

AWTRS Annual General Meeting

Friday 25th October 2019

Bio21 Institute, Parkville and Zoom Webinar

12.30pm (ACDT)

In attendance

Bio21 Institute: Brooke Farrugia, Parinaz Ahangar, Allison Cowin, Rachael Murray, Anita Quigley, Zoe West, Savannah Aitcheson

Zoom Webinar: Stuart Mills, Xanthe Strudwick, Zlatko Kopecki, Pritinder Kaur, Anjana Bairagi, Lyn Wise, Jiao Jiao Li

President's report

- The AWTRS travel award winner for the year were announced and the conferences they attended. They were as follows:
 - o Christopher Turner (UBC): 5th International Conference on Skin Integrity and Infection Prevention, British Columbia, April 2019
 - o Zhenjun Deng (UWA): 3rd International Keloid Symposium, Beijing, April 2019
 - o Nutan Chaudhari (UWA): 3rd International Keloid Symposium, Beijing, April 2019
 - o Parinaz Ahangar (UniSA): International Society for Cell and Gene Therapy, Melbourne, May 2019
- Dr Jiao Jiao Li, from the University of Sydney, was announced as the winner of the 2019 AWTRS Young Investigator Award.
- The 2019 AWTRS Tissue Repair Symposium, which had 55 attendees, 30 being students.
- The 2020 meeting details were announced. The Pan Pacific Connective Tissue Societies Symposium will be held in conjunction with the scientific meetings of the Australasian Wound & Tissue Repair Society and the Matrix Biology Society of Australia and New Zealand. The meeting will be held from November 22 – 26 2020 at the Ian Potter Auditorium, Melbourne.
- The committee members were thanked for the support throughout the year.

Treasurer's report

- The society is currently financially sound
- Income received was from memberships and the 2018 conference.
- The major component of the society's expenditure were travel awards along with fees associated with the website, teleconference and Small Talk's fee for processing the society's membership fees.

Member's Secretary report

It was noted that the AWTRS membership is now fully handled by Small Talk Event

- Memberships run from January to December.
- The AWTRS has 57 financial members, which is down from 66 in 2018.
- 39 memberships are due to expire in 31 December 2019.

ECR report

- There was a report on the Theo Murphy Initiation EMCR programme, which has a round up and video of the EMCR "Pathway to Success' on the Australian Academy of Science webpage.
- There was mention of the ECR Science Communication and Networking session, given by Emma Donnelly from comm-it, during the 2019 symposium.
- The next ECR event will be at the 2020 conference.
- The ECRs and student had profile written in the AWTRS newsletters and four were given awards to attend international conferences;
- 3rd International Keloid Symposium, Beijing, China
- 5th International Conference on Skin Integrity and Infection Prevention in Kamloops, British Columbia in April
- International Society for Cell and Gene Therapy in Melbourne in May
- The ECRs were also supported with poster prizes, travel awards and the Young Investigator Award.
- There have also been discussions to bring wound healing societies closer together particularly in the USA.
- The AWTRS twitter account was also promoted if anyone wants to share successes, visits to conferences, grants, papers, etc.
- There are also more opportunities for other ECR to get involved with the newsletter or the web design/content.

Questions

- RM asked if her and AC were considered financial member. SM replied that they were.
- RM asked about the subscription to Wound Practise and Research and whether members would again receive the journal and if it would cost. AC replied that it was under discussion with the Wounds Australia board.
- RM also wanted to congratulate Jiao Jiao on winning the YIA.

Meeting closed at 13:00 (ACDT)