

AWTRS Annual General Meeting

Friday 5th November 2021 12.00 pm (AEDT)

Via Zoom

In attendance

Brooke Farrugia (BF), Allison Cowin (AC), Pritinder Kaur (PK), Xanthe Strudwick (XS), Rachael Murray (RM), Lyn Wise (LW), Andrew Stevenson (AS), Stuart Mills (SM), Jiao-Jiao Li (JL), Ting Ong (TO), Chris Turner, Hanif Haidari, Parinaz Ahangar (PA), Long Nguyen and Hein Tran.

Apologies: Zlatko Kopecki.

President's report

- BF announced the AWTRS travel award winners for the year, as follows:
 - o Alireza Hassanshahi (UniSA) - World Union Wound Healing Society Conference
 - o Jiao Jiao Li (UTS) - TERMIS 6th World Congress
- AWTRS Young Investigator and EMCR Awards will be announced at the close of this Symposium.
- BF thanked the 2021 AWTRS Wound Healing Symposium organisers: AS, TO, JL, SM, sponsors: Abcam, AGRF and Eppendorf, and the 70 virtual attendees, the majority of which are EMCRs/students.
- BF also thanked the AWTRS Committee Office Bearers and General Members for their support throughout this year.

Treasurer's report

- The society is currently financially solvent
- The income was from memberships and the 2020 Conference.
- Expenditures included: Small Talk Events, AWTRS website, grants and travel awards.
- AC noted that income was down due to minimal profit from the 2020 conference, and that a this is expected to improve with the return of face-face meetings in 2022.

Member's Secretary report

- LW summarised the membership logistics, fee structure and benefits.
- LW announced a decrease from 62 to 47 financial members from 2020 to 2021.
- 25 memberships are due to expire on 31.12.2021.

ECR report

- EMCRs encouraged to apply for AWTRS conference support (move to virtual conferences due to COVID-19) and AWTRS Young Investigator (within 2 years of PhD) and EMCR (3-10 years post PhD) Awards.
- Report on promotion of AWTRS EMCRs through the AWTRS Newsletter: AWTRS 2021 Young Investigator of the year awarded to Hanif Haidari, AWTRS 2021 EMCR of the year awarded to PA, features on New Zealand-based AWTRS members: Caitlin Berry-Kilgour, Louise Croizat-Viallet and Gretel Major.
- EMCR and Student Presentation, Poster, and Rapid-fire Awards to be announced at the conclusion of the Symposium.

- Opportunities to get involved include Twitter - @_AWTRS, newsletter profiles and conference reports.
- Thanks were given to EMCR Organising Committee and SM for managing the Twitter account.

Questions/Comments

- AWTRS 2022 Meeting – details to be announced soon.
- Committee nominations accepted for 2020 AGM.

Meeting closed at 12:40 pm.