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Presidents Report

I can't quite believe that there's only a few more weeks of 2022 left! It has been a jam-packed year for AWTRS with our biennial scientific conference being held in September, our first in-person meeting since 2018. There are so many people I would like to thank, members of the organising committee, the scientific committee, the EMCR committee, our invited speakers, our sponsors, our fantastic PCO Small Talk Events, and last but by no means least, I would like to thank all of the delegates for attending the meeting and contributing to a fantastic few days of science! Make sure you read the conference report in this issue written by the recipients of the conference travel award.

At the conference we held our annual general meeting, during which the AWTRS committee for 2022 was elected. I would like to thank Rachael Murray, Pritinder Kaur, and Xanthe Strudwick, who have stepped down from the committee, for their contribution to the society. I would also like to welcome Rachael Moses, Caitlin Berry-Kilgour and Zahra Lotfollahi, to the committee.

In this issue of the newsletter along with the AWTRS conference report, we have a researcher profile from our 2022 AWTRS EMCR recipient Rachael Moses, a conference report from AWTRS member Mitchell St Clair-Glover, get to know two of our ECRs Eileen Wallace and Caitlin Berry-Kilgour, and in a new feature of the newsletter we have Pets of AWTRS.

We always like hearing about what our members are getting up to and their achievements, and always welcome newsletter items from AWTRS members. If you attend a conference that is of interest to the AWTRS membership, would like to be a profiled researcher or a featured ECR, please reach out to our newsletter editors Rachael Moses and Caitlin

With only a few more days of 2022 left I would like to thank all our members for your support throughout the year, and to wish everyone a happy and safe time over the holiday period.

Dr Brooke Farrugia
AWTRS President



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Conference Report 2022



The AWTRS 2022 Scientific Meeting was held between the 12th-14th September in Darling Harbour, Sydney, Australia. The meeting hosted leading delegates in various sectors including scientists and clinicians from Australia and internationally New Zealand, and Singapore. The forum covered a wide range of research and clinical

range of topics including research challenges, innovation, clinical trials, and clinical applications for wound infection, regenerative medicine, burns, inflammation, and fibrosis as well as EMCR development sessions. For the 2022 AWTRS Conference Report written by our travel award attendees, click [here](#).



AWTRS 2022 EMCR Award

Dr Rae Moses

The Society is proud to present the 2022 AWTRS EMCR Award to Dr Rachael Moses. A post-doctoral researcher in the Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry & Health Science, University of Melbourne, Rae aims to produce a viable 3D organotypic chronic wound model to replace rodent wound healing models, with the additional aim of replacing animal-derived products within the model. Development of this model will provide a greater understanding of the biology of chronic wounds, leading to more precise assessment of potential novel therapeutics for treatment. Click [here](#) to read more about Rae's research as an EMCR and how her cell biology research is



TERMIS-AP 2022 Conference Attendance Report

Written by Mitchell St Clair-Glover

The Tissue Engineering and Regenerative Medicine International Society (TERMIS) Asia-Pacific Chapter conference took place on Jeju Island, South Korea, from the 5th to the 8th October 2022. AWTRS member Mitchell St Clair-Glover from the University of Wollongong provides us with a conference report summarising his experience as an EMCR attendee [here](#).

AWTRS Member Publications

The AWTRS believes that promoting the knowledge and interchange between scientists, healthcare professionals, industry and other individuals that have an interest in wound healing and tissue repair will lead to improved wound outcomes. With this in mind, we aim to promote the research produced by our members with the addition of the following list of selected [AWTRS member publications](#) from 2022. If you would like to have your research included in our future issues, please email Rae Moses rachael.moses@unimelb.edu.au or Caitlin Berry-Kilgour caitlin.berrykilgour@postgrad.otago.ac.nz with the details of your publication.

Meet Our ECRs

Eileen Wallace (University of Wollongong) & Caitlin Berry-Kilgour (University of Otago)



Take the opportunity to get to know two of our early career researchers - [Eileen Wallace](#) from the University of Wollongong, New South Wales, and [Caitlin Berry-Kilgour](#) from the University of Otago, New Zealand. For their "me in three" introductions, click [here](#).

Upcoming Meetings

Tissue Engineering and Regenerative Medicine International Society (TERMIS) European Chapter Conference 28th-31st March 2023, Manchester Central Convention Centre, Manchester, UK

<https://eu2023.termis.org/>

Tissue Engineering and Regenerative Medicine International Society (TERMIS) Americas Chapter Conference 11-14th April 2023, Boston Marriott Copley Place, Boston, MA, USA

<https://am2023.termis.org/>

Australasian Society for Biomaterials and Tissue Engineering (ASBTE) 12-14th April 2023, Christchurch, New Zealand

<https://www.asbte2023.co.nz/>

International Societies for Investigative Dermatology 2023, 10-13th May 2023, Keio Plaza Hotel Tokyo, Tokyo, Japan

<https://isid2023.org/>

Biomaterials and Tissue Engineering Gordon Research Conference (GRC): Design, Function and Translation of Instructive Materials, 16th-21st July 2023, Holderness School, NH, USA

<https://www.grc.org/biomaterials-and-tissue-engineering-conference/2023/>

/ Hong Kong Science & Technology Park, Hong Kong

<https://ap2023.termis.org/>

Upcoming Workshops/Symposiums

10th TERMIS WinterSchool 2023 - "A Workshop Series on Current Hot Topics in Regenerative Medicine" January 8-11, 2023, Radstadt, Austria

Contact Heinz Redl at office@trauma.lbg.ac.at

Twelfth Symposium: Biologic Scaffolds for Regenerative Medicine, May 18-20, 2023, Silverado Resort - Napa, CA

<https://mirm-pitt.net/professional-development/special-events/biologic-scaffolds-for-regenerative-medicine/>

Pets of AWTRS

We are starting a new segment in our newsletters - pets of AWTRS! We are taking submissions from now onwards, so send a picture of your furry (or not furry) companion and a short blurb to Rae Moses rachael.moses@unimelb.edu.au or Caitlin Berry- Kilgour caitlin.berrykilgour@postgrad.otago.ac.nz to have your pet be featured in the next newsletter.



Our first pet feature goes to newsletter editor Caitlin Berry-Kilgour's cats **Fifi** (left) and **Boyd** (right). They are recently adopted rescues who are being well-loved in their forever home. Fifi is a fluffy queen who thinks the world is made just for her, and Boyd is her quieter brother who enjoys the simple things like a long day lounging in the sunshine.

charities or see the websites for SPCA [Australia](#) and [New Zealand](#).

AWTRS is on twitter!

Follow the society's twitter account [@_AWTRS](#). Feel free to tag information that you think other members of the society will be interested in

AWTRS Executive Officers and Committee Members

Meet the [executive officers and committee members](#)

Membership Benefits

AWTRS Newsletter – contains news of upcoming meetings, extensive coverage of meetings and workshops, research highlights, job adverts and much more.

Advanced notification of the AWTRS biennial meeting as well as focus meetings.

Significant discounts on registration rates for the AWTRS conferences – members are entitled to a discount from the regular registration rate.

Travel Awards are presented to AWTRS members to present at national and international conferences or meetings based on an application process. Details of the travel awards will be sent out to the society's mailing list and will appear in the AWTRS newsletter.

Young Investigator Awards are granted each year - details of the awards, eligibility and how to apply can be found [online](#), in the newsletter and will be sent out to the society's mailing list.

Rates

	1 Year Membership	3 Year Membership
Ordinary Membership	\$80	\$200
Student Membership	\$30	\$80
Corporate Membership	\$360	n/a

To join, renew, or update your membership details [click here](#).

Please direct any general membership queries to Lyn Wise (lyn.wise@otago.ac.nz) and any payment queries to Clive McFarland at Small Talk Events

This is a biannual newsletter that covers news from the Australasian Wound & Tissue Repair Society. If there are any budding science writers out there who would like to contribute news, reports or articles to the newsletter we are always happy to receive them. Just send to: Rae Moses rachael.moses@unimelb.edu.au or Caitlin Berry-Kilgour caitlin.berrykilgour@postgrad.otago.ac.nz



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