

Bone & Mineral News

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President's Report

May 2002

This year's ASM promises to be a vibrant programme with outstanding invited speakers, John Bilezikian, Steven Cummings and Steven Goldring. These visitors to our Society will complement presentations by our members that will showcase research undertaken in Australia and New Zealand. This meeting will be held in conjunction with the Bone and Joint Decade and two workshops, one with the International Society of Densitometry and the other, a Confocal workshop at the Waite Institute. Our ASM is the highlight of the Society's activities during each year with a proven record for delivering leading edge research and opinion.

The Society works in partnership with like-minded organisations and I draw your attention to the activities of two lay organisations, Osteoporosis Australia (OA) and the National Osteoporosis Campaign of Australia. The recent Bone Ball was highly successful funding and awareness raising event. The Enhanced Fracture Prevention Patient Contract is an exciting initiative of NOCA in partnership with Merck, Sharpe and Dohme and Eli Lilly. This programme aims to identify that often neglected first fracture by increasing patient self-recognition of the possibility that they might have osteoporosis leading to a patient initiated GP consultation about osteoporosis. Whilst the ANZBMS is an industry-neutral scientific society we recognise the benefits of cooperation and partnership to reach common goals the advancement of science in the field, education and best practice patient care. Members of the society have and continue to make outstanding contributions to the society and the field of bone and mineral metabolism. I am therefore delighted to report that council has decided to establish a 'Christine and T Jack Martin Award' in basic cellular bone biology with generous support from Merck, Sharpe and Dohme. Full details regarding this award and selection criteria will be made available later this year. The Society is working with the Royal Australasian College of Physicians to develop a memorandum of understanding which will review and formalise our working relationship in regard to conjoint activities such as the specialist advisory committee for endocrine training. Together with Ivone and myself, Roger Price is working closely with the college's IT department to upgrade our website to provide a more efficient service for our members.

Much of the work of council and its sub-committees is undertaken with little recognition. I would like therefore to highlight and draw your attention to the continuing efforts and progress made in aspects of bone densitometry by Nic Pocock and other members on behalf of the Society. In partnership with the Radiologists and Nuclear Physicians we have an established accreditation programme. We have established through the University of Sydney short and long training courses for technical training and this year will be running two courses for clinicians. Finally I encourage each of you to be active in the Society's activities & to submit abstracts for and plan to come to the Annual Meeting. I hope to see you all in Adelaide.

Associate Professor Michael Hooper

Glenelg Jetty - opposite Stamford Grand Hotel

2002 Annual Scientific Meeting in Adelaide, 6 to 9 October 2002 Stamford Grand Hotel, Glenelg

Organisation of the scientific programme for our 2002 meeting continues to develop at a rapid pace. It will provide members opportunities to meet and discuss with a number of international bone and mineral experts. These include Professor Steve Cummings, University of California San Francisco who has participated in most of the major osteoporosis clinical trials, Professor Stephen Goldring, Boston, has pioneered studies on the stimulation of bone resorption by inflammatory factors, and Professor John Bilezikian, Columbia University New York who has an enviable reputation for research in osteoporosis and hyperparathyroidism. Ample time will be available to hear local speakers address major issues including the follow-up of patients with fragility fractures and treatment options for immobilised patients. Oral and poster free communications will be featured at the meeting.

A major attraction of this year's meeting is the option to attend extra workshops being held in conjunction with the Annual Scientific Meeting in Adelaide.

On Sunday 6 October, Damian Myers has organised a workshop on confocal microscopy and the imaging of bone. This will provide registrants with hands-on experience for utilising this technology with bone cell biology. It is being held at the Waite Institute, University of Adelaide where a number of confocal microscopes will be available for hands-on experience. Places are strictly limited so register early to ensure your attendance.

A bone densitometry training course under the auspices of the International Society for Clinical Densitometry (ISCD) is being held at the meeting venue, the Stamford Grand Hotel, Glenelg, also on Sunday 6 October. Richard Prince is responsible for this one day course being held in Australia for the first time to provide ISCD accreditation for bone densitometry. Again places are limited so we recommend early registration of your interest. Registrants are urged to book their flight home on Wednesday evening in order to attend the featured closing afternoon session titled 'Osteoporosis Challenges for the Bone and Joint Decade'. It will address the current messages that clinicians and allied health professionals can provide for osteoporotic patients. Professor Les Cleland has been co-opted on to the Program Organising Committee to assist organisation on behalf of Osteoporosis SA and allied health professionals.

The Local Organising Committee, under the capable Chair of Rob Moore, is making the most of our spectacular venue on the beach at Glenelg. The course of the Merck Fun Run/Walk will take participants along the shores of the Gulf St Vincent as the sun sets over the water. The dinner will of course feature excellent South Australian wines and produce and will also be held in a memorable venue. Considerable time will be available for registrants to make the most of their time, to meet and discuss their latest findings in these most conducive surroundings.

Our Annual Scientific Meeting is the most important event for our society and this meeting will provide fresh insights for all members. Start planning now to participate in our Adelaide meeting and take advantage of the seaside ambience of Glenelg to conduct some of your most important work for 2002.

Howard Morris for the Program Organising Committee

**ABSTRACT
DEADLINE**

15th JUNE 2002

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OSTEOPOROSIS AND BONE DENSITOMETRY WORKSHOP

When: Saturday 15th June 2002

Where: St. Vincent's Clinic, Sydney

Cost: \$100

CPD: Approved for 6 CPD Credits (RANZCR)

Faculty: Associate Professor N. Pocock*, FRACP
(nuclear physician) – Convenor

Associate Professor M. Hooper*, FRACP (endocrinologist)

Ms. N. Culton BAppSc MBA

Dr. P. Downey*, FRANZCR (radiologist)

* Members of the Joint working party, National BMD Standards

Provisional Program (8.30am-4pm):

Introduction and overview of the course

Osteoporosis – Introduction (M. Hooper)

DXA – principles, scanning and pitfalls (N. Pocock)

DXA – interpretation. Fracture risk assessment (N. Pocock)

Vertebral morphometry, QUS, QCT, MRI (P. Downey)

DXA quality control and quality assurance (N. Culton)

Drug prevention and treatment of osteoporosis (M. Hooper)

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Note: If the course is successful and there is sufficient demand, it will be repeated.

NHMRC & Performance Indicators

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Australian Society for Medical Research (ASMR) at the John Curtin School of Medical Research in Canberra on Tuesday March 19, 2002, the President, Professor Peter Schofield, sought information on 'performance indicators' for NHMRC research funding from affiliated societies.

"The Wills Review made a compelling argument for an increased investment in health and medical research but did so on the basis that the returns would be quantifiable and would justify the investment and future investments. However, to date, little progress has been made by any agency in collection of the data indicated by the Wills Implementation Committee. ASMR has been concerned about the slow progress of redefinition of the performance measures and collection of data since the case for consideration of the worth of increased investment in H&MR would need to be made in 2003 for action in 2004. We have raised this matter with Prof Allan Pettigrew, CEO of NHMRC and are pleased that NHMRC has now formalised its performance indicator measures. ASMR has offered to assist in this process. While detailed data collection is beyond our scope and resources, we would be able to provide a number of new, well documented, case studies to demonstrate the value of investment in health and medical research in leading to improvements in the health, social and economic status of Australians. This is an area, in which input and detailed knowledge from our members and affiliate societies will be invaluable. I wish to thank those who have already provide examples and urge you to suggest further examples for case study development."

Professor Peter Schofield President, ASMR

Recommendation.

The recommendation from the Council of the ANZBMS is that our members provide specific case studies, which can be used for political advocacy, of how NHMRC funding has lead to important outcomes. These can be of a broad range, related to health, or sociological, economic and educational outcomes. These should be sent to the ANZBMS secretariat and will then be forwarded to the ASMR directors.

Christine and T. Jack Martin Research Travel Grant

Supported by a grant from "Merck Sharp & Dohme"

This grant is offered by the ANZBMS in memory of Christine Martin and to honour the outstanding and major scientific contributions of Professor T Jack Martin to bone and mineral research and his contributions to associates and trainees in teaching, research, and administration.

The aim of the Grant is to facilitate travel to undertake bone and mineral research in any aspect of basic or clinical science. It is expected that travel would be initiated in 2003. The award is open to financial members of the Society, and preference will be given to applications from members who are in the training phase of their careers. Applications up to \$15,000 (AUD) will be considered, based on merit, and funded with consideration of the proposed budget. Proposals may include attendance at major conferences and visits to laboratories, but the major purpose should include a substantially justified cooperative project, or acquisition of expertise in a particular technique or techniques. These should result in publishable outcomes, facilitate progress or completion of a higher degree, provide preliminary data for applications to major granting bodies or service to the Bone and Mineral Community.

Eligibility: Any financial member of the ANZBMS with continuous membership for 12 months, or more, will be eligible to apply. Preference will be given to members in the training phase of their careers, and current members of Council are not be eligible to apply.

Applications: Must be submitted to the Secretariat by Friday 23rd August, 2002. The application should include an itinerary for the proposed travel, a research proposal, a supporting letter from the laboratory where the major part of the work will be carried out, a budget and the curriculum vitae of the applicant.

Itinerary: A one (1) page proposal for travel, including meetings and laboratories to be visited. A general statement of the reason for the travel should be included. Indicate the contact person in each laboratory, and a brief purpose for each visit. For conferences, please note if you intend to present a paper or poster.

Research proposal: This must not exceed 3 pages (A4), including references. The proposal should include: the aims and significance of the work to be performed a brief description of methods to be used or learned and the expected outcomes (including a statement of the value of the travel / project to the applicant).

Curriculum Vitae: A summary curriculum vitae should be included for assessment of track record. This should include publications for the past three (3) years, and may include the name of at least one referee. This must not exceed 4 pages.

Supporting documentation: Applications should include a letter of support from the head of the laboratory where the major work will be undertaken. Higher degree students should also include a letter of support/endorsement from their principal supervisor indicating that they approve of the proposed travel / project.

Budget: Applications up to \$15,000 will be considered, based on merit, and funded with consideration of the proposed budget. The grant may be used for any purpose associated with achievement of the aims of the travel and research project. This includes travel and accommodation, registration at conferences and bench fees (maintenance costs) for the project to be undertaken in the proposed laboratory. A one (1) page budget proposal should be submitted.

Post Fellowship Reporting: Within 3 months of the completion of the travel/project, the applicant must submit a final report to Council indicating whether the aims were achieved, the outcomes that were realised, and the value of the Grant to the applicant's work or career. This should include whether results may be published or presented at conferences. Any publication arising from the work must acknowledge the support, in whole or in part, of the Christine and T. Jack Martin Travel Grant of the ANZBMS.

A project report should also be made available 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 and may seek up to 2 independent referees. Awarding of the grant in each year will depend on the quality of applications. Based on the number and quality of applications, the Grant may not be awarded in some years at the discretion of Council. Notification of the awarding of the grant will be made at the ASM.

Applications: Please contact the ANZBMS Secretariat for a current application coversheet. The application and coversheet should then be submitted to the ANZBMS secretariat electronically in a portable format such as MS Word, RTF, or PDF format (please contact the secretariat for compatibility with other formats).

Applications should be forwarded to: anzbms@racp.edu.au.

In exceptional circumstances, hardcopy applications will be accepted and should be forwarded to:

The Honorary Treasurer, ANZBMS Secretariat, 145 Macquarie St, SYDNEY NSW 2000

Deadline: Friday 23rd August, 2002.

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WEBSITES OF INTEREST

Australian and New Zealand Bone and Mineral Society

<http://www.racp.edu.au/anzbms>

American Society for Bone and Mineral Research

<http://www.asbmr.org>

Australian Diabetes Society

<http://www.racp.edu.au/ads>

Australian Society of Medical Research

<http://www.asmr.org.au>

American Endocrine Society

<http://www.endo-society.org>

Bone and Joint Decade

<http://www.boneandjointdecade.org>

Endocrine Society of Australia

<http://www.racp.edu.au/esa>

European Foundation for Osteoporosis

<http://www.effo.org>

Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology

<http://www.faseb.org>

International Bone and Mineral Society (IBMS)

<http://www.ibmsonline.org>

International Osteoporosis Foundation

<http://osteofound.org>

International Myeloma Foundation

<http://www.myeloma.org/imf.html>

International Society for Clinical Densitometry

<http://www.iscd.org>

International Sun Valley Hard Tissue Workshop

<http://www.utah.edu/radiobiology/>

National Health Medical and Research Council (NHMRC)

<http://www.health.gov.au/nhmrc>

National Osteoporosis Foundation

<http://www.nof.org>

Osteogenesis Imperfecta Foundation

<http://www.oif.org>

Osteoporosis Sydney Support Group

<http://www.osteoporosis.com.au>

Osteoporosis and Related Bone Diseases -National Resource Center

<http://www.osteoporosis.org>

Osteovision

<http://www.osteovision.ch>

Paget Foundation for Paget's Disease of Bone and Related Disorders

<http://www.paget.org>

Dates for the Diary

25-29th May, 2002– 29th European Symposium on Calcified Tissues-ECTS 2002, Zagreb, Croatia, Contact: European Calcified Tissue Society, Email: admin@ectsoc.org, Website: www.ectsoc.org.

30 May-2nd June, 2002-3rd International Workshop on Musculoskeletal and Neuronal Interactions, Corfu, Greece Contact: Mrs Susan Clarkson, Email: info@ismni.org, Website: www.ismni.org

10-14 June, 2002-10th World Congress on the Menopause, Berlin, Germany, Contact: CPO Hanser Service GmbH, Email: berlin@cpo-hanser.de, Website: www.menopause-berlin.de

12-15th June, 2002-2nd International Conference on Children's Bone Health, Sheffield, UK, Contact: Procon Conferences: email: debbies@procon.demon.co.uk
Website: www.procon-events.com/childbonehealth/index.htm

19-22nd June, 2002-2002 Annual Meeting of the Endocrine Society, San Francisco, USA, Contact: The Endocrine Society, Email: endostaff@endo-society.org, Website: www.endo-society.org

1-3 July, 2002-ECM III Cartilage & Joint Repair Tutorials, Basic Research & Clinical Methods, Davos, Switzerland, Contact: Website: www.aofoundation.org/events/ao/ecm/index.shtml

21-26 July, 2002-The 15th International Bone Densitometry Workshop, Monterey, CA, USA, Contact Radiology Postgraduate Education, Email: cme@radiology.ucsf.edu, Website: www\postrad.radiology.ucsf.edu

24-27 July, 2002-20th Annual Meeting of the Japanese Bone and Mineral Society, Okayama, Japan, Contact Professor Masao Fukunaga, Email: mfukunag@med.kawasaki-m.ac.jp, Website: www.jobmr.gr.jp

10-13 August, 2002-Clinical Biochemistry and Molecular Medicine 2002, Reykjavik, Iceland, Contact: Iceland Incentives Inc, Email: mail@iii.is, Website: www.iii.is

16-17 August, 2002-2nd Transplant Bone Disease Meeting, Buenos Aires, Argentina, Contact: Luisa Plantalech, Email: transbone@com4.com.au

4-8th September, 2002-1V. Baltic Bone and Cartilage Conference, Binz-Island of Ruegen, Germany, Contact Prof. Markus Seibel Email: markus_seibel@med.uni-heidelberg.de, Website: www.4bbc.de

20th-24th September, 2002 - American Society for Bone and Mineral Research 24th Annual Meeting, San Antonio Convention Center, San Antonio, Texas, USA,. Contact: (202) 367-1161, Email: asbmr@dc.sba.com, Website: www.asbmr.org

23rd-25th September, 2002 -Annual Scientific Meeting of the Endocrine Society of Australia, Adelaide Convention Centre, Adelaide, SA. ASN, PO Box 200, Balnarring Vic 3926, ph 03 5983 2400
Attn: Mike Pickford., email mp@asnevents.net.au

25-27th September, 2002 ADS/ADEA combined Annual Scientific Meeting, Adelaide Convention Centre, Adelaide. SA. ASN,
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Balnarring Vic 3926,
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6-9th October, 2002 - 12th Annual Scientific Meeting of the Australian & New Zealand Bone & Mineral Society, Adelaide. SA.
Stamford Grand Adelaide, Glenelg
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11-13th October, 2002-European Orthopaedic Research Society 12th Annual Meeting, Lausanne, Switzerland Contact: EORS 2002, Email: eors2002@hospvd.ch, Website: www.eors2002.ch

17-21st October, 2002-4th International Conference on Bone Morphogenetic Proteins, Sacramento, CA, USA, Contact A. Hari Reddi, Email: ctr@ucdmc.ucdavis.edu, Website: www.ctr.ucdmc.ucdavis.edu

24-26th October, 2002-IX Instructional Course Lectures of EFFORT, Krakow, Poland, Contact: A/P Edward Czerwinski, Email: icl@effort.pl, Website: www.effort.pl

7-9th November, 2002-Third International Meeting on Social and Economic Aspects of Osteoporosis and Osteoarthritis, Barcelona, Spain, Contact: YP Communication, Email: ypc@compuserve.com

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