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It is with great sadness that we acknowledge the passing of Philip Sambrook, a Past-President of the ANZBMS, and a friend to many in the Society and beyond.

Philip was diagnosed with ocular melanoma nearly four years ago, but continued in his work ethic seeing patients, attending meetings, writing papers, and guiding the society as President and as immediate-past President. Phil was instrumental in establishing linkages between ANZBMS and Osteoporosis Australia, serving as the first Medical Director of OA, and this resulted in the establishment of the OA-ANZBMS Research Fund that has already supported early career researchers and research projects.

In addition to his clinical responsibilities, Philip made a valuable contribution to the Australian community is his capacity as Chair of the Therapeutics Committee of ANZBMS. He championed the introduction of new drugs, and acceptance of critical Z scores for therapy through the Therapeutic Goods Administration such that patients could receive best therapy.

In recognition of his contribution to medicine and research, Phillip was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia in 2008.

Phil is survived by his loving wife, Brenda, and their two children, Andrew and Kate.

Phillip always provided level guidance for the interest of patients, the society and the communities he served.

In memory of Philip, the ANZBMS and Osteoporosis Australia have established an annual research award in honour of Professor Philip Neil Sambrook OAM. Details of this award are provided on page 3 of this newsletter.

This year's ANZBMS ASM promises to deliver another great meeting as we have come to enjoy. Minghao Zheng and Charles Inderjeeth who Chair the POC and LOC, respectively, have developed the concept of the First Asian Pacific Bone and Mineral Research. This meeting has a number of international participants, as well as those from Australia and New Zealand, and provides a great program that will be state of the art from basic, translational and clinical research. I encourage everyone to view the program and lock this meeting into your diary.



Professor Matthew Gillespie

IMPORTANT DEADLINES

Abstract	25th May 2012
Travel Grant	25th May 2012
Roger Melick Young Investigator Award	25th May 2012
ANZBMS/AMGEN Outstanding Abstract Award	25th May 2012
Chris and Margie Nordin Poster Award	25th May 2012
Kaye Ibbertson Award on Metabolic Bone Disease	25th May 2012
Sol Posen Research Award	25th May 2012
ANZBMS/Amgen Outstanding Abstract Award	25th May 2012
Early bird registration	22nd June 2012
Christine and T Jack Martin Research Travel Grant	1st August 2012

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

PHILIP NEIL SAMBROOK 4/8/52 - 31/3/12

A PERSONAL NOTE FROM PETER EBELING

It is with great sadness that we acknowledge the passing of Philip Sambrook, Past President of the ANZBMS.

This is an excerpt of the announcement made by his family:

“Philip passed away at peace yesterday afternoon here in our beautiful Kangaroo Valley retreat, with Andrew, Katie and myself beside him.

His initial diagnosis with ocular melanoma was four years ago and with the removal of his left eye we hoped that we had dealt the cancer a final blow. Philip didn't let this "minor disturbance" upset the way he lived - he continued to work, write papers, travel, attend meetings, care for his olive groves, drive his beloved tractor and live life fully enjoying the company of his family and friends. The cancer didn't return until March 2011 manifesting itself as secondary liver and bony metastases. Despite trying many different forms of treatment and fighting even to the end, it finally proved too much. It is always difficult to lose someone like Philip when he still had so much promise ahead and when he fought for life with every fibre of his being.

To all our family and so, so many friends - thank you for being part of our lives - for your friendship, caring, prayers and good wishes.

Remember him positively and "Live a life of no regrets. Don't die wondering." Philip did.

*love is the passion which endureth,
which neither time nor absence cureth;
which nought of earthly change can sever:
love is the light which shines for ever.*

*what cold and selfish breasts deem madness
lives in its depths of joy and sadness;
in hearts, on lips, of flame it burneth –
one is its world, to one it turneth.*

*its chain of gold – what hand can break it?
its deathless hold – what force can shake it?
mere passion aught of earth may sever,
but souls that love, love on for ever.*

- Brenda, Andrew and Kate”

Phil was the first Medical Director of Osteoporosis Australia and he was keenly interested in translation of research findings into clinical practice. He was a past-President of ANZBMS and was instrumental in uniting



the two organisations on the research front. Philip was also an ASBMR member who spoke at many ASBMR Annual Scientific Meetings, served on the Editorial Board of JBMR and was a highly cited author, having published several times and written editorials in New England Journal of Medicine, and also in Nature, among many other prestigious Journals. A rheumatologist, Phil was a highly respected clinical researcher in glucocorticoid-induced osteoporosis, post-transplantation osteoporosis, vitamin D metabolism and the genetics of osteoporosis.

Most of all, Phil was a great and loyal friend to Osteoporosis Australia, and also to me personally.

For his contributions to Osteoporosis Australia and to research, he was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia, a great national honour.

Phil is survived by his loving wife, Brenda, and their two children, Andrew and Kate.

It is a great loss to us all personally and also to medicine in Australia.

Professor Peter Ebeling

RESEARCH AWARD IN HONOUR OF PROFESSOR PHILIP NEIL SAMBROOK OAM

Osteoporosis Australia and ANZBMS are establishing an annual research award in honour of Professor Philip Neil Sambrook OAM.

Professor Sambrook was instrumental in the establishment of the OA-ANZBMS research fund, and we wish to ensure his passion for osteoporosis research continues to be recognised through this new award.

The award will be for research excellence by a young investigator. It is intended to enable the researcher to attend and present their work at a significant overseas conference, as well as at a plenary session of the ANZBMS Annual Scientific Meeting.

A call for applications will be made in the coming months.

The Board of Directors of Osteoporosis Australia have initiated this fund through personal donations, and we would like to invite you, as a colleague and friend of Phil's, to join us in creating this ongoing memorial.

Donations can be made through the Osteoporosis Australia website. <http://www.osteoporosis.org.au/donate/make-a-donation/appeal-for-the-professor-philip-sambrook-award/> All donations will be recognised in publications relating to the OA-ANZBMS Research Fund and the Osteoporosis Australia website and annual report. All donations are tax deductible.

MERCK INVESTIGATOR INITIATED STUDY PROGRAM (MISP) COMMITTEE:

Osteoporosis/Musculoskeletal Health

Website: <https://www.merckiisp.com/OsteoporosisHealth.aspx>

Areas of Interest

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

- Mechanistic studies to better understand the effects of Cathepsin K inhibition in bone
- Novel approaches to assess bone strength and treatment effects of osteoporosis agents on bone macro- and micro-architecture and bone matrix properties
- New noninvasive imaging techniques for assessment of bone strength
- Validation of methods to assess matrix properties and their relation to bone strength
- Development of a non-rodent cyclic loading model to study the relationship of repetitive loading to bone strength
- Novel biomarkers (imaging and blood markers) to predict fracture risk and response to therapy

- Specific biomarkers to assess cortical bone response to therapy
- Studies to allow a more accurate diagnosis of Vitamin D insufficiency

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ANZBMS WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

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Krishanthi Gunaratnam

Warrick Inder

Tim Lu

Judy Luu

Ann Robinson

Chris Sankoorikal

Sandra Bermeao Serrato

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of ANZBMS will be held at the Pan Pacific Hotel, Perth on Tuesday 4th September 2012 at 5.00pm.

All members are encouraged to attend the meeting.

ASM 2012

The 22nd ANZBMS Annual Scientific Meeting in conjunction with the First Asian Pacific Bone and Mineral Research meeting will be held at the Pan Pacific Hotel, Perth, Western Australia between September 2–5, 2012. The 2012 scientific program will host a wealth of local and internationally acclaimed experts in the field of bone and mineral research with a central theme of evidence-based translational skeletal medicine.

Key speakers this year include Professor Stavros C. Manolagas (Little Rock), Professor Hiroshi Takayanagi (Tokyo), Professor Shiro Ikegawa (Tokyo), Professor Nancy E. Lane (San Francisco) and Professor Alan Grodzinsky (Boston). This year's meeting feature sessions including the Greg Mundy Memorial Lecture by Professor Stavros Manolagas, and Early Career Researchers sessions in Basic Science and Translational and Clinical Sciences. Early career researchers are usually considered within 10 years of their highest degree (e.g. PhD, MBBS, MD or MS). If you are an early career researcher who meets these eligibility criteria and have research data that you wish to share with the members at the meeting, please

email relevant topics to the chair of POC at minghao.zheng@uwa.edu.au.

On the social side, the year's meeting also includes a fantastic student and early career researchers river cruise dinner on the 3rd of September, an unforgettable conference dinner on 4th of September and a beautiful Swan River-Kings Park walk on the morning of 5th of September. Please note that the abstract Submission Deadline is 25 MAY 2012!

Finally, we hope that you enjoy this year's program and hope to see you all in Perth capital city of the Wild Flower State of Australia.

Professor Ming Hao Zheng, PhD, DM, FRCPath
Chair of the Program Organising Committee

Clinical Professor Charles Inderjeeth, MPH, MBChB, FRACP
Chair of the Local Organising Committee



Professor Nancy E. Lane, Director of UC Davis Centre for Healthy Aging, USA. She is an internationally recognized expert in the medical management of osteoporosis and osteoarthritis. Professor Lane is an associate editor for Seminars in Rheumatic Diseases, Rheumatology and, Arthritis Research and Therapy; an editorial board member for Journal of Bone and Mineral Research, Journal of Rheumatology and consultant editor for Annals of Internal Medicine and Journal of Bone and Joint Surgery. Professor Lane has published more than 200 papers related to epidemiology, genetics and treatment of musculoskeletal diseases.



Professor Shiro Ikegawa, Head of Laboratory for Bone and Joint Diseases, SNP Research Center, RIKEN, Tokyo, Japan. Professor Ikegawa is a leading international expert in the field of molecular genetics of osteoarthritis and osteoporosis with a distinguished record of achievement. He frequently publishes scientific discoveries in Nature and Science; he has had in excess of 160 publications since 1990 and was recently named by the "Faculty of 1000 Medicine" in its list of global experts and leaders in scientific and clinical practice.



Professor Stavros C. Manolagas, Professor of Medicine, the Thomas E. Andreoli, MD, MACP, Clinical Scholar Chair in Internal Medicine, Director of the Division of Endocrinology and Metabolism and the UAMS/VA Center for Osteoporosis and Metabolic Bone Diseases, Vice Chair for Research, Department of Internal Medicine, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, Chief of the Endocrinology Section, Central Arkansas Veteran's Healthcare System. Dr. Manolagas is the author of over 200 original articles. He is a member of several professional societies, editorial boards; peer review panels and numerous national and international scientific committees. In 2000, he was recognized by the American Society of Bone and Mineral Research for fundamental contributions to basic research in bone and mineral metabolism with the Inaugural Louis V. Avioli Founders Award.



Professor Hiroshi Takayanagi is Professor of Tokyo Medical and Dental University and a leading scientist in the field of molecular understanding of bone and immune systems. In 2000, he published a seminal paper in *Nature* on T-cell-mediated regulation of osteoclastogenesis, which opened a new field called osteoimmunology. Since then, he has focused on the mechanism of bone destruction in autoimmune arthritis and intracellular signalling of bone cells. In particular, he contributed tremendously to studies on the mechanism of osteoclast differentiation by discovering the master transcription factor NFATc1 and ITAM-associated costimulatory receptors. With more than 15 publications in *Nature Medicine*, he has established the field of osteoimmunology and provided new insight into the future therapeutic strategies against various bone and immune diseases.

THERAPEUTIC COMMITTEE REPORT

ANZBMS was invited by Medicines Australia to contribute to the ongoing review of Medicines Australia's Code of Conduct. Similarly, we were given the opportunity to review the IOF ECTS guidelines for Glucocorticoid induced osteoporosis (GIO). The Therapeutic Committee commented on both documents on behalf of ANZBMS. The GIO guidelines with Phil Sambrook as a co-author were generally considered a useful document with excellent clinical applicability.

Just in time for the 2012 NHMRC grant writing frenzy came a request from MSAC to provide further information

and clarification regarding our MSAC application 1162: 'Bone Densitometry in breast cancer patients receiving treatment with aromatase inhibitors.' Questions ranged from the prevalence of aromatase inhibitor use in Australia and prescribing habits of doctors all the way to a full economic evaluation of the application. Those of you who are interested in reviewing the 8-page response by the Therapeutic Committee should contact Ivone Johnson for a copy.

Markus Seibel
(on behalf of the ANZBMS TC)

OSTEOPOROSIS AUSTRALIA REPORT

OA is working well under Shelley Evans. Shelley is negotiating government funding for a variety of DOHA priorities and OA projects. Paul Hogan, who is funded by ANZBMS and works part-time for the ANZBMS-OA Research Fund, has made progress on two initiatives. With the input of the ANZBMS-OA Research Fund committee, he has assembled a series of project proposals, sent in by ANZBMS members, into a portfolio of funding opportunities, to be presented to various philanthropic organizations and donors.

Recently, the Research Fund committee met to consider applications for project funding from Amgen, which has contracted with the ANZBMS-OA Research Fund to manage the process.

Professor Rebecca Mason

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

Australian National Women's Champion in Heron sailing boats

In 2011, Emma Duncan and her 8y old daughter Julia became the Australian Women's national champions in Heron class sailing boats 2011. This summer, Emma successfully defended her national sailing title but with a new crew – Emma's son, Rory, is now the national women's Heron champion crew!!



Medicine in Uganda

When my son Michael and his wife Kim decided to set up an organisation to deliver health care to a rural part of Uganda, that decision changed my life. The organisation is called Maranatha Health (<http://www.maranathahealth.org/>) and arose out of the Michael and Kim's desire to provide a doctor to a population of >300,000 that did not have one. Maranatha Health also aims to empower the people of Kamwenge District to change their circumstances, focussing particularly on maternal and child health. In a little over 12 months, Maranatha Health has built (without the use of a single power tool) and equipped a clinic and begun to see patients. As part of Maranatha Health Australia, tasked with raising the funds for this work, it was a huge thrill to be present in Kmwenge for the commissioning of the clinic building in November 2011. You are most welcome to talk to me about this, my second job.

David Findlay

If you have anything you'd like to share, personal notices, achievements outside of your professional life, please submit them to ANZBMS@racp.edu.au subject line "Members in the News". Photos are welcome



NEW MEMBER PROFILE

I am a registered nurse, midwife, credentialed diabetes educator and endocrine nurse. Memberships include the Endocrine Society of Australia, the Endocrine Nurses Association of Australasia, Australian Paediatric Endocrine Group and the Australian Diabetes Educators Association. I have worked in Endocrinology and Diabetes at The Townsville Hospital for the past 20 years and five years ago pursued an interest in Osteoporosis. At the end of 2012 I will complete the Masters of Nursing, Nurse Practitioner in Osteoporosis at James Cook University. For those who are not familiar with the Nurse Practitioner model it is an extended nursing role with capacity to investigate, develop treatment plans, initiate treatment including prescribing and make referrals within the scope of practice and within a collaborative framework. NP's are the clinical leaders of nursing and so advocate for patients, their profession and their specialty area of practice. I hope to find employment as an NP working in an endocrine team and in collaboration with orthopaedics focussing on secondary fracture prevention through identification of patients at first fracture presentation in the emergency department, fracture clinics and the orthopaedic ward. It is up to the

state health services to fund NP positions and progress is slow. I hope to raise awareness of osteoporosis as a career for nurses and nurse practitioners and am pleased to now be a member of the ANZBMS.

Ann Robinson



Ann Robinson

THE CLARE BONE MEETING

ANZBMS members David Findlay (former Honorary Secretary), Ian Parkinson and Gerald Atkins (current Honorary Secretary) along with orthopaedic surgeon, Dr. Tony Pohl recently convened the 7th Biennial Clare Bone Meeting, which took place in Clare, South Australia between 23-26th March, 2012. This meeting, which has gained a prestigious international reputation, was sponsored for the first time by the ANZBMS and was once again a great success. The objective of these meetings is to bring (and keep) together clinicians, health professionals, basic scientists and post-graduate students with input from industry, to cross-pollinate and educate each other about problems facing us in bone health and the current research attempting to address these.

This year's themes included the bone/cartilage interface, fracture, bone repair and vasculature and blood flow. The meeting was attended by some 68 delegates, including international speakers David Rowe (Connecticut, USA), Ken Poole (Cambridge, UK), Andy Harrison (Smith & Nephew, UK), Seiki Wada (Saitama Medical School, Japan), Bob Guldberg (Atlanta, GA, USA), Chris Jacobs (Columbia University, NY, USA) and Simon Cool (Singapore), and a host of prominent national speakers. The organisers invite all ANZBMS members to look out for the 8th meeting to be held in 2014. For further details of the meeting just gone, please visit the website <http://www.themeetingpeople.com.au/clare2012-home>.



AHMRC 2012, ADELAIDE

The ANZBMS Symposium at the Australian Health and Medical Research Congress (AHMRC) will be held at the Adelaide Convention Centre on Wednesday 28th November. The ANZBMS Symposium, organised by ANZBMS representatives Paul Anderson and Gerald Atkins, will be a stand-alone symposium with two invited speaker sessions with the themes of Genetic Control of Bone Remodelling and Novel Concepts in Bone Remodelling and Repair. A third session will be for free communications selected from abstracts.

Poster displays at lunchtime will be available for abstract submission as well. For the symposium we have been allocated 1 international speaker, 5 national speakers and one local speaker, all of whom have accepted our invitations and have confirmed their involvement. This is shaping up to be a very interesting meeting and we would appreciate the support of ANZBMS members, their students and colleagues by attending. Please check the AHMRC website (<http://www.ahmrccongress.org.au/>) for more information and updates throughout the year. Time will be available for abstract submission as well. For the symposium we have been allocated 1 international speaker, 5 national speakers and one local speaker, all of whom have accepted our invitations and have confirmed their involvement.

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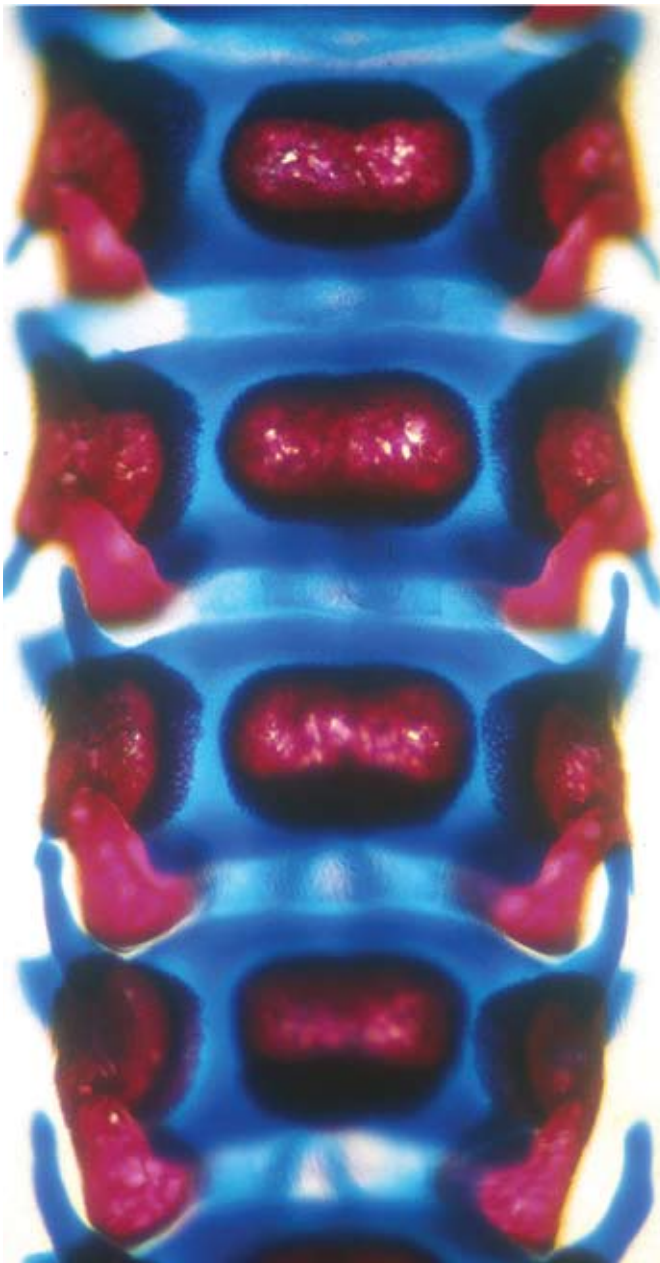
The confirmed speakers are:

1. Professor J Wesley Pike (plenary international speaker), University of Wisconsin-Madison.
Topic: Vitamin D regulated gene expression of osteoblast and osteoclast function.
2. Assoc. Prof. Emma Duncan, University of Queensland Diamantina Institute
Topic: GWAS associations with bone health.
3. Assoc. Prof. Jiake Xu, University of Western Australia
Topic: ENU mutant approach to gene identification of bone homeostasis.
4. Assoc. Prof. Paul Baldock, Garvan Institute
Topic: The central control of bone remodelling.
5. Dr. Allison Pettit, University of Queensland.
Topic: The novel role of osteomacs in bone remodelling.
6. Professor David Little, University of Sydney.
Topic: The role for muscle in fracture repair.
7. Assoc. Prof. Gerald Atkins, University of Adelaide.
Topic: The role for sclerostin in bone remodelling.

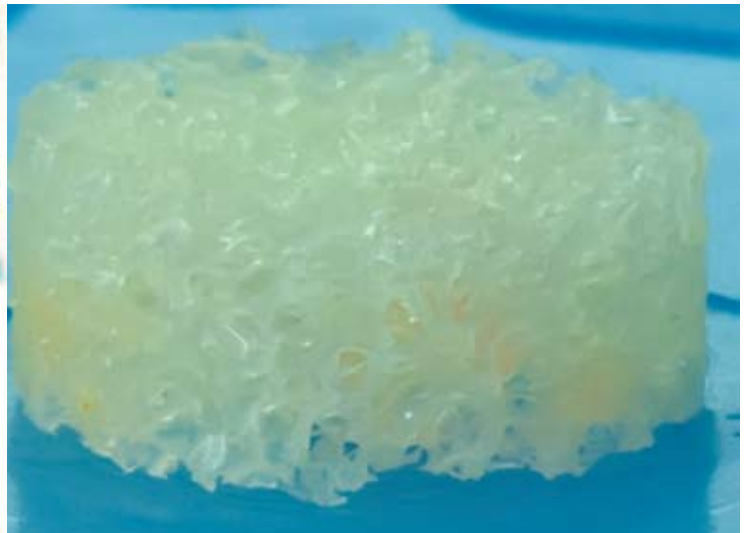
HOBBY HORSE

Hobby Horse is unfortunately blank this issue –let’s put that down to grant writing and reviewing - but is your chance to soapbox your point of view about issues facing us in bone-related medicine and science. Anonymity is assured so why not take this opportunity to ‘start the conversation’? Please email your contributions for the next issue to Ivone at ANZBMS@racp.edu.au

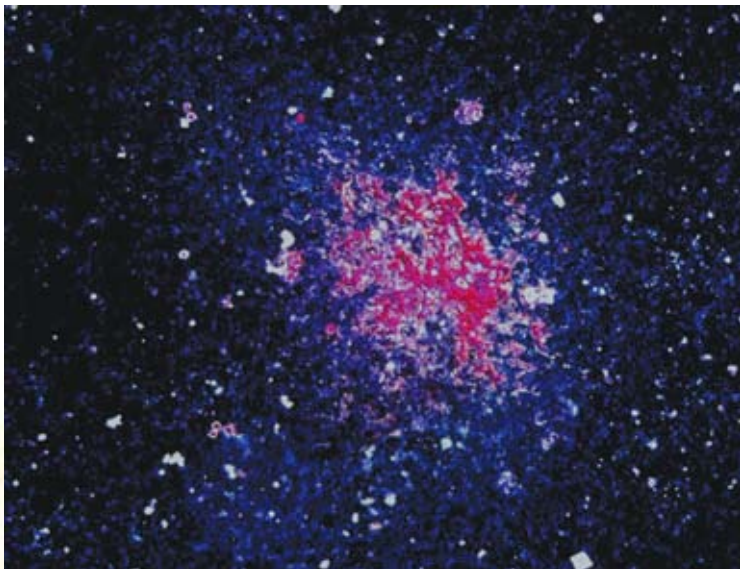
VISUAL SCIENCE



'Spine Tingling: an E17.5 mouse spine stained with alizarin and alcian blue.' submitted by A/Prof Natalie Sims, Bone Cell Biology and Disease Unit, St Vincent's Institute.



'Beautiful bone: A core of bovine trabecular bone cleaned of marrow' submitted by A/Prof. Kamarul Ariffin Khalid, PhD Candidate, Supervisors G. Atkins and D. Findlay, Bone Cell Biology Group, University of Adelaide



'Blast-off: Alizarin staining of an osteoblast colony' submitted by Dr. Hong Zhou, Bone Research Program, ANZAC Research Institute, University of Sydney.

Visual Science is our image gallery of what you do in your professional time. We welcome images of cells, tissues, animals or analytical techniques that capture the essence of what you do. Be in the running for the 'Best Picture' award at our next annual scientific meeting – details will follow.

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2012

27 - 29 April 2012

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5-9 May 2012

15th International Congress of Endocrinology is
being held jointly with the 14th European Congress
of Endocrinology
Florence, Italy
Website: endosociety.com/eventsICE2012.html

6-9 May 2012

RACP Congress
Brisbane Convention Centre
Website: racpcongress@wsm.com.a

19-23 May 2012

2012 European Calcified Tissue Society 39th Annual
Conference
Stockholm, Sweden
Website: www.ectscongress.org/2012/

23-26 June 2012

ENDO 2012
Houston, Texas
Website: [www.endo-society.org/meetings/Annual/
index.cfm](http://www.endo-society.org/meetings/Annual/index.cfm)

27-30 June 2012

5th Int'l Workshop on Advances in the Molecular
Pharmacology & Therapeutics of Bone Disease
Oxford, UK
Website: www.oxfordbonepharm.org/

19-21 July 2012

The 30th Annual meeting of JSBMR
Tokyo, Japan
Website: jsbmr.umin.jp/eng/

24-26 August 2012

ESA Clinical Weekend
Gold Coast
www.esaclinicalweekend.org.au

26-29 August 2012

ESA/SRB Combined Annual Scientific Meeting
Gold Coast Exhibition and Convention Centre
www.esa-srb.org.au

29-31 August 2012

ADS/ADEA Annual Scientific Meeting
Gold coast Exhibition and Convention Centre
www.ads-adea.org.au

2-5 September 2012

1st Asia-Pacific Bone and Mineral Research
Meeting being held in conjunction with the 22nd
ANZBMS Annual Scientific Meeting
Pan Pacific Hotel, Perth, WA
Website: www.anzbms.org.au

12-15 October 2012

ASBMR 2012 Annual Meeting
Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA
Website: www.asbmr.org

25-29 November 2012

AHMR Congress
Adelaide Convention Centre
Website: www.ahmrcongress.org.au

2013

17 - 20 April 2013

European Congress on Osteoporosis &
Osteoarthritis (ECCEO13-IOF)
Rome, Italy
Website: [www.iofbonehealth.org/meetings-
events.html](http://www.iofbonehealth.org/meetings-events.html)

28 May - 1 Jun 2013

2nd Joint Meeting of the IBMS and the
JSBMR
Kobe - Japan
Website: www.ibmsonline.org/

25-28 August 2013

ESA/NZSE Joint meeting
Sydney Convention Centre
Website: www.endocrinesociety.org

8-11 September 2013

23rd ANZBMS Annual Scientific Meeting
Melbourne
Website: www.anzbms.org.au

4-8 October 2013

ASBMR Annual Meeting
Baltimore, Maryland, USA
Website: www.asbmr.org

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