness of osteoporosis prevention and contribute to better management of the condition and fracture prevention.

ANZBMS TRAVEL GRANTS

Eligibility criteria:

- The applicant must be a financial member of ANZBMS for the past 12 months (or provide documentary evidence of the commencement date of employment or candidature if this has occurred within the past 12 months).
- The applicant must have made a substantial contribution to the work and be the first and presenting author of the paper to be delivered at the ANZBMS Annual Scientific Meeting.
- The applicant must either (1) be without a postgraduate award (Masters, PhD or College Fellowship), (2) be a research student, or (3) be within 3 years of obtaining their most recent postgraduate award
- The applicant's supervisor must be a financial member of ANZBMS.

Apply when you submit your abstract via the 2011 ASM website Online Abstract Submission system.

Deadline 17th May 2011.

ANZBMS 2011 ADVANCED CLINICAL POSTGRADUATE MEETINGS IN BONE DISEASE

The first Postgraduate Meetings in Bone Disease were held in Melbourne and Sydney in 2008 and 2009, respectively, as a joint initiative of ANZBMS and Amgen Australia.

In 2010, ANZBMS has taken over the planning and organisation of the meeting. This year, there will be two one-day meetings, one in Sydney (25th of June 2011, Crowne Plaza Coogee Beach) and another one in Melbourne (19th of November 2011, Crowne Plaza Melbourne). Both meetings now have multiple sponsorships, with Amgen, Sanofi, Servier and Roche being the main sponsors. Advanced trainees in endocrinology, rheumatology,

rehabilitation, geriatric and renal medicine have been notified by direct email contact via their respective colleges, and over 85 registrations from trainees in NZ and all Australian states have been received within one week of the first announcement. Another mail-out to Advanced Trainees in Orthopaedic Surgery is under way. Meetings programs can be found at the ANZBMS web site. For further information, please contact ASN Events at dw@asnevents.net.au, Markus Seibel at mjs@med.usyd.edu.au (Sydney meeting) or Natalie Sims at nsims@svi.edu.au (Melbourne meeting).

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of ANZBMS will be held at the Gold Coast Convention Centre on Tuesday 6th September at 5.00pm.

All members are encouraged to attend the meeting, to hear what is going on with the Society and more importantly, to express your ideas and opinions. This is an opportunity for the membership to really make a difference.

SUBSCRIPTION DUES

Reminder to pay your subscription dues

ANZBMS membership subscriptions are now due. Please ensure that the Secretariat has all the correct mailing and contact details, particularly email addresses, as we rely on these to maintain contact with you and keep you informed of ANZBMS activities.

Membership to the ANZBMS permits access to all meetings, obtaining membership registration, opportunity to apply for the various ANZBMS awards/Travel Grants and the ANZBMS newsletter.

You may find it more convenient to use the online Annual subscription renewal form and secure credit card payment gateway

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DATES FOR THE DIARY

2011

7-11 May 2011

3rd Joint Meeting of the ECTS & IBMS
Athens, Greece
Website: www.ects-ibms2011.org

4-7 June 2011

ENDO
Boston, Massachusetts
Website: <http://www.endo-society.org/meetings/Annual/index.cfm>

26-28 August 2011

ESA Clinical Weekend
Esplanade Hotel, Fremantle, WA
Website: <http://www.esaclinicalweekend.org.au/>

28-31 August 2011

ESA/APEG ASM
Perth Convention Centre
Website: www.esa-srb.org.au

31 August – 2 September 2011

ADS/ADEA Annual Scientific Meeting
Perth Convention Centre, WA
Website: <http://www.ads-adea.org.au>

4-8th September 2011

IOF 2nd Asia-Pacific Meeting Osteoporosis and Bone meeting: ANZBMS Scientific meeting with the JSBMR
Gold Coast Convention Centre, QLD
Website: www.anzbms-iof.org

16-20 September 2011

ASBMR Annual Meeting
San Diego, California, USA
Website: <http://www.asbmr.org/meetings/futureannualmeetings.aspx>

2012

19-22 January 2012

World Congress on Debates and Consensus on Bone, Muscle and Joint Diseases (BMJD)
Barcelona, Spain
Website: www.congressmed.com/bmjcd

26-29 August 2012

ESA Annual Scientific meeting
Gold Coast Convention Centre, QLD
Website: <http://www.esa-apeg.org/>
ANZBMS ASM Perth 2012

2-5 September 2012

ANZBMS ASM
Pan Pacific, Perth, WA.
Website: anzbms.org.au

12-16 October 2012

ASBMR Annual Meeting
Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA
Website: <http://www.asbmr.org/Meetings/FutureAnnualMeetings.aspx>

IMPORTANT DEADLINES

Abstract	17th May 2011
Early bird registration	17th May 2011
Travel Grant	17th May 2011
Roger Melick Young Investigator Award	17th May 2011
ANZBMS/AMGEN Outstanding Abstract Award	17th May 2011
Chris and Margie Nordin Poster Award	17th May 2011
Kaye Ibbertson Award on Metabolic Bone Disease	17th May 2011
Sol Posen Research Award	17th May 2011
ANZBMS/Amgen Outstanding Abstract Award	17th May 2011
Christine and T Jack Martin Research Travel Grant	1st August 2010

Award criteria available from: <http://anzbms.org.au/resources/grants/index.cfm>

ANZBMS is a professional medical / scientific society established in 1989 to bring together clinical and experimental scientists and physicians actively involved in the study of bone and mineral metabolism in Australia and New Zealand.

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ACCEPTANCE OF NOMINATION

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