

AWTRS AGM Minutes

27 October 2017

University of South Australia

In attendance: Stuart Mills, Giles Kirby, Hannah Thomas, Xanthe Strudwick, Endre Szili, Lyn Wise, Parinaz Anangas, Zlatko Kopecki, Liz Melville, Nathalie Benbow, Stuart Pitson, Michael Samuel, Natalie Stevens, Ben Hofman, Allison Cowin, Rachael Murray, Brooke Farrugia

President's report – Rachael Murray

- Thank you to the organising committee at UniSA for organising the Wound Healing Symposium. Dr Xanthe Strudwick, Dr Natalie Stevens, Dr Giles Kirby, Dr Zlatko Kopecki, Dr Stuart Mills, Professor Allison Cowin
- Since the 2016 AGM there have been changes to the AWTRS committee. ECR rep Dr Betoul Baz has left the committee due to relocation overseas. Dr Xanthe Strudwick is now the ECR representative and Dr Stuart Mills has joined as an ordinary member taking over the position that Xanthe vacated to take on the ECR position
- The society granted 3 travel awards to ECRs to attend International conferences, Christina Andrews (European Burns Association Congress), Gink Yang (European Tissue Repair Society Conference), Brooke Farrugia (International Proteoglycans Conference).
- In 2016 the society introduced a Young Investigators Award. Recipient of the 2016 award was Zlatko Kopecki. The 2017 awardee will be announced at the end of the symposium
- The AWTRS is currently putting together a new website. Any members that have content to contribute to the new website, particularly images, are encouraged to email President Rachael Murray
- 2018 Conference – joint with ASDR and MEPSA in September 2018. The venue will be Stradbroke Island. More details to come soon.

Treasurer's report – Allison Cowin

- The society is currently financially solvent.
- The main costs have been awards granted to society ECR and student members
- Main source of income was from the 2016 conference (surplus from conference was split with MEPSA), and memberships
- As the society is not for profit, if members have any new ideas for ways to support members to please contact Allison.

Membership and Secretary report – Brooke Farrugia

- Thank you to Di Carr who is the AWTRS Secretariat Support for her help throughout the year.

- At the beginning of the year emails were sent out to past members with memberships that had lapsed during the transition period of the AWTRS secretariat support.
- Changes to AWTRS memberships – from 2018 AWTRS memberships will start to transition into a calendar year format. An email will be sent out to inform members of changes. To bring current memberships into this format discounts will be applied depending on renewal date.
- We currently have 66 paid members, overall increase of 22% from previous year. 50% increase in ECR memberships and 16% increase in student memberships

ECR report – Xanthe Strudwick

- ECR Social Event - Next ECR event for the next AWTRS conference in 2018, in the meantime please enjoy the Wound Healing Symposium networking event.
- AWTRS awards for ECRs - Travel awards for international conferences, Wound Healing Symposium poster awards and 2nd AWTRS Young Investigator Award.
Newsletter articles - Spotlight on a student and Meet your ECR rep articles. ECR Profiles - new AWTRS website tab
- Website content for ECRs - ECR tabs for new AWTRS website to include; ECR awards/awardees; Events; Tips and Tricks – career development; Job Opportunities.
- Twitter - @_AWTRS ECR retweets. – recent encouragement for AWTRS student in 3MT Finals.
- Opportunities for ECRs to get involved!! ECR members of the society are encouraged to get involved with the society newsletter and website redesign and content.