

## From the President's desk

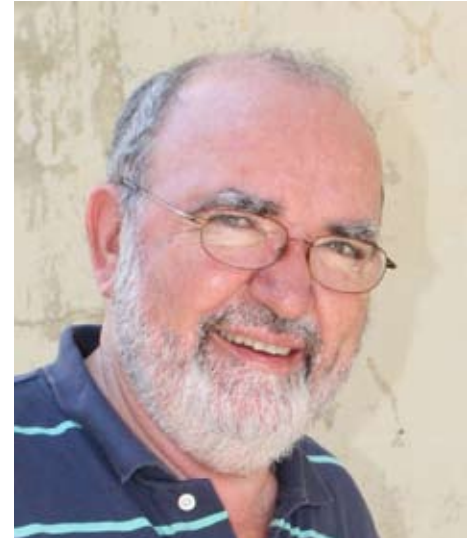
Your Executive team has been very active since the AGM in July attending to a number of important ASP matters.

At the End of Term Meeting in July the Executive was given responsibility to bring the Network activities within the ASP umbrella, to negotiate a new agreement with UTS to host the Network, to ensure we continue to capture the benefits of Network activities and to maintain the Coordinator position. I am pleased to report that an agreement with UTS is now complete for the next two years. Network activities are now integrated within the ASP and I am delighted that Lisa Jones has agreed to continue as Communications and Strategic Development Coordinator and Nick Smith has agreed to serve as Convenor. Nick and Lisa will both serve on Council as non-voting members. To streamline award administration, Lisa and Nick will administer the J.D. Smyth Postgraduate Travel Awards; Researcher Exchange, Training and Travel Awards; the ASP Student Travel Grants and the ASP Invited Lectureship Travel Grants on behalf of the ASP.

We are in the process of establishing the Network Management Committee (NMC) which will comprise the Network Convenor, the Network Communications and Development Coordinator, the three members of the ASP Executive, the Chief Investigator of the OzEMaR collaborative initiative and up to two other members of the ASP. To reduce costs, the NMC will meet annually face to face at the ASP annual conference and otherwise by conference call.

ASP Council established that the goals for the Network are to further the strategic development of Australian parasitology research; to assess applications for the awards described above; and to raise the awareness of Australian parasitology with the general public through the development of outreach initiatives. In terms of reporting, the Network will prepare six Newsletters per annum for the ASP membership and an annual report for the ASP members, to be submitted by March 31 each year, covering activities, progress against goals and a budget report.

With Michelle Power stepping down as Editor, Council has approved the co-opting of Lisa Jones as Newsletter Editor from 1 Jan 2010 under Article IV, Section 1 of the ASP Constitution.



As Editor, Lisa will serve on Council as a non-voting member until the next AGM at ICOPA XII in August 2010 when we will call for nominees. We agreed that more frequent smaller Newsletters are better received so Lisa will prepare six Newsletters each year.

Council has also agreed that the planned Extraordinary ASP General Meeting will be held over until the next AGM at ICOPA to conserve funds.

The plans for the Strategic Planning Exercise are well advanced. To ensure a professional outcome, Council approved the contracting of Maree Conway of Thinking Futures to facilitate the Exercise. Maree is familiar with the ASP through her Secretariat duties. She has facilitated and managed futures-focused strategy projects and workshops in national and international environments for Universities, professional associations, government Departments and business organisations. Maree conducted a Web survey of members in Nov-Dec 2009: we received 57 completed surveys with a valuable range of comments (13.5% of members). I thank those members who took the time to respond. This survey will now be considered by the Strategic Planning Committee and Council and then will be made available to members. The next steps are to conduct a scan of the global environmental trends that affect the ASP, prepare a President's Issues Paper to identify challenges facing the ASP and conduct a

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Strategic Planning Workshop on 17-18 February 2010 in Melbourne where we meet as a group to discuss the issues brought up by ASP members and project the ASP's future. A final report from Thinking Futures is due to Council in late February 2010. I will keep members informed of progress.

Plans for ICOPA XII continue apace. The Program is almost finalised (I keep receiving suggestions from across the globe!) and we have an eminent group of invited Plenaries, Chairs and Headline speakers. Brown Besier has assembled an excellent Program for the Workshops on "Novel approaches to the control of helminth parasites of livestock" with 24 invited speakers: this promises to be a highlight of the meeting. Keep checking the updates at [www.icopaxii.org](http://www.icopaxii.org). Fund raising is going well with 10,000 pounds recently confirmed from the Wellcome Trust for travel awards for delegates from developing countries.

The ICOPA Organising Committee is sending out regular broadcast emails with updates on the Conference: if you are not receiving these updates please contact the ASN office at 03-5983 2400 or [icopa@asnevents.net.au](mailto:icopa@asnevents.net.au). We ask all members to keep raising the awareness of ICOPA and encourage your collaborators and students to attend. As is our usual custom, we will be offering ASP Student Travel Grants to ASP student members registered at an Australian University.

I wish all members a peaceful and enjoyable Christmas break with your partners and families and look forward to being in touch in 2010, a most interesting year for our Society.

Regards  
Terry

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# Network Researcher Exchange, Training and Travel Awards

## Network Travel Award Winners

Congratulations to the most recent Network Exchange, Training and Travel Award Winners:

Sejal Gohil, Monash, to attend Biology of Parasitism: Modern Approaches course at MBL, Woods Hole, USA.

Natalie Spillman, ANU, to attend Biology of Parasitism: Modern Approaches course at MBL, Woods Hole, USA

## Travel Award Application dates for 2010

The Network Researcher Exchange Training and Travel Award scheme has been an outstanding success and young researchers are particularly encouraged to apply for assistance.

**In 2010 there are three applications round with the following deadlines:**

**Friday January 29**

**Friday May 28**

**Friday October 1**

Applications will be assessed by a specific

assessment committee and applicants will be advised of the outcome, where possible, within 4 weeks.

The best application from an eligible student in each round will be selected as a winner of the prestigious J.D. Smyth Postgraduate Travel Award.

All applicants must be current ASP members to be eligible to apply for the Travel Awards.

For more information see the Network website [www.parasite.org.au/arcnet/funding](http://www.parasite.org.au/arcnet/funding)

Download an application form  
[www.parasite.org.au/arcnet/funding/travel\\_form.doc](http://www.parasite.org.au/arcnet/funding/travel_form.doc)

Guidelines for the Network Researcher Exchange, Training and Travel Awards can be found at [www.parasite.org.au/arcnet/funding/travel\\_guide.pdf](http://www.parasite.org.au/arcnet/funding/travel_guide.pdf)

## J.D. Smyth Postgraduate Travel Award Report

In November, I travelled to Washington, DC to attend the 58th American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene Annual Meeting and presented a poster presentation entitled: "Cloning and characterization of *Schistosoma japonicum* insulin receptors: potential new intervention targets against schistosomiasis".

The conference, held in the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel Washington, brought together many world class experts in tropical disease including a number from my own area of interest, helminth infections. Many excellent reports were presented at the conference including research developments in malaria, schistosomiasis and other areas of parasitology. The conference allowed me to meet some of the most prominent researchers in my field, and provided a great opportunity to refine and share new ideas and techniques on a range of pathogens. The meeting also provided a forum for me to have my research reviewed by international leaders and to obtain up-to-date information in a range of related topics.

After the conference I visited George Washington University, where I was hosted by the laboratory of Professor Paul Brindley. I presented a talk on my research into schistosome insulin receptors to the department of Microbiology, Immunology, and Tropical Medicine and had productive discussions with many people with similar interests to myself. I was able to speak with each member of the Brindley team on a one-on-one basis, gaining valuable tips for the analysis of my data and forming important contacts for the future. I received a lot of good suggestions for future work including how to undertake RNA interference experiments to block the insulin binding sites or the signal transduction of parasite insulin receptors, and to measure

## Awards cont.

tyrosine kinase activity and functional analyses in the future.

I also visited the Laboratory of Dr. John Hawdon at George Washington University, who is dissecting similar pathways in hookworm larvae by identifying the host-specific signal and its receptor, and the molecules involved in the transduction of this signal and the molecular events associated with development. His project, which is quite similar to my own studies, has led to the formation of many new ideas that will undoubtedly improve the quality of my work.

Overall, this extremely valuable trip helped me to broaden my knowledge and strengthen my understanding of helminth immunology, which will aid me greatly in writing my PhD thesis. Additionally, attending the meeting as well as my laboratory visits enabled me to make many important contacts and to investigate future postdoctoral and/or collaborative opportunities, providing an important stepping stone into the next phase of my career.

I would like to sincerely thank the Australian Society for Parasitology for granting me a JD Smyth Travel Award and making this rewarding experience possible.

Hong You, QIMR

## 2009 Fellow of the ASP

### Maria Anna Meuleman

The International Journal for Parasitology (IJP) is sponsored by the Australian Society for Parasitology (ASP). It is a source of great pride for the Society and financial support of many of our projects. Maria Meuleman has served the Society as editorial assistant for the IJP on several occasions since 1995 and continuously since 2000. This includes a shift from Sydney to Melbourne. Maria's role has been to support the Editor-in-Chief in every aspect of handling papers for the Journal and running the Journal Office. She has a significant role in holding the members of the editorial team together.

During her period of tenure the profile and status of the journal have increased at an exceptional rate. The major features are increasing submissions, impact factor and income to the Society. Submissions now top 600 articles per year. Thirteen of the last 14 years have seen increases in impact factor from 1.2 in 1995 to nearly 3.5 in 2007, so that it is now the leading research based journal publishing exclusively in parasitology. Income has also steadily increased and represents the major income stream for the Society.

Maria has provided much of the support to underpin this advance and remains an integral part of that success. During this time she has worked with 5 different Editors-in-Chief and 4 Elsevier representatives. The continuity of her role provides significant corporate memory

of the activities and practices of the Journal. A major driver for the success and the ever-improving metrics has been Maria's commitment to the rapid and efficient processing of papers. Statistics for a period in 2005 place the IJP above all other journals in the area. Reports indicate that the average time from submission of papers were: Editors assigned, 1.1 days; reviewers invited in 5.3 days and reviews completed in 21.4 days. Maria was also involved in pioneering improvements not yet adopted by other journals including email submission, on line editing, on line submission (Elsevier Electronic Submission) including the design of the interface components and the Society Service for free member access to papers. Maria also provided an electronic presence for the IJP and her polite, but persistent pursuit of late reports not only helps speed the process, but also lets the scientific community know the IJP is serious about the process. She is also a key point of contact for the Specialist Editors.

The IJP's success, and in turn the flourishing of the ASP, owes a great deal to the professionalism, high standards, commitment and passion Maria has displayed for more than a decade in her role as Editorial Assistant. She is the lynch pin of the Journal.

Maria has provided conspicuous service to the ASP and deserves the award of Fellow of the Society.

Read an interview with Maria in the October 2009 Network Newsletter

[www.parasite.org.au/arcnet/news/newsletters/Newsletter\\_071009.pdf](http://www.parasite.org.au/arcnet/news/newsletters/Newsletter_071009.pdf)

### Closing Dates for Nominations for ASP Awards

Bancroft-Mackerras Award  
30 September 2010 (for award in 2011)

JFA Sprent Prize  
30 September 2010

ASP Fellowships  
By 9 January 2010

Visit the ASP website for more  
**information [www.parasite.org.au](http://www.parasite.org.au)**



Maria Meuleman awarded Fellow of the Australian Society for Parasitology in 2009



# Events

## **"Parasites in Focus" exhibition at the Wollongong Science Centre**

60 Squires Way, Fairy Meadow (Innovation Campus)

Wollongong

Phone: (02) 4286 5000

Web: [sciencecentre.uow.edu.au](http://sciencecentre.uow.edu.au)

Twenty-six superb photographic prints showing the amazing microscopic world of the parasite accompanied by three hands-on parasite exhibits: parasite game show "Who's my host?", "Virtual Microscope" and "Real Microscope" to view parasites close up in all their glory.

Check Network Events on our website to find out when Parasites in Focus will be at a venue near you, or contact Lisa ([Lisa.Jones@uts.edu.au](mailto:Lisa.Jones@uts.edu.au)) if you would like to host the exhibition.

**<http://www.parasite.org.au/arcnet/events>**



# Network Mentorship Scheme

Early career researchers are encouraged to apply to the Network Convenor ([nick.smith@uts.edu.au](mailto:nick.smith@uts.edu.au)), in strict confidence, for funding to participate in the Network Mentorship Scheme. The scheme allows young investigators to be paired with experienced, successful researchers to discuss, plan, prioritise and set targets for their career. Typically, the early career researcher will fly to the institute of a senior parasitologist and spend a day there. Arrangements for professional

development and progress to be reviewed by the pair annually can also be arranged. Importantly, mentors need not be from an individual's home institution but can be drawn from across the Network. The scheme has proved very valuable for several young researchers and their mentors already.

To apply, simply write to Nick Smith ([nick.smith@uts.edu.au](mailto:nick.smith@uts.edu.au)) with a brief outline of your research interests and aspirations. You can also indicate a preferred mentor or ask Nick for advice on whom amongst the Network participants may be most suitable.

# XIIth International Congress of Parasitology

## 1. Registration now open

Delegates can now register direct from the web page. The early bird discounted rate is now available and accommodation can be booked at the same time.

[www.icopaxii.org](http://www.icopaxii.org)

## 2. Satellites and pre-meetings

Detail of a number of meetings is now being added to the web. Check the website for more details.

[www.icopaxii.org](http://www.icopaxii.org)

## 3. Workshops within the program

Several exciting workshops have been planned within the program, one example is 'Working with Parasite Genomic Databases'.

The objective of this workshop is to provide participants with an overview of genomic resources offered by the EuPathDB family of databases. The workshop will include a comprehensive demonstration and hands on exercises to help familiarize participants with the available tools and to enhance their interaction with available genome scale data sets. The EuPathDB (<http://eupathdb.org>) family of databases includes CryptoDB, GiardiaDB,

PlasmoDB, ToxoDB, TriTrypDB and TrichDB.

To submit your abstract, register and for further information please visit the conference website:

[www.icopaxii.org](http://www.icopaxii.org)

## **XIIth International Congress of Parasitology (ICOPA) Melbourne, 15-20th August 2010**

### **Application for ASP Student Travel Grant**

The Australian Society for Parasitology Inc. provides support for full-time students enrolled in a higher degree at a recognized Australian University, and for recent graduates of less than 1 year's duration, to attend the ASP conference.

Download an application form from the Network website

[http://www.parasite.org.au/arcnet/conference/ASPstudent\\_travel.doc](http://www.parasite.org.au/arcnet/conference/ASPstudent_travel.doc)

Closing date for Applications: **15 May 2010**

Visit the Network website for more information [www.parasite.org.au](http://www.parasite.org.au)

# Bancroft-Mackerras Medal guidelines

## **Nominations for Bancroft-Mackerras Medal**

The Bancroft-Mackerras Medal may be awarded to a member of the Society who, in the opinion of the selection committee, has made an outstanding contribution to the science of parasitology, particularly in work published during the last five years.

Nominations should be made by a proposer and

seconder, and should consist of:

A detailed statement of nomination describing the nature of the "outstanding contribution to the science of parasitology" for which he/she has been responsible. The statement should be signed by the proposer and seconder, or each may submit a separate statement.

A curriculum vitae including a list of all publications.

Note that the Medal is intended for members

whose research program has been productive during the last five years. The permission of the nominee is not required and the nominee need not be aware of the nomination.

Nominations should be sent direct to the current ASP Executive Secretary. Detailed information on nomination and selection procedures is given in the By-Laws of the ASP Constitution. Nominations are due each year at the end of September.

# State News

## New South Wales

### University of Sydney

#### Dawbuts Opening

A new Veterinary Consultancy business with a focus on animal parasitology has opened in Camden, NSW. The company officially opened its doors on 4 December 2009. Dawbuts will offer research, training and commercial laboratory services. The company website is [dawbuts.com](http://dawbuts.com)

Director Dr. Matt Playford is a graduate of the University of Sydney Faculty of Veterinary Science and completed his PhD in parasitology at Hokkaido University, Japan. Trish Cartwright is the Practice Manager.



The official Dawbuts opening, with Brett McGrath from the office of the Hon. Pat Farmer, MLA, Member for Macarthur, unveiling the Dawbuts sign, along with Matt Playford.

#### Theileriosis workshop in Sydney on 1 September 2009

Industry & Investment NSW hosted a workshop on bovine theileriosis in Australia, at the Stamford Plaza Sydney Airport. A total of 34 representatives of industry, veterinary practices, government and research institutions assembled to receive a briefing on this emerging parasitic disease, and discuss issues such as diagnostics/ case definition, vector studies, aetiology, prevalence, therapeutics, research priorities and communications. The meeting gave support to establishing a steering committee for theileriosis research, which will report to the Animal Health Committee. (I&I NSW report that theileriosis was identified in 29 'outbreaks' of cattle disease in 2008, in which approximately 700 cattle are believed to have died).



Theileriosis workshop delegates discussing options for therapeutics.

## Parasitology Laboratory @ McMaster Building, Faculty of Veterinary Science, University of Sydney

Our student Jessica King is in her final stages of her PhD. Besides compiling her results revolving around *Neospora caninum* into publications and her Thesis, she has been invited to present at the 'Global Biosecurity Conference 2010: Safeguarding agriculture and the environment' to be held in Brisbane next year (February 2010). Jess will be presenting a paper entitled, 'Foxes and on farm biosecurity: have they a role in bovine *Neospora* abortion?'. Ashlie Hartigan, has started a PhD journey earlier this year – she aims to resolve the impact of myxosporidian parasites on Australian frog species. With the main focus on the endangered Green and Golden Bell Frog, she has made a significant leap in knowledge that attracted attention from the Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water and the Australian Registry of Wildlife Health and an invitation to present the results to them. Ashlie was awarded an ARC/NHMRC Network for Parasitology travel grant to travel to the Czech Republic to learn the skill of transmission electron microscopy at the Czech Republic's Academy of Sciences in Ceske Budejovice. There - at the Department of Parasitology ([www.paru.cas.cz](http://www.paru.cas.cz)) – Ashlie has been guided by Professor Iva Dykova who is one of the world's leading experts in myxosporidia and parasites of fish. Besides ultrastructure, she has been introduced to the field of phylogenetic analysis of myxosporidia by Dr. Ivan Fiala. Whilst

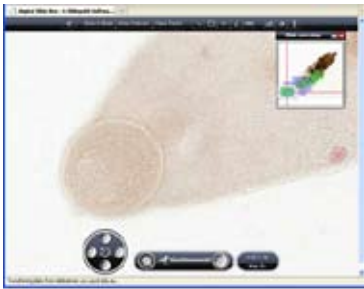
there, she enriched her data and was invited to submit a paper for the 'European Association of Fish Pathologists Conference'. Ashlie's paper was accepted and, with kind support from the Faculty, she soon found herself on the plane to gorgeous Prague to present her research at the Myxozoan workshop – and learning and discussing how to adopt research approaches from fish hosts into amphibians. Ashlie is already booked to present her research at the Australian Veterinary Association Conference in Brisbane next year. Jan Slapeta has been trying hard to find time to do more labwork than paperwork; fortunately, he was funded by the Australian Academy of Sciences and flown to Paris to spend August at the Institute of Jacques Monod in the lab of Prof. Jean-Michelle Camadro and Emmanuel Lesuisse to dissect out the iron transport of *Chromera velia* – the organism that is the closest free living link to the Apicomplexa. Work on *Chromera* has been further supported by two Honours students, Jin Guo and Kate Wheatherby, both finishing with great results – congrats! On the diagnostic side we have pondered about *Tritrichomonas foetus* in cats – with a few cultures at hand we hope to figure this one out! At least from this year onwards all our students have living creatures to look at during our parasitology practicals. And last but not least - the teaching! It has been a busy year, but which one is not? The good news for us was that the University of Sydney has decided to fund Jan's virtual microscopy project and, together with pathologists and microbiologists have now rolled out a virtual slide libraries. Now, we have digitised whatever we could - well we are still missing a lot but we have a great foundation (Jan may contact you soon or later asking for some specimen, hope you won't mind). We now use a central University system developed SlidePath ([www.slidepath.com](http://www.slidepath.com)) and to see what is it capable of check this one out: <http://slidebox.ucc.usyd.edu.au/dsb/snapshotViewer.php?snapshotID=fef02daad8cf0dc350b83cf616cd18dd>



14th EAFF – "Diseases of Fish and Shellfish", but Ashlie (second from left) has presented research on myxozoa affecting Australian frogs.



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Virtual Microscopy – inspecting ultrastructure of the Lancelot fluke.

Now students can access all our teaching slides 24/7 over the internet and researchers or diagnosticians collaborate remotely and diagnosticians diagnose.

## Institute for the Biotechnology of Infectious Diseases

Since the last ASP Newsletter, there has been a lot happening in the parasitology teams in IBID. Andrew Hutchinson joined Mark Robinson and Nick Smith, in collaboration with past IBID members, John Dalton and Sheila Donnelly, as a postdoctoral fellow on a project to investigate the ability of secretory products of the helminth parasite, *Fasciola hepatica*, to inhibit macrophage activity. Sheila, herself, returned from Ireland for a couple of months to help Andrew settle into his new role. In June, Alana Zakrzewski, Rowan Ikin and Nick Smith took off for The Netherlands to present their group's work on innate immune responses to *Toxoplasma gondii* at the 10th International Congress on Toxoplasmosis. They also took the opportunity to visit Nick's old stamping grounds in Zurich, Switzerland and, jointly, presented a seminar at the Institute for Parasitology at the University of Zurich, thanks to an invitation from Nick's good friend, former colleague and now Director of the institute, Peter Deplazes.

At the end of June, Mike Lees submitted his PhD thesis entitled, "A role for the P2X7 receptor in the immune response to *Toxoplasma gondii*"; at the time of writing, Mike is still eagerly awaiting the examiner's reports. Meanwhile, he has been accepted into Medicine at Notre Dame University, starting in 2010. Catherine James, Rob Walker and Stephane Hemmerter received their PhDs at the UTS October graduation ceremony. Catherine is currently a postdoctoral fellow in the bacterial pathogenesis team in IBID at

UTS, Rob will leave Australia in January for the Pasteur Institute in Lille, France, as a postdoc working on *Toxoplasma*, while Stephane will commence Medicine at The University of Sydney. In November, Louise Harkness and Lisa Yang successfully completed their Honours degrees at UTS, their research being focused on immunity to *Toxoplasma* and *Neospora*, respectively.

Back in July, again, most of the IBID parasitologists attended the outstanding annual ASP/Network for Parasitology Conference at the University of Sydney, with several students – Amanda Hudson, Rowan Ikin, Philippa Sharman, Lisa Yang and Alana Zakrzewski – presenting their research, with Rowan and Alana lucky enough to take home the prizes for best student presentations. Alana also won the major prize for Young Investigators at the annual Royal North Shore Hospital/University of Sydney/UTS/Kolling Institute Scientific Meeting; the prize of \$4000 will allow Alana to attend an international conference of her choice in 2010.

In mid-November, Michael Wallach took off for 4 months in Israel, where he will be lecturing at the Technion and exploring some collaborative research opportunities. Which brings us to December and, sadly, the departure of two stalwarts of parasitology research at UTS, Marilyn Katrib and Kate Miller. Marilyn has had two stints as a postdoctoral fellow with Nick Smith, studying the cell and molecular biology of *Eimeria* and helping with the vaccine research that has been a part of IBID for a decade. She also developed into a truly fine lecturer in her time at UTS, greatly appreciated by all the undergraduate students who had the good fortune to be in her classes. Maz is going take some "time out" to decide her next career move and we wish her all the very best, sure in the knowledge that whatever she decides to do, she will be a great success. Kate leaves UTS after 12 years of amazing service. As a part-time researcher, raising a family of four children, her achievements have been stunning – she's published over 20 articles and been instrumental – especially in recent years – in guiding several PhD students through to completion. Her patience, generosity, knowledge and wisdom is legendary amongst IBID graduate students. She'll be very badly missed. However, IBID's loss is Australian Catholic University's gain as she will commence there as a lecturer/tutor in anatomy, physiology and immunology in mid-January. She is sure to quickly become one of their stars.

## Queensland School of Veterinary Science, University of Queensland

Malcolm Jones and Geoff Gobert from QIMR won an ARC Discovery Grant to study adaptations to embryogenesis and early development in schistosomes. This work continues their research into tissue-specific transcriptomics of schistosomes using laser microdissection and microarray technologies. In September, Mal and Alex Loukas, from QIMR, attended the inaugural Schisto Molecular Toolbox Workshop, held at University of California San Francisco, as invited speakers. Martin Kašný from Charles University in the Czech Republic recently won a prestigious Group of Eight Universities European Fellowship to work with Mal in 2010 on tegument biology of schistosomes. Martin is not new to our shores, having worked previously with John Dalton at UTS during his PhD. Prof Jim Rothwell, (with joint investigators Dr Elizabeth McGraw, Professor Scott O'Neill, School of Integrative Biology, UQ, Dr Wayne Jorgensen, Dr Peter James, Dr Bing Zhang QDPI&F, Yeerongpilly, Dr Keith Floate, Agriculture Canada, Lethbridge, Alberta) have received funding from MLA to develop an *in vitro* culture system for buffalo fly. This will be used to determine whether experimental *Wolbachia* infection can be established in buffalo fly and to work towards better control of this species.

Congratulations to Glen Coleman and Rebecca Traub who have recently been promoted to Associate Professor and Senior Lecturer, respectively. Tamsin Barnes became a Member of the Australian College of Veterinary Scientists Epidemiology Chapter and has been appointed Lecturer in Veterinary Epidemiology. Christian Gray, from the parasitology group, and Emily Piper from the Animal Genetics Laboratory (AGL), are involved in a cattle trial, which aims to examine differences in immune response, including skin immunity, between *Bos taurus* and *B. indicus* cattle.

The Parasitology Laboratory, along with the rest of the UQ Veterinary School, is preparing to move to its brand new location. New facilities have been built at the Gatton campus, which is approximately 90 kilometres west of Brisbane on the road to Toowoomba. Lyn Knott is busy organising the Lab move – it should be up and running again by 1st March.

In August, Jim Rothwell, Steven Kopp, Leigh Cuttell from SVS and Andrew Kotze, CSIRO

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attended WAAVP in Calgary. Jim Rothwell and Peter James from QPIF visited Felix Guerrero at Knipling-Bushland, US Livestock Insects Research Laboratory, Kerrville, Texas. Jim also visited Dr Kevin Floate at Lethbridge Research Centre, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada to discuss matters arthropod!



Jim Rothwell, Steven Kopp, Leigh Cuttell at Lake Louise, Alberta

November welcomed Dr Riddhi Pednekar, Assistant Professor, Bombay Veterinary College to the SVS. Riddhi spent 5 weeks at Rebecca's lab as part of a collaboration on canine vector borne diseases and gastrointestinal parasites in India funded by Bayer Animal Health. We also welcome Dr Robyn Nagel, a specialist gastroenterologist who will be undertaking her PhD with Rebecca, Helle Bielefeldt-Ohmann and Paul Mills on the clinical significance of *Blastocystis* in humans. Leigh Cuttell recently accompanied Rebecca to Bali where they met with the parasitologists from the University of Udayana as part of an ACIAR-funded collaborative project (SARDI) on the control of swine-related parasitic zoonoses in Papua. Rebecca was invited, and participated in, the Bayer Animal Health Asia Pacific Forum on canine vector-borne diseases held in Bangkok in November.

The UQ Veterinary School has just purchased a DeltaVision Personal DV: Live-cell Deconvolution Microscope. We are currently using this microscope to photograph parasites and tissue sections using DIC and four colour immunofluorescence. Recently, we used this microscope to track and photograph live cells over a 48 hour period. We are looking for opportunities to collaborate with other research groups to maximise the potential of this microscope.

## School of Chemistry and Molecular Biosciences, University of Queensland

The BSc review at UQ has finally caught up with third level courses. The only bonafide parasitology course remaining from 2010 is PARA3002: Biomedical Parasitology. Nevertheless, parasitology will still be taught within several other courses as small modules. Peter O'Donoghue, Tom Cribb and Steve Barker are still taking on postgraduate students and parasitology research continues unabated. POD has almost finished the PARA-SITE website with the UQ biological artist Lynn Pryor and it will be launched soon for review (probable official launch in conjunction with ICOPA). Tom Cribb has been on sabbatical for the last semester, but has still surfaced at work between his fishing expeditions over the Pacific. Steve Barker is currently in South Africa collecting material and attending a conference.

## Queensland Museum News

The CReefs grant, jointly funded by ABRS and BHP Billiton, awarded to Rob Adlard (with Joint Investigators, Tom Cribb at UQ, and Ian Beveridge at Uni Melb) is in full swing, with Terry Miller returning to Brisbane from his native US of A to take up the 3-year position of CReefs Research Officer based at the QM. Terry and PhD student Holly Heiniger (principal supervisor Rob Adlard) have just returned from a 3-week collection trip at Heron Island, where they gathered the endoparasite riches from over 150 fish.

Rob and Tom Cribb have just returned themselves from a collection trip to Moorea, French Polynesia, hosted by Pierre Sasal from the French research station, CRIOBE, located at the end of Oponohu Bay in the island's north. They were joined in the station's lab by Rod Bray of the Natural History Museum in London and Harry Palm, a trypanorhynch expert from Dusseldorf in Germany. As usual, each day started with a crafty stalking of fish hosts with spear-guns then a return to the lab for dissection and parasite discovery. This collection trip was partly funded by 'BioCode Moorea' a joint project of UC Berkeley and CRIOBE, to create the first comprehensive inventory of all non-microbial life

in a complex tropical ecosystem.

Mal Bryant has been busy during the last few months, relocating the considerable slide and dry collection of parasites to allow construction of a new electronic compactus system which was commissioned in early December and provides excellent storage for the collection.

It is great to report that Nicole Gunter (principal supervisor Rob Adlard) has now been awarded her PhD but we have lost her to the insect world in Canberra where she has taken up a postdoctoral position with Stephen Cameron working on the evolution of beetles. PhD student Mieke Burger (principal supervisor Rob Adlard) is nearing completion but has now flown the coop (and the east coast) to Perth where she will finish her writing for submission in the first half of 2010 – good luck Mieke. Ricky Gleeson and Rob collected myxozoans from elasmobranchs in Tasmania earlier in the year and Rick is now looking at some more local collections prior to the final push for his thesis. PhD student Stephen Atkinson who works remotely at Oregon State University in Corvallis is also nearing completion of the work he has done on freshwater myxozoan parasites of fish and will complete his PhD also in the first half of 2010.

## Victoria Marine Biomedical Sciences and Health Research, RMIT University

The Marine Biomedical Sciences group at RMIT University encompasses various research areas in the field of human health, allergy and application in marine biotechnology, with a focus on the health effects of natural and recombinant seafood proteins and understanding the underlying immunological reactions on molecular and cellular level; the molecular modification of allergenic proteins and the development of improved and novel diagnostic approaches towards safe immunotherapy.

Associate Professor Andreas Lopata is the group leader, Shokoofeh Shamsi is a Post Doctoral Research Fellow working on species identification of *Anisakis*, a common fish parasite important for aquaculture and public health review of the



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Australian genera *Anisakis*, *Contraecaecum* and *Terranova* (Nematoda: Ascaridoideas). Toshikazu Komoda is a visiting Research Fellow from Japan who is working on detection and identification of novel allergens in Australian prawns. Currently, two PhD and two Masters students are in the group.

More information about the group is available at:

[http://www.rmit.edu.au/browse;ID=xa66wi63ptip1;STATUS=A;STYPE=ENTIRE;PAGE\\_AUTHOR=Sirian%20Marenco;QRY=shokoofeh%20shamsi;SECTION=1;](http://www.rmit.edu.au/browse;ID=xa66wi63ptip1;STATUS=A;STYPE=ENTIRE;PAGE_AUTHOR=Sirian%20Marenco;QRY=shokoofeh%20shamsi;SECTION=1;)

### Biotechnology Research Laboratories (BRL), Dept. of Physiology, Monash University

There's a busy vibe in the BRL labs at the moment, with Honours students plugging away as their deadlines loom ahead, and a few new additions to the group. One of these is a visitor from the Canary Islands, Alvaro Hernández-Barral. He is a vet undertaking a PhD, with part of his research being conducted here over the next three months, where he'll clone various nematode *Haemonchus contortus* genes as well as sheep cytokines. Then, later in the year, we'll be joined by two other foreign colleagues, from Egypt and Sudan. Hamish McWilliam, currently working as an RA in our lab before starting his PhD in a couple of months, is settling in well after returning from a couple of years living in Scotland. Recently his paper describing his work at Moredun Research Institute was accepted by IJP, and he'll be giving a talk at the upcoming Victorian infection and immunity network (VIIN) Student Symposium.

Joanna Kemp has left BRL for the approaching birth of her third child – congratulations to her and her husband, but she will be missed – and we wish her all the best! David Piedrafita recently got back from Canada, where he was extolling the virtues of ICOPA to the veterinary parasitologists at WAAVP in Calgary. Els Meeusen also returned from a trip overseas recently, visiting Pfizer in the USA. Mike De Veer is still working on adjuvants, assessing novel formulations and their modes of action. Also, our large vaccine trial with Pfizer has begun, involving 50 sheep, which will keep us busy, no doubt, as samples start coming in.

Finally, despite the busy pace in our group, we have started a BRL indoor soccer team in the Monash league, which has been a great excuse to let off some steam.

## Australian Capital Territory

Congratulations to Adele Lehane for submitting her PhD thesis on the 28th of September. Adele worked with Kieran Kirk investigating the mechanism of chloroquine resistance in the malaria parasite. Adele commenced her PhD in 2006 and has been an important part of the Kirk lab, providing everyone with fantastic compilation CDs to culture to. Sadly her time here at the ANU is ending. In February 2010, Adele will begin research at Columbia University in Assoc. Prof. David Fidock's lab. We wish her well in her new position!

The Behm lab welcomed Martijn Linde from the Netherlands in November. Martijn will spend 10 months in the lab working towards his undergraduate degree. We hope he enjoys his first hot Christmas! This year also saw several members leaving the lab: Dr Corinna Paeper, Ranga Kumarasinghe and Tim Sloan-Gardner, have all been in the Behm lab for a while and will be missed.

In August, Carol Behm and Julie-Anne Fritz travelled to Calgary, Canada to attend the World Association for the Advancement of Veterinary Parasitology (WAAVP) conference. The pharmaceutical companies were well represented, with Novartis and Pfizer presenting their new classes of anthelmintics for sheep, ZOLVIX and Startect respectively. In addition, Julie-Anne visited Prof. John Gilleard at the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Calgary and gave a short seminar on her PhD work.

Kevin Saliba is visiting Carsten Wrenger's lab at the Bernhard Nocht Institute for Tropical Medicine in Hamburg. Kevin and Carsten are collaborating on research aimed at studying thiamine transport and metabolism in the malaria parasite. The trip was supported by a Group of Eight Australia - Germany Joint Research Co-operation Scheme grant.

## Tasmania

### Tassie malaria researchers take on Europe

Research being conducted by the Malaria Genetics Group at the University of Tasmania's Menzies Research Institute was on display recently at several European conferences and research institutes. PhD student Clare Smith undertook an extensive tour of Europe and the UK during September and October. She attended, and presented posters at, the Gordon Malaria Conference, Parasite Biology And Host-Parasite Interactions, held during 6-11th September at Magdalen College, Oxford, and the EMBO Conference, Host Genetic Control of Infection, held during 7-9th October at the Pasteur Institute, Paris. Senior Research Fellow, Brendan McMorran, also attended the EMBO conference and presented a talk entitled, "Platelets kill intraerythrocytic malaria parasites and protect against infection". Both conferences provided excellent updates on the current understanding of *Plasmodium* biology, host defence mechanisms in parasitic infections and genetic approaches in the study of host-parasite interactions. Clare was also fortunate to have the opportunity to visit several parasitology laboratories whilst in Europe and talk with researchers at these institutes. These included the Apicomplexan Biology Group led by Dominique Soldati-Favre at the University of Geneva, Switzerland, the Sanger Malaria Program at the Sanger Wellcome Trust Institute, Hinxton, U.K, where she was also invited to present seminars on her work. She also met with groups led by Eleanor Riley and David Baker at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, and Elena Levashina and her research group at the Institut de Biologie Moléculaire et Cellulaire, Strasbourg, France. Clare received assistance for this trip from a postgraduate support grant from GlaxoSmithKline, an award from the UTAS Australian Society for Medical Research Week award, and a University of Tasmania Graduate Research Award. She wishes to thank these organisations for their support.

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Clare Smith (Tasmania news) in (a soggy) Paris:



Attendees at the EMBO Conference, Host Genetic Control of Infection, Pasteur Institute, Paris. (Tasmania news)

## South Australia University of Adelaide and South Australian Museum

The Marine Parasitology Laboratory at the University of Adelaide has been particularly industrious recently with three PhD theses submitted. June saw Rissa Williams hand in her thesis on 'Oral treatments for monogenean parasites of farmed yellowtails, *Seriola* spp. (Carangidae)'. Rissa was supervised by Ian Whittington (SA Museum/University of Adelaide) and Marty Deveney (SARDI Aquatic Sciences).

In July, Allan Mooney submitted his thesis on 'Life history of *Zeuxapta seriola* (Monogenea: Heteraxinidae), a gill parasite of *Seriola lalandi* (Pisces: Carangidae)' supervised by Ian and Leslie Chisholm (SA Museum). In October, Elizabeth Perkins completed and submitted her thesis entitled, 'Family ties: molecular phylogenetics, evolution and radiation of flatworm parasites (Monogenea: Capsalidae)', supervised by Ian and Steve Donnellan (South Australian Museum). Congratulations to all! The productivity will continue in 2010 with a number of publications resulting from each thesis.

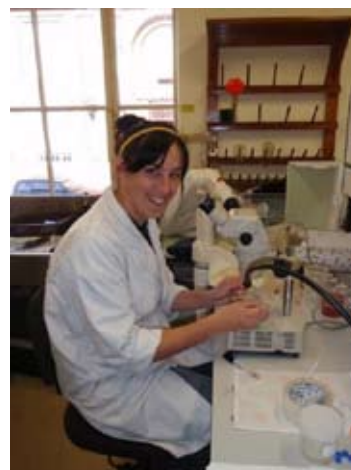
Honours student Sarah Catalano made the most of being in Sydney for the Australian Society for Parasitology and ARC/NHMRC Research Network for Parasitology conference in July with a 4 am visit to the Sydney fish market. She was assisted by surprisingly eager volunteers, Kate Hutson, Mieke Burger (UQ) and Leonie Barnett (CQU). Listed as an official buyer, Sarah won the bid for the first case of *Arripis trutta* (Australian salmon) for a bargain and spent the rest of the day dissecting fish! She went on to successfully complete her thesis, 'Parasite assemblages of the Arripidae in southern Australia', with First Class Honours, and has submitted a research paper from her thesis! She recently secured an Australian postgraduate award to begin a PhD in 2010. Great work Sarah!



Sarah Catalano with a salmon catch

Emma Brock joins the Australian Society for Parasitology and the Marine Parasitology Laboratory at the University of Adelaide for her Honours project in 2010. A keen Summer Scholarship Student, full time third year Marine Biology student and casual Research Assistant, Emma also presented at the biannual Fisheries Research and Development Corporation Aquatic Animal Health Subprogram Scientific Conference in Cairns! Her work has investigated garfish parasite assemblages as indicators of geographic population structure. For her Honours, she will

study ontogenic influences on parasitism in King George Whiting.



Emma Brock working in the Marine Parasitology Laboratory

Kate Hutson spent the Aussie winter enjoying a UK summer working with Geoff Boxshall and Rod Bray at the Natural History Museum on parasites of southern Australian fishes. In the evenings, she met up with Ian Beveridge (University of Melbourne), on sabbatical in London, for English pub grub and the BBC Proms at the Royal Albert Hall. Her new website [www.marineparasites.com](http://www.marineparasites.com) continues to be successful with 875 unique visitors to the site from 64 countries.

Ian Whittington and Elizabeth Perkins attended the 6th International Symposium on Monogenea in Cape Town, South Africa in early August. Elizabeth presented a 30 minute talk about her molecular phylogenetic studies on the monogenean family Capsalidae, unleashed her trees of capsalid and host fish relationships and has concluded that there is no significant signal of coevolution. Instead, capsalid radiation has likely been driven by host switching constrained by shared host ecology, biology and plasticity in morphological adaptations by the parasites. Ian presented 3 talks in which he tried to make sense of 'the good, the bad and the ugly' clades of Elizabeth's capsalid trees, discussed how monogeneans affect kingfish culture in South Australia and also threw around some thoughts about how nomenclature changes now require different procedures for lodging type and voucher material in museums. Marty Deveney also attended the Cape Town conference and presented an invited talk about the role of oral therapeutants to control monogeneans in finfish aquaculture, in collaboration with Rissa Williams (New Zealand Biosecurity) and Ian. While overseas, Marty also attended the 14th European Association of Fish Pathology

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Conference in Prague in September where he reviewed treatments for monogeneans of *Seriola* spp. in collaboration with Rissa, Ian, Ingo Ernst and Clinton Chambers.

Recently, Leslie Chisholm was out and about in regional South Australia on an SA Museum Roadshow to Mt Gambier and Millicent in the state's south-east. Leslie was responsible for educating school children about the wonders of parasites and parasitology and took specimens, videos and images that were shown to attendees during many 'show and tell' presentations over 2 days. A firm favourite was a 3 litre jar of cloacine nematodes from the rumen of a common wallaroo courtesy of Ian Beveridge. It's estimated that the jar contains approximately 110,000 individuals! These worms will be part of the South Australian Museum's new Biodiversity Gallery which opens in February 2010.

Ian Beveridge ended his second semester sabbatical in which he toured various museums around the globe, especially Europe, at the SA Museum in Adelaide. He spent two weeks depositing new material from various collecting jaunts, working up old material and, among other things, completing a project started a year ago with Lesley Smales (SA Museum) and Marie-Claude Durette-Desset (Paris Museum) on *Austrostrongylus*. He was instrumental in identifying the red mite (*Dermanyssus*) outbreak in Kate Hutson's pet chickens, although his suggested 'kerosene and lighted match' treatment wasn't applied.



3 litre jar of cloacine nematodes from the rumen of a common wallaroo courtesy of Ian Beveridge

## Western Australia

Here at Murdoch University there has been quite a bit happening with people coming and going and various research opportunities occurring.

Research into wildlife parasitology is increasing within the group. Andy Smith has secured a senior research position within the group for at least the next three years jointly funded by Murdoch and DEC as a parasite ecologist. His research will be focused on the impact of parasites, such as *Trypanosomes* and *Toxoplasma*, on wildlife translocations.

We also welcome a new PhD student Judy Dunlop. Her research focus is parasites in native wildlife, which links in with Andy Smith. This is also in collaboration with DEC.

Andy Thompson and collaborators at Epichem had a recent trip to Washington to present their latest research on new drugs for *T. cruzi*. The meeting with DNDI was a success and new research collaborations were made with the US Army at Walter Reed to investigate new drugs against *Leishmania*.

Collaboration with Proteomics International has also been strengthened with the recent award of an ARC Linkage grant. This will allow research to continue on proteomics of *Giardia* with Rob Steuart at Curtin, Tim Paget at Keny in the UK and Andre Buret in Calgary.

The group says goodbye to two popular members.

Ryan O'Handley is leaving to take up an academic position in Parasitology at the new Vet school in South Australia. The school is very near the Barossa wine region and golf courses so we're sure Ryan and family will be very comfortable in their new surroundings.

Cath Covacin has resigned as the Technologist- in Parasitology. She has flown the coop to return to Queensland. Being on the opposite side of the country from her family proved too hard for Cath, especially now that two grandchildren have been born since she left! We wish them both the best.



Ryan O'Handley and Cath Covacin

Louise Pallant will replace Cath and is busy getting settled in. Louise has worked for Andy T before, and is currently madly finishing her PhD on 'Pathogens in feral pigs in metropolitan water catchments'. She is very excited about the new job and can't wait to start in the New Year.

Next year the group will welcome one new honours student, 2 new PhD students and a Research Assistant. Keep posted for more information to follow in the next newsletter.

Keep your diaries free in 2013 for a visit to Perth! Brown Besier and Andy Thompson were successful in their bid to host the 2013 WAAVP conference. Exciting news but the organising headaches haven't started yet. Stay tuned for news on those.

Other news include, Alishum Ali successfully completed his honours project and Tanya Armstrong had a baby boy in late September.

Otherwise, current PhD students Wan Hon Koh, Shuting Pan, Lan Nguyen, Halina Burmeij, Amanda Ash, Unaiza Parkar, Jamie Conlan, Hanna Borowski and Judy Dunlop are still working hard towards finishing their PhD's.

## Northern Territory

Many members of the scabies lab at the Menzies School of Health Research attended the ASP annual conference in Sydney this year, which we greatly enjoyed. PhD student Annette Dougall was awarded the prize for the best student poster at the conference. In November, PhD



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student Wajahat Mahmood was the Northern Territory winner of the AusBiotech-GSK Student Excellence Award. Unfortunately, Waji was unable to attend the official presentation in Melbourne but received his prize in Darwin from the NT Minister for Education and Training. Congratulations to both Waji and Annette.

In November, Rama Jayaraj attended a hands-on workshop on rapid diagnostic test development in San Francisco. His travel was assisted by a travel grant from the Network for Parasitology. The course gave him some valuable training and he returned with many ideas to apply to his work on the immunodiagnosis of scabies. While he

was there, he also visited the lab of protease expert Prof James McKerrow, at the University of California San Francisco and presented an overview of the work of our lab.

Hayley Schwartz, a PhD student from the lab of Mark Sandeman at LaTrobe University, visited the lab for four weeks in September. Hayley and Mark are interested in iron binding proteins in scabies infestations in pigs and are extending their analysis to include human scabies patients. This was Hayley's second trip to the lab in Darwin.

PhD student, Wajahat Mahmood recently spent two weeks in the lab of Katja Fischer at QIMR to further his work on the aspartic protease of the

scabies mite. He was fortunate to have valuable advice and assistance from Angela Mika and they made some excellent progress in the generation of active enzyme. We thank Angela and Katja for their support of this project. Waji was also fortunate to catch up with his co-supervisor, Prof Ben Dunn, of the University of Florida, in October at the International Proteolysis Society meeting on the Gold Coast. Prof Dunn is an aspartic protease expert and was supported by an ASP Travelling Lectureship to attend the ASP conference in Adelaide in 2008 and he also visited labs in Queensland and our own lab in the Northern Territory.

# Jobs in parasitology

See the latest jobs in parasitology on the Network website

<http://www.parasite.org.au/arcnet/jobs>

## James Cook University

### Postdoctoral Research Fellow - Queensland Tropical Health Alliance, Brisbane

The appointee will work on a collaborative project funded by the NH&MRC investigating the structure and interaction partners of a novel vaccine target for the human parasite *Schistosoma mansoni*. Key duties will include protein expression, in *E. coli* and yeast, and the structural characterisation of recombinant proteins using NMR spectroscopy. Applicants should possess a PhD degree in an appropriate biological/chemical science although experience in NMR spectroscopy and protein expression will be highly regarded. While based at The Institute for Molecular Biosciences, University of Queensland, visits to the Cairns campus of James Cook University, Cairns will be required.

Enquiries to: Dr Jason Mulvenna, telephone (07) 3845 3726, e-mail [jason.mulvenna@qimr.edu.au](mailto:jason.mulvenna@qimr.edu.au)

Employment Type: Appointment will be full-time for a fixed-term of 3 years subject to a probationary period.

Salary: Academic Level A - \$61,856 - \$66,282 per annum. Commencing salary will be in accordance with qualifications and experience. Benefits include generous employer superannuation contribution and attractive options for salary packaging.

Applicants must follow the Method of Application procedures (including systematically addressing the Selection Criteria).

Further information is available at <http://www.jcu.edu.au/jobs/>

or by contacting the Recruitment Officer, Faculty of Medicine, Health and Molecular Sciences, telephone: (07) 4781 6402; e-mail [marcelle.crawford@jcu.edu.au](mailto:marcelle.crawford@jcu.edu.au)

**Applications close on 1 January 2010.**

## La Trobe University

### PhD Scholarship - Malaria Research

We are looking for a highly motivated, enthusiastic and team-orientated person interested in malaria research. Malaria is one of the most important infectious diseases affecting millions of people each year. The project investigates the remarkable changes in human red blood cells upon infection with malaria parasites. Molecular biological, protein biochemical and immunological techniques will be employed to elucidate the molecular mechanism behind this transformation. We are particularly interested in its exploitation for diagnosis and treatment of malaria.

The position is based at the new La Trobe Institute for Molecular Science, Melbourne. A stipend of \$AUD30,000 per annum (tax free) for three years is offered together with the opportunity to conduct worldclass research in a collegial and dynamic environment.

Qualified candidates will have a solid track record in biochemistry, cell and/or molecular biology. An Honours degree or equivalent is a prerequisite.

Applications should include a CV, full academic record and the names of two academic referees and be forwarded to Ms Grace Stanley, School of Molecular Sciences, La Trobe University, 3086, Australia.

Successful applicants should be available to commence their candidature by March 31, 2010.

Enquiries may be directed to Dr Alex Maier - [A.Maier@latrobe.edu.au](mailto:A.Maier@latrobe.edu.au)

The stipend for this position does not include visa charges or fees for international students.

**Applications close on Monday 18 January 2010.**

## The University of Sydney

### PhD Scholarships

Stipend: \$26,000p.a. OR top-up to that level for holder of APA or other transferable scholarship

Project 1: Immunopathology of bacterial meningitis

Project 2: Physiology and pathophysiology of indoleamine dioxygenase-2

Project 3: Immunopathology of cerebral malaria

Supervisors: Prof Nick Hunt, Drs Helen Ball and Andrew Mitchell

Further information:

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Helen Ball (02) 9036 3238 or [helenb@med.usyd.edu.au](mailto:helenb@med.usyd.edu.au)

See also: <http://fmweb01.ucc.usyd.edu.au/research/FMPro>

<http://www.usyd.edu.au/research/opportunities/supervisors/72>

[http://www.pathology.usyd.edu.au/Pathology2004/Research/Pathology\\_Research.html](http://www.pathology.usyd.edu.au/Pathology2004/Research/Pathology_Research.html)

<http://www.bosch.org.au/research/InfectImmunity/MolecularImmunopathology/index.php>

# 2009 Annual General Meeting of the ASP

## Draft Minutes

### 2009 ASP AGM 15 July 2009, Holme Building, University of Sydney

The Annual General Meeting was declared open at 5.30pm by the President. It was noted that according to the constitution a quorum is 20 members.

#### 1. PRESENT AND APOLOGIES

The President welcomed members. 111 members were present.

Apologies were received from:

- Ian Mortimer
- Graham Mitchell
- Nick Sangster
- Carol Behm

#### 2. ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES FROM AGM 2008

The AGM Minutes from 2008 had appeared in the ASP October 2008 Newsletter Volume 19 Issue 2 for members information.

Motion: That the minutes of the 2008 AGM are accepted

Moved: David Jenkins

Seconded: David Piedrafita

#### 3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM AGM 2008

No business arising.

#### 4. COUNCIL REPORTS

##### 4.1 President's Report (Peter Holdsworth)

Peter Holdsworth provided an oral report to the meeting.

#### INTRODUCTION

As my term as ASP President concludes today I would like to acknowledge a number of people for their work and support. Heather Koch and Ian Mortimer make up the 2008/09 ASP

executive Committee with me and have offered commitment and professional support through the year. I would also like to acknowledge members of Council for their continued support and involvement. I also wish to record my appreciation for advice offered from ASP members and counsel supplied by ASP Fellows.

#### GENERAL BUSINESS

Changes initiated during 2008 and constitutional changes voted in at the 2008 AGM have been bedded down this year. The functioning of the new ASP Secretariat, Thinking Futures, is operating successfully thanks to Maree Conway. Through the year I have been liaising with Terry Spithill our President Elect, who will take up the inaugural 2 year term as ASP president later today. You will recall that the constitutional changes voted in last year have resulted, among other things, in the ASP President and Executive terms increasing for one to two years from now on. I will continue to work with Terry in the first year of his Presidential term as vice President.

This year Council instigated a process to fill the pending vacancy for the IJP Editor – In – Chief role. I thank the ASP members who volunteered their time in this activity. Finally, Council continues to support the generation of Parasitology educational resources through selected funding for the PARA-SITE project, Intimate Aliens and the ASP commissioned book History of Parasitology. Council also took action this year to deal with the space issue on the ASP website, gaps in ASP Insurance and future relationships of ASP with the Network.

#### ARC/NHMRC NETWORK FOR PARASITOLOGY

Council established a Network Task Force of select ASP members/Fellows to review the benefits that ASP has received over the last 5 years from the Network relationship. This Task Force made recommendations back to Council on options that could ensure we did not lose the benefits received to date and could in the future continue to receive such benefits. These options included future funding models. The Task Force was chaired by Andy Thompson.

Andy Thompson was called on to inform members on the Task Force activities and the options proposed to Council for consideration.

Andy Thompson took to the floor and informed members of the benefits of the Network:

- Enhanced profile of parasitology nationally and internationally, particularly the ARC/NHMRC

Researcher Exchange

- Public awareness enhanced significantly
- Internationalisation
- Continuity of the network – same convenor and coordinator for 5 years

Peter Holdsworth advised members of the Council had a united position and made the following recommendations.

1. There is strong feeling in the value of the Network and a belief that it is essential for this to be retained, if possible.

2. That ASP should take ownership of the Network

3. That it was difficult for ASP to meet the current financial commitment that the ARC has given the Network up till now and, as such, ASP could not support a new "ASP/Network" structure due to, among other things, uncertainty on future NHMRC funding, plus future university commitments

4. ASP was prepared, for up to a two year period, to fund an additional \$120,000 \* per annum, on top of the existing \$50,000 per annum supplied by the ASP in the past to the Network. This funding would cover:

- a. The salary component of a Network Coordinator within ASP and;
- b. The Researcher Exchange activity

This would retain these key benefits of the Network

A position of "Network Convenor" is to become a position on the Council

\* Council recognised that the \$340,000 commitment made over 2 years will require prudent financial management.

Any change to Council membership requires a Constitutional amendment at an Extraordinary General Meeting.

Questions were taken on the issue and answered.

Motion: That the recommendation of the Council regarding the ARC/NHMRC Network is accepted.

Moved: David Jenkins

Seconded: Terry Spithill

#### MEMBERSHIP FEES

Peter Holdsworth advised that Council had agreed to increase membership fees:

- o Students up from \$20 per annum to \$40 per annum
- o Ordinary up from \$80 per annum to \$150 per annum



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annum  
 oRemoval of discount for early payment

Any change to Council membership requires a Constitutional amendment at an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM). Members will be duly advised of the EGM. The Executive will provide background documents to brief members before the EGM is held.

## FIVE YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN

A five year Strategic Plan is to be developed for ASP by the incoming Council. This Plan is to include the following scope:

Newsletter (s)

Feasibility of incorporation of awards into one scheme

Website (s)

Role and function of the coordinator with respect to ASP Council

CPI adjustment of membership fees annually

Future investment of any ICOPA IIX profit

Motion: That the President's Report is accepted

Moved: David Jenkins

Seconded: Terry Spithill

## 4.2 Treasurer's Report (Peter Holdsworth for Ian Mortimer)

Peter Holdsworth advised members that the Treasurer, Ian Mortimer, was unable to attend the AGM.

A PowerPoint presentation was provided to members showing the Auditor's Report, balance of all accounts and income and expenditure.

- The iPAC investment account dropped by 33% in market value (\$176,208.59). This was offset in part by a 7% return in dividends and market revaluation (\$37,174)

- One year of IJP royalties (\$173,235) was paid in this financial year

- The Sprent term deposit was impacted by the drop in investment interest rates resulting in the annual interest earned (\$3,892.47) not covering the value of the prize. As such, some of the principle from the account (\$1,107.53) was

used to make up the residual value of the prize (\$5,000)

- With unusual one off costs (History of Parasitology \$40,000; Intimate Aliens \$30,000 plus outstanding PARA-SITE funding - \$7,500) falling due this year as well as recurring costs and the need to increase the society insurance cover and pending funding requests from ICOPA XII, Council decided to draw down \$90,000 of the iPAC account capital into the working account to offer the incoming Council additional liquidity for the coming financial year

Motion: That the Treasurer's Report is accepted

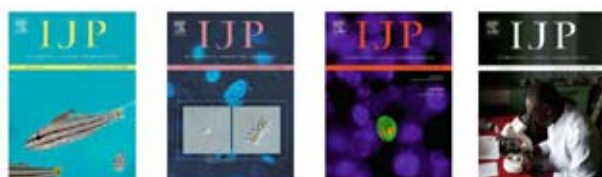
Moved: Malcolm Jones

Seconded: Katharine Trenholme

## 4.3 IJP Editor's Report (Alex Loukas)

### IJP (July 2008-June 2009)

- I commenced as IJP Editor-in-Chief on 01st April, 2009
- Ian Beveridge and Dominique Soldati will continue in their roles as Deputy Editors
- 2008 Impact factor - 3.752/Immediacy index 1.077
- ERA ranking - A\*
- Royalty paid to ASP - 83,384 UK pounds
- New cover design
- New internal design



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## Submissions

### Profile of Submissions

#### 2008:

- 561 submissions
- 51% rejected upfront, 70% rejected overall. The quality of submissions was very high and led to an increased acceptance rate (30%) however we don't anticipate acceptance rates beyond 25% in future years.
- Most submissions from Western Europe (23%) and Asia (19%).

#### 2009:

- At 29 June we had 331 submissions (cf. 294 in 2008)
- 52% rejected upfront.
- Most submission from Western Europe (22%) and South America (18%), followed by Asia (17%).

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## 2007 ten most cited ms

- spans many areas of parasitology
- includes reviews and research articles

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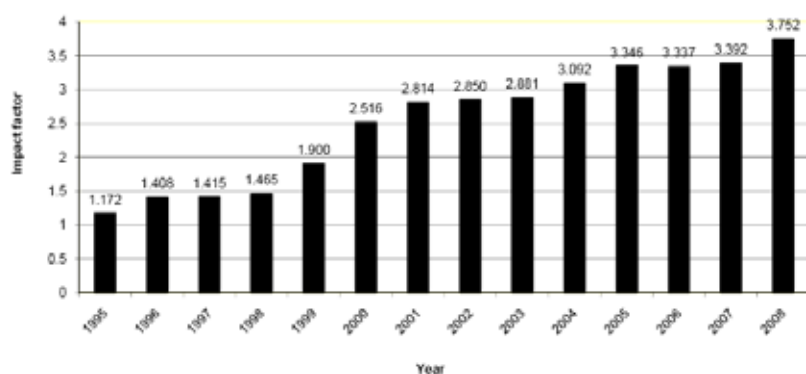
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## New Initiatives

- Expanded editorial board including three new U.S. researchers
- Push authors towards paying the fees to make their articles open access.
- ongoing discussions with Dale Seaton at Elsevier to improve the publicity of the journal's website and eTOC alerts.
- Some new initiatives include a Parasitology portal on Elsevier.com where selected articles will be highlighted.
- introducing a system of graphical abstracts whereby each paper has an author-generated summary and a thumbnail image on the TOC section of the webpage.

## Relocation of E-i-C in 2010

- I will take up a tenured professorship at James Cook University in Cairns, QLD in Jan 2010.
- The position is research only (no teaching) so this will not affect the time I devote to IJP
- Maria Meuleman will continue to work from her home office but will become a JCU employee
- The journal accounts will be managed by JCU grants office
- QIMR will transfer the hosting of the IJP domain to JCU once I have settled into the new position.

Alex Loukas provided a PowerPoint presentation of the current situation with the IJP.

Motion: That the IJP Editor's Report is accepted

Moved: Steve Barker

Seconded: Terry Spithill

## 4.4 Webmaster's Report (Jason Mulvenna)

Jason advised members that he had developed a new website and that the ASP website would be transferred to James Cook University next year when he takes up a position there.

## 4.5 Newsletter Editor's Report (Michelle Power)

Michelle Power provided a PowerPoint update on the ASP Newsletter

Since the End of Term Meeting in July 2009 three issues of the Newsletter were distributed to financial members of the Society. The most recent issue was emailed on Saturday 11th and hardcopies will be in the next coming week. I apologise for delays in the last two issues, many of which were associated with a new appointment.

The Newsletter is delivered electronically with

only 71 members electing to have a hardcopy of each edition. The reduction in printed copies has seen an increase in Newsletter production costs; printing costs are greater and numbers to be mailed are too low to use the print post service. Printing costs per member increased by almost 50% from previous issues due to combination in the reduction in number of copies that are printed and excess print run (29 copies) (Table 1). Additional printing costs were also associated with printing of addresses directly onto envelopes in conjunction with Society and mail details and increase in postage as too few are mailed to be eligible for print post.

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Table 1: Newsletter production costs Hardcopy

Issue	Printing (100 copies)	Printing envelopes	postage	Circulation	Pages	Cost / member
October 09	301.46	44.02	112.02	71	36	6.44
April 09	301.46	44.02	96.06	71	20	6.21

Allocated Budget	\$ 6000
Expenditure	\$ 899.40
<b>Balance</b>	<b>\$ 5100,60</b>

**Projected cost for July Newsletter is \$449.70 (to be mailed week beginning July 20th.)**

**Final expected production costs for 2008/2009 Newsletters is \$4650.90**

I would like to thank Maree Conway for her assistance with electronic newsletter distributions and files for mailing. I would like to thank all those who have made contributions to the newsletter for the past year and also over the last three years of my term. As I have been nominated for the position of Executive Secretary I will not be continuing for a second term as Newsletter Editor. I will gladly assist the new Editor with transition and establishing new systems. I would like to thank the Australian Society for Parasitology for giving me the opportunity to contribute to its on going success through being Newsletter Editor and Council member for the past three years. Once again thank to all for the contributions and feedback.

Members discussed the number of printed copies. It was pointed out that members are given a choice as to whether they want electronic or printed copies and that a printed copy is required to be lodged at the Queensland Library, as the ASP is registered in Queensland.

Michelle encouraged members to nominate for the vacant Newsletter Editor position and offered assistance in the handover.

Motion: That the Newsletters Editor's Report is accepted

Moved: Rob Dobson

Seconded: Steve Barker

Michelle's contribution to the Newsletter was recognised and noted by members.

#### 4.6 Conference Reports

SYDNEY 2009 (Nick Smith)

o 240 registered delegates

o Intimate Aliens delivered and on display

o Public Awareness Event – Itchies and Scratchies – has attracted 40+ members of the general public

o Four media releases – Bancroft-Mackerras Medal, Malaria Vaccine Forum, Elsevier Lectures, Intimate Aliens

o Two invited speakers are late withdrawals due to poor health - Genevieve Milon and Jeff Bethony (withdrawals covered by simple programming adjustments, eg, ASP Presidential Address shifted to Monday morning opening session, Human Helminthiases Plenary lectures converted to two x 45 minute presentations in place of three x 30 minute presentations)

o Trends in Parasitology, once again, have offered three subscriptions as student prizes, supplementing the ASP Prizes and allowin two prizes to be awarded in three categories – Best Contribute papers, Best Poster Talks and Best Posters (selection committees have been convened)

o Budget (estimated as of 11/07/2009) –

Income		Expenses	
Item	Amount	Item	Amount
Network Contribution	\$100,000	Venue Hire and Catering	\$152,000
Registration Fees	\$65,000	Invited Speaker Costs	\$47,000
Sponsorship	\$45,000	AV, poster boards etc	\$16,000
ASP (Invited Lecturers)	\$15,000	Printing, satchels, nametags etc	\$6,000
		Buses	\$3,000
		Band	\$1,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$225,000</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$225,000</b>

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## Invited Lectureship Awards

Three international speakers were awarded ASP Invited Lectureships in 2009. All presented invited lectures at the Sydney2009 Conference and undertook trips to visit Australian parasitology researchers around the country. The 2009 awardees were:

o Professor Alan Sher (National Institutes of Health, USA);

o Professor Richard Carter (University of Edinburgh, UK);

o Professor Lydden Polley (University of Saskatchewan, Canada).

## ICOPA XII (Alan Cowman)

Alan provided a PowerPoint presentation on ICOPA XII to be held next year in August. He advised that the new venue has now been completed. Invitations to Chairs have been sent out with 95% of invitees accepting to come to ICOPA XII. Fundraising is progressing well.

## 4.7 Network Report (Nick Smith)

Nick Smith provided a verbal report on the Network.

Activities undertaken in the last 6 months (since the January 2009 Network Report) include:

- Organisation and staging of Sydney2009 Parasitology Conference;
- Continued administration of the Network Researcher Exchange Awards;
- Support for an Early Career Researcher Workshop in conjunction with the Sydney2009 Parasitology Conference;
- Intimate Aliens delivered and on display at Sydney2009 Conference;
- Public Awareness Events, including – Parasites in Focus on display at Perth Zoo, Itchies and Scratchies at the Sydney2009 Conference (and booked into the NT State Library in Darwin until September, 2009), public lectures presented throughout 2009 by Drs Sheila Donnelly and Kate Miller, workshops for school groups staged throughout 2009 by Lisa Jones, Kate Miller and Wendy Ref;
- Lisa Jones and Nick Smith serving on the ICOPA

12 Outreach Committee;

- Four media releases prepared on the Bancroft-Mackerras Medal, Malaria Vaccine Forum, Elsevier Lectures, Intimate Aliens;

Annual Report prepared and submitted to the ARC on March 31 – the report is available for download at <http://www.parasite.org.au/arcnet/reports/index.html>

## 5. PRIZES AND AWARDS

### 5.1 Bancroft Mackerras Medal (Andrew Thompson)

Andy Thompson congratulated Brendan Crabb for winning this year's Bancroft Mackerras Medal and reminded members that nominations are open for the next 12 months.

### 5.2 ASP Fellow (Peter Holdsworth)

Peter Holdsworth announced that Maria Meuleman was the recipient of ASP Fellowship this year. Maria's name will be placed to the list of eminent members.

### 5.3 Invited Lectureship Travel Grant 2009 (Nick Smith)

Nick advised that the invited lecturers for 2009 were Richard Carter, Alan Sher and Lydden Polley.

### 5.4 JD Smyth Travel Award (Peter Holdsworth)

Four students received awards for the 2008 calendar year. Two students have successfully applied for travel grants for the first half of 2009 for travel later in the year.

### 5.5 Student Travel Grants for 2009 Conference (Peter Holdsworth)

50 students received travel grants to this year's conference, totalling \$32,450.

## 6. OTHER BUSINESS

### 6.1 PARASITE internet based website (Peter O'Donoghue)

Peter O'Donoghue linked to the PARASITE

internet based website to give a demonstration to members and provided an extensive background to the project.

Peter advised that \$60,000 has been spent so far on the website with \$30,000 coming from each of the ASP and the ARC/NHMRC network. He has contributed his own time pro bono, which is greatly appreciated by the ASP.

The website is expected to be ready by the end of the year. It will be a significant repository for the ASP for perpetuity and copyrighted to the ASP.

He anticipated that maintenance of this website will make the webmaster position quite significant.

Peter requested members to send him comments on the website and any photos/images of parasites (without copyright restrictions) that could be used on the website.

Peter suggested that future development of the website could involve sections covering aquatic, veterinary and wildlife Parasitology.

### 6.2 Any other business

The President asked if there were any other items to be raised.

Shelley Walton asked that Peter O'Donoghue and Ian Beveridge be officially thanked and recognised for the development of their respective projects (PARASITE website and History of Parasitology in Australia and Papua New Guinea).

### History of Parasitology

Peter Holdsworth advised that History of Parasitology in Australia and Papua New Guinea book is currently being printed. 450 copies will soon be available to members and a process for selling them is currently being worked out. Two avenues of acquiring the book are being considered:



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- Purchase on line
- Purchase at a book launch at ICOPA XII

It is expected that the cost of the book will be \$30 for members and \$70 for non members.

## 2009 Conference

Peter Holdsworth noted that the 2009 conference in Sydney has approximately 240 registrants and 154 submissions. The Network and local organizing committee, under the direction of Nick Smith, have undertaken an exceptional job in managing the program and activities. I acknowledge Nick Smith (the Network) in obtaining sponsorship and I thank those companies that have supported this conference and everyone involved for their support. Please remember, next year the ASP conference is to be held in conjunction with ICOPA XII in Melbourne in August.

Peter Holdsworth noted that our society has recognized this year some members who have obtained outstanding achievements in parasitology research, education and communication. I would like to congratulate the winner of the Bancroft Mackerras Medal and our newly elected ASP Fellow. Many thanks to the relevant ASP committee members involved in the challenging job of dealing with these awards. Good luck to those involved in the student presentations and poster prizes at this conference.

## The Future

Peter Holdsworth welcomed the new 2009/11 ASP Executive and Council, saying that he was sure that Terry Spithill as ASP President for the next two years will continue to drive our society to achieve excellence and continue to have parasitology recognized as a relevant and stand alone scientific discipline.

## 7. COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

The meeting was advised that nominations were called in April for all state/territory representative positions for the period from 1 July 2009. These positions are for a 1 year term with a maximum of 3 consecutive terms.

Nominations were received from each state and territory.

		NOMINEE	PROPOSER	SECONDER
ACT required	new rep	Simon Cobbold	Adele Lehane	Julie-Anne Fritz
NSW required	new rep	Jan Slapeta	Catherine Miller	Nick Smith
NT 2008	Started	Deb Holt	Annette Dougall	Linda Viberg
QLD required	new rep	Tamsin Barnes	Rebecca Traub	Lyn Knott
SA 2007	Started	Kate Hutson	Nathan Bott	Ian Whittington
TAS required	new rep	Brendan McMorran	Barbara Nowak	Melanie Andrews
VIC required	new rep	Bernd Kallina	Vern Bowles	Elly Tchoubrieva
WA 2008	Started	Amanda Ash	Andy Thompson	Cath Covacin

Motion: That the nominations for representatives for each state/territory be accepted.

Proposed: David Jenkins

Seconded: Terry Spithill

Peter Holdsworth handed over to the incoming President for 2009/2011, Terry Spithill.

Terry thanked the outgoing Executive for their service. He called on members to assist with organisation of ICOPA XII if called upon. Terry advised that he had nominated his executive to be Nick Sangster as Treasurer and Michelle Power as Executive Secretary. Terry called for nominations from the floor. None were received. Nick and Michelle were elected by acclamation.

Terry closed the meeting at 7.10pm.

# 2009 ASP Council End of Term Meeting Draft Minutes

## 2009 ASP Council End of Term Meeting held Sunday 12 July 2009 Holme Building, University of Sydney

### 1. PRESENT AND APOLOGIES

#### PRESENT

1. President Peter Holdsworth
2. Vice President Shelley Walton
3. Executive Secretary Heather Koch
4. President Elect Terry Spithill
5. ACT Councillor Adele Lehane
6. NSW Councillor Catherine Miller
7. NT Councillor Deborah Holt
8. SA Councillor Kate Hutson
9. TAS Councillor Brendan McMorran for Barbara Nowak
10. VIC Councillor Jody Zawadzki
11. WA Councillor Amanda Ash
12. Incorporations Secretary Katharine Trenholme
13. IJP Editor Alex Loukas
14. \* Archivist Julie-Anne Fritz
15. \* BMM Andrew Thompson
16. \* Webmaster Jason Mulvenna
17. \* Newsletter Editor Michelle Power
18. ICOPA Chair Alan Cowman
19. \* Network Nick Smith

\* Non Voting

#### GUESTS

- Andy Thompson Network Task Force  
David Piedrafita ICOPA

#### APOLOGIES

- Treasurer Ian Mortimer  
QLD Councillor Rebecca Traub  
TAS Councillor Barbara Nowak

Peter Holdsworth welcomed Council members and guests to the End of Term Meeting and asked if there were any extra items to be added to the agenda.

### 2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

#### 2.1 2009 Mid Term Minutes (Heather Koch)

The Mid Term Meeting (MTM) Minutes from 16 January 2009 at UTS were provided separately.

MOTION: That Council accepts the minutes of the MTM as a true and accurate record.

PROPOSED: Catherine Miller

SECONDED: Deborah Holt

#### 2.2 2008 AGM (Heather Koch)

The AGM minutes from July 2008 at Glenelg, SA were noted.

### 3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MEETINGS

#### 3.1 2009 MTM Business Arising (Peter Holdsworth)

Council reviewed the status of the Action List for the Mid Term Meeting held on 16 January 2009 at UTS.

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## ACTION CHECKLIST FROM MTM JANUARY 2009

ITEM	ITEM NAME	RESPONSIBILITY	ACTION	STATUS
4.3	Executive Secretary Report	Heather K	Advise the Secretariat that all recommendations were passed and can be implemented	Completed
4.4	IJP Editor's report	Alex L	Begin the succession planning process for the IJP Editorial Association and report back to ETM.	Commenced – Wendy Reif undertaking training – see report 4.4
4.5	Newsletter Editor's Report	Michelle P	Check with the Secretariat as to who receives the Newsletter (are lapsed members receiving them?)	In hand – see report 4.5
4.6	Archivists Report	Julie-Anne F	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Arrange a thank you gift and framed letter for Carol Behm acknowledging her efforts as Archivist - to be presented by the President at the AGM 2009.</li> <li>Arrange other films to be transferred to DVD (e.g. John Sprent speech)</li> <li>Find out if there is a list of what is in the archives</li> <li>Meet the contact at the archives and note the inventory, how the archives is accessed and who is allowed to access</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In hand</li> <li>Ongoing</li> <li>Completed</li> <li>In hand</li> </ul>
4.7	Webmaster's Report	Jason M	Arrange for transfer of the ASP website from Wolf Web to QIMR	Change of plan – now shifting to JCU in Jan 09
4.8	BMM	Peter H Nick Smith Heather K Ian M Peter H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Advise Brendan (in writing) of the award 3 months prior to the conference and request him to prepare a presentation</li> <li>Arrange a time slot for the BMM presentation on the agenda for the conference</li> <li>Contact unsuccessful nominations for the BMM Award and encourage them to reapply this year</li> <li>Pay for Brendan's travel to the conference</li> <li>Present the award at the Conference</li> </ul>	Completed  Completed Completed In hand In hand
4.9	ARC/NHMRC Research Network	Peter H Andrew T	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Oversee the setting up of the Network Task Force and approach Non Council members to participate</li> <li>Arrange process and contact each Task Force member</li> <li>Arrange regular feedback to Council prior to ETM</li> <li>Prepare a report from the Network Task Force for presentation at ETM</li> </ul>	Completed Completed Completed See Item 4.9
4.10	Incorporations Secretary	Heather K	Check if the latest Constitution (without the Parasite Culture list) is on the website and available for circulation with the next newsletter	Nov 08 Constitution is on website.
5.3	2010 ICOPA XII	Peter H	Contact Alan Cowman and Terry Spithill regarding the concerns raised about "Speed Dating" and ensuring that it is clarified in all promotions.	Completed
7.1	ASP Fellowship	Peter H Heather K Peter H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Notify Maria by letter of the award and invite her to attend the 2009 AGM</li> <li>Confer with Julie-Anne Fritz on preparation of the ASP Fellow folder</li> <li>Read the citation and present the award to Maria at the AGM 2009</li> </ul>	Completed Completed In hand
9.3	History of Parasitology	Peter H	Contact Ian Beveridge to discuss selling the book at ICOPA	Completed
10.1	ASP Membership Fees	Andrew T	Add membership fees to discussions relating to funding issues on the Network Task Force	Completed
10.2	AWI Livestock Library request	Peter H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Advise AWI that they should become a Sustaining Member to receive the Journal</li> <li>Seek advice from Dale Seaton at Elsevier about obligations regarding use of the journal</li> </ul>	Completed
10.4	NH&MRC Microbiology Panel	Peter H	Contact John Ellis to advise him that Council had no concerns about the representation of parasitology in the membership of the NHMRC microbiology panel and ask if he could clarify his position	Completed
10.5	Bid for CRC	Nick S	Add the issue of a CRC bid at the next Network meeting	In hand
10.6	Outreach Program for ICOPA 2010	Peter H	Advise David Piedrafita that Council is prepared to consider a proposal for funding of the Outreach Program for ICOPA 2010 at ETM subject to a comprehensive proposal, including a budget, and dependant on the outcomes of the Network Task Force.	Completed
10.7	Dinner for IJP Editorial Board	Peter H	Advise David Piedrafita that the thank you dinner for IJP personnel already occurs and that ASP would not be funding it.	Completed
10.8	ASP Register of Living Parasite Cultures	Peter H	Advise Robert Adlard that Council agreed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>on the continuation of the Register of Living Parasite Cultures at Queensland Museum</li> <li>that it would be appreciated if he would update the Register through contacting current contributors for updated information and putting a call out through ASP News for any new contributors</li> <li>on maintaining the current mode of delivery and adding the Register to the ASP website</li> </ul>	All Completed



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## 4. COUNCIL REPORTS

### 4.1 President's Report (Peter Holdsworth)

Peter Holdsworth provided a written and verbal report.

#### Introduction

As my term as ASP President is concluding I would like to acknowledge a number of people for their work and support. Heather Koch and Ian Mortimer make up the 2008/09 ASP executive Committee with me and have offered commitment and professional support through the year. I would also like to acknowledge members of Council for their continued support and involvement. I also wish to record my appreciation for advice offered from ASP members and counsel supplied by ASP Fellows.

#### General Business

Changes initiated during 2008 and constitutional changes voted in at the 2008 AGM have been bedded down this year. The functioning of the new ASP Secretariat, Thinking Futures, is operating successfully thanks to Maree Conway. Through the year I have been liaising with Terry Spithill our President Elect, who will take up the inaugural two year term as ASP president later this week. You will recall that the constitutional changes voted in last year have resulted, among other things, in the ASP President and Executive terms increasing for one to two years from now on. I will continue to work with Terry in the first year of his Presidential term as vice President.

This year Council instigated a process to fill the pending vacancy for the IJP Editor – In – Chief role. I thank the ASP members who volunteered their time in this activity. Finally, Council continues to support the generation of Parasitology educational resources through selected funding for the PARA-SITE project, Intimate Aliens and the ASP commissioned book History of Parasitology. Council also took action this year to deal with the space issue on the ASP website, gaps in ASP Insurance and future relationships of ASP with the Network.

#### ARC/NHMRC Network for Parasitology

Council established a Network Task Force of select ASP members/Fellows to review the benefits that ASP has received over the last 5 years from the Network relationship. This Task Force made recommendations back to Council on options that could ensure we did not lose the benefits received to date and could in the future continue to receive such benefits. These options included future funding models. The Task Force was chaired by Andy Thompson who will inform Council today of the Task Force activities and the options proposed to Council for consideration.

#### ASP & ARC/NHMRC Research Network for Parasitology Annual Conference

At this time, the 2009 conference in Sydney has approximately 240 registrants and 154 submissions. The Network and local organizing committee, under the direction of Nick Smith, have undertaken an exceptional job in managing the program and activities. I acknowledge Nick Smith (the Network) in obtaining sponsorship and I thank those companies that have supported this conference and everyone involved for their support. Please remember, next year the ASP conference is to be held in conjunction with ICOPA XII in Melbourne in August.

#### ASP Awards

Our society will recognize this year some members who have obtained outstanding achievements in parasitology research, education and communication. This year we will be announcing a Bancroft Mackerras Medal winner and a new ASP Fellow. Many thanks to the relevant ASP committee members involved in the challenging job of dealing with these awards.

#### The Future

I welcome the incoming 2009/11 ASP Executive and Council. I am sure that Terry Spithill as ASP President for the next two years will continue to drive our society to achieve excellence and continue to have parasitology recognized as a relevant and stand alone scientific discipline.

MOTION: That Council accepts the President's Report

PROPOSED: Kate Hutson

SECONDED: Jody Zawadzki

### 4.2 Treasurer's Report (Peter Holdsworth for Ian Mortimer)

Peter Holdsworth presented a written and verbal report on behalf of Ian Mortimer who was absent. Council were advised the following:

- The iPAC investment account dropped by 33% in market value (\$176,208.59). This was offset in part by a 7% return in dividends and market revaluation (\$37,174).
- One year of IJP royalties (\$173,235) was paid in this financial year.
- The Sprent term deposit was impacted by the drop in investment interest rates resulting in the annual interest earned (\$3,892.47) not covering the value of the prize. As such, some of the principle from the account (\$1,107.53) was used to make up the residual value of the prize (\$5,000).
- With unusual one off costs (History of Parasitology \$40,000; Intimate Aliens \$30,000 plus outstanding PARA-SITE funding) falling due this year as well as recurring costs and the

need to increase the society insurance cover and pending funding requests from ICOPA XII, Council decided to draw down \$90,000 of the iPAC account capital into the working account to offer the incoming Council additional liquidity for the coming financial year.

- An independent financial audit of the Society's finances has been conducted by Accent Accounting and Finance Pty Ltd for the period 1 May 2008 to 30 April 2009 and found to be in order.

Peter Holdsworth asked whether ICOPA was likely to achieve a profit. ICOPA Chair advised that if more than 1,000 registrations are received there is a profit and ASP would receive some of this.

Terry Spithill raised a question about the viability of the iPAC investment account and whether the Society should consider taking advice on how its finances are managed in future or leave where it is and hope it bounces back. It was agreed to hold off discussion until after the Network item.

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## All Accounts

<b>CASH MANAGEMENT (WORKING) ACCOUNT - CBA PREMIUM BUSINESS ACCOUNT</b>			
<b>Transaction</b>	<b>Credit</b>	<b>Debit</b>	<b>Balance</b>
Balance as at 30th April 2008			<b>\$193,498.76</b>
Total credit interest to 30 April 2009	\$ 4,375.71		
Total credits excl. interest to 30 April 2009	\$ 230,355.00		
Bank and Merchant fees, adjustments to 30 April 2009		1,708.12	
Totals debits (excl fees) to 30 April 2009		\$244,940.98	
<b>Balance at 30 April 2009</b>	<b>\$234,730.71</b>	<b>\$246,649.10</b>	<b>\$181,580.37</b>
<b>ACCOUNT # 2 (Conference account) - CBA PREMIUM BUSINESS ACCOUNT</b>			
<b>Transaction</b>	<b>Credit</b>	<b>Debit</b>	<b>Balance</b>
Balance as at 30th April 2008			<b>\$ 101,942.78</b>
Total credit interest to 7 January 2009	\$1,133.97		
Total credits excl. interest to 7 January 2009	\$155,793.49		
Bank and Merchant fees, adjustments to 7 January 2009		\$ 2.50	
Totals debits (excl fees) to 7 January 2009		\$170,173.09	
<b>Balance as at 30 April 2009</b>	<b>\$156,927.46</b>	<b>\$170,175.59</b>	<b>\$ 88,694.65</b>
<b>iPAC INVESTMENT</b>			
<b>Transaction</b>	<b>Credit</b>	<b>Debit</b>	<b>Balance</b>
Balance at 30th April 2008 (31 Mar 08)			<b>\$529,377.99</b>
Income paid and reinvested to 30th June 2008	\$ 632.29		
Change in Market Value to 30th June 2008	\$15,263.10	\$34,348.37	
Balance at 30th June 2008			\$ 510,925.01
Income paid and reinvested to 30th September 2008	\$13,549.46		
Change in Market Value to 30th September 2008		\$ 32,223.31	
Balance at 30th September 2008			\$ 492,251.16
Income paid and reinvested to 31st December 2008	\$ 464.36		
Change in Market Value to 31st December 2008		\$ 96,410.06	
Balance at 31st December 2008			\$ 396,305.46
Income paid and reinvested to 31st March 2009	\$ 7,265.22		
Change in Market Value to 31st March 2009		\$ 13,226.85	
<b>Balance at 31st March 2009</b>			<b>390,343.83</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$37,174.43</b>	<b>\$ 176,208.59</b>	<b>\$ (139,034.16)</b>
<b>SPRENT TERM DEPOSIT</b>			
<b>Transaction</b>	<b>Credit</b>	<b>Debit</b>	<b>Balance</b>
Balance on 30th April 2008			<b>\$ 55,702.60</b>
Interest paid on maturity on 1st May 2008	\$583.73		
Funds withdrawn for Sprent Prize 2008		\$ 5,000.00	
Balance reinvested on 1st May 2008			\$ 51,286.33
Funds reinvested @ 5.50% for 5 months			
Interest paid on maturity 1st November 2008	\$ 2,094.16		
Balance on reinvestment at 1 November 2008			\$ 53,380.49
Funds reinvested @ 2.00% for 5 months			
Interest paid on maturity 1 April 2009	\$ 1,214.58		
<b>Balance on 30th April 2009</b>			<b>\$ 54,595.07</b>
<b>TOTAL BALANCE (all accounts) as at end of available statements (to 30 Apr 09)</b>			
Working account		\$181,580.37	
Account #2 (Conference)		\$88,694.65	
iPAC investment		\$390,343.83	
Sprent account		\$54,595.07	
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$715,213.92</b>	

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## Income and Expenditure

INCOME		
<b>Main Income</b>		
Members Subscriptions	\$ 28,195.97	
IJP Journal Royalty	\$ 173,235.14	one year only
		\$ 201,431.11
<b>Interest Income</b>		
Interest from Working Account	\$ 4,375.71	
Interest from Account #2	\$ 1,133.97	
interest from Sprent Term Deposit	\$ 3,892.47	
		\$ 9,402.15
<b>Investment Income</b>		
Dividend income iPAC investment Account	\$ 37,174.43	
Change in market value iPAC investment	\$ 176,208.59	
		-\$ 139,034.16
<b>Conference Income</b>		
Conference registrations	\$ 78,218.38	Adelaide & Sydney
Conference sponsorship	\$ 62,085.11	Adelaide & Sydney
		\$ 140,303.49
<b>Other Income</b>		
Other income	\$ 3,590.30	
		\$ 3,590.30
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>\$ 215,692.89</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
<b>General Expenses</b>		
Accounting & Audit Fees	\$ 2,545.00	
Insurance	\$ 1,208.72	
ASP - Newsletter (Publication)	\$ 4,796.22	
Bank Fees/charges	\$ 1,708.12	
Postage (excl Newsletter)	\$ 557.06	
End Term Council Meeting 2008	\$ 7,278.36	
Mid Term Council Meeting 2009	\$ 5,495.15	
ASP Executive Handover Meeting 2008	\$ 3,645.69	
Science meets Parliament	\$ 313.64	
Secretariat Fees - Thinking Futures	\$ 13,740.43	
<b>Total General Expenses</b>		<b>41,288</b>
<b>Prizes and Awards</b>		
JD Smyth Travel Awards	\$ 9,821.10	
Travel Grants	\$ 1,500.00	
Undergraduate Student Prizes	\$ 4,000.00	
JFA Sprent Prize	\$ 5,000.00	
<b>Total Prizes and Awards</b>		<b>\$ 20,321.10</b>
<b>Conference Expenses</b>		
ASP Conference Student Travel (2008)	\$ 40,339.27	
ASP Travelling Lectureships (2008)	\$ 10,702.43	
ASP Conference 2008	\$ 168,673.98	
ASP Conference 2009	-	
ICOPA Conference	-	
<b>Total Conference Expenses</b>		<b>\$ 219,715.68</b>
<b>Subscriptions</b>		
Subscriptions - FASTS	\$ 1,295.45	
Subscriptions - ASMR	\$ 405.82	
Subscriptions - WFOP (paid until 2010)	\$ -	
<b>Total Subscriptions</b>		<b>\$ 1,701.27</b>
<b>Research</b>		
ARC research network	\$ 53,489.74	
Veterinary Parasitology textbook History of Parasitology	\$ 22,540.00	classified under Property Plant Equipment in Audit report
Intimate Aliens	\$ 27,272.72	classified under Property Plant Equipment in Audit report
<b>Total Research</b>		<b>\$ 53,489.74</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>\$ 336,516.18</b>
<b>Operating Profit / (Loss)</b>		<b>(120,823)</b>
<b>Net Profit / (Loss)</b>		<b>(120,823)</b>

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MOTION: That Council accept the Treasurer's Report

PROPOSED: Alex Loukas

SECONDED: Terry Spithill

## 4.3 Executive Secretary's Report (Heather Koch)

Heather Koch presented a written report provided by the Secretariat – Thinking Futures.

Report from the Secretariat

This is the third report to the ASP Council from Thinking Futures, and covers Secretariat operations during the January-June 2009 period.

### 1 2009-2010 Membership Renewals

Membership renewals were handled primarily online this year. As agreed by Council at its last meeting, an email advising of renewal processes was sent to all current financial members and those non-financial members who were last financial to 1 April 2007 (two years unfinancial). Hard copy renewal notices were posted to those members who had specified no electronic contact or who did not have a valid email address.

A new membership category was created to deal with the membership discount – Ordinary Member Discount. Members were given instructions for how to renew and claim their discount online, and most were able to do this without any problems. Several members renewed their membership at the \$80 rate without changing their status to Ordinary

Member Discount; these members were refunded \$20 via PayPal.

Members were also offered the option to renew over the phone using their credit card or download the hard copy form and submit by email/fax – around 120 members renewed this way.

Three 'lost' members – those who had now renewed for at least three years contacted the Secretariat to renew their membership and, in accordance with the Constitution, each paid all outstanding membership dues to bring their membership back into good standing. Two members cancelled their membership in writing, one because they were no longer working in science and one because they were retiring.

At the time of writing, there were 11 student members and 35 ordinary members who have not renewed their membership through to 1 April 2010. These members will be advised were advised on 1 July that their membership of the ASP will lapse, but can be reactivated at any time by paying outstanding fees. Note that lapsed membership means that these members can still log in and renew their membership, but they are not regarded as financial.

One complaint about the online process was received – the member believed it was too complicated and he renewed manually.

Complete membership statistics are shown in Section 3.

### 2 New Membership Applications

There have been 53 new applications for membership from 1 January 2009 to 30 June 2009. Of these, 36 were new student members. New applications are entered onto the membership database, and the Executive Committee advised weekly if there are applications to approve. Once approved, new members receive an automatic welcome email and a tax invoice for their membership fees.

### 3 Membership Statistics

The following table details membership statistics as at 30 June 2009. In January 2009, there were 447 financial members.

Membership Category	Financial Members	Renewals Overdue	Total
Student	121	11	132
Ordinary	20	55*	75
Ordinary Member Discount	207	N/A	207
Life	22	N/A	22
Fellow	34	N/A	34
Sustaining	0	2**	2
Newsletter (free)	3	N/A	3
Administration	1	N/A	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>408</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>476</b>

\*Includes 20 from 2008 and 35 from 2009

\*\*Invoices for 2009 will be sent in July



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## 4 Online Membership Site: Wild Apricot

The online membership site had a major upgrade during the last six months, which changed the way in which member records were handled. This had meant some minor changes to the way applications are processed, but does not change the way members log into the site.

There is now new functionality which would allow the ASP to maintain a contact list separate to its membership database. This means that, for example, the ASP Newsletter could be emailed to contacts who are not members, or separate mailing lists could be maintained for publicity/

event purposes. Additional 'shopping cart' functionality has also become available which needs to be investigated over the next period to determine if these new options provide a more cost effective option than PayPal.

Report prepared by Maree Conway, Thinking Futures, 30 June 2009.

MOTION: That Council accept the Secretariat Report

PROPOSED: Catherine Miller

SECONDED: Katherine Trenholme

The length of the contract with the Secretariat was raised.

ACTION

Incoming Executive Secretary to check the expiry date for the Secretariat Agreement.

4.4IJP Editor's Report (Alex Loukas)

Alex provided a written and verbal report.

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### **IJP Editor's report to ASP Council, July 2009**

#### **Editorial issues**

I commenced as IJP Editor-in-Chief effective 01st April, 2009. Ian Beveridge and Dominique Soldat agreed to continue in their roles as Deputy Editors. The Specialist Editorial Board has been expanded slightly with the addition of four new Specialist Editors in areas where I felt we were deficient - clinical/immunoepidemiological studies and immunology. The current Editorial Board's 3 year term will finish on 31st December, 2009 and in consultation with Ian and Dominique I am considering changes to board members and areas of expertise. Approximately one-third of the board members are usually replaced in a new term and I expect that will once again be the case for the new term commencing 01st January, 2010.

#### **Impact Factor and citations**

The 2008 Impact Factor has just become available from Thomson Reuters - it is 3.75, up by 0.36 on last year and is the highest on record. Of the journals in the Parasitology category (20 in total) we are still the highest ranking journal that publishes research articles purely devoted to parasitology. We are fifth in the category but only behind the two review journals (Trends Parasitol and Adv Parasitol) and the two PLoS journals (Pathogens and Neglect Trop Dis - both of which also publish on virology and bacteriology). The Immediacy Index has increased from 0.877 to 1.077. The only other journals in the Parasitology category with an immediacy index >1 are Advances Parasitol and PLoS Pathogens.

#### **ASP Royalty Payment**

The royalty paid to the ASP in 2009 (for 2008) was GBP 83,384.34 which was approximately GBP 4,000 higher than the 2008 payment. Following recent trends, electronic revenue once again increased but this was neutralised by the drop in print revenue. Most of the additional revenue resulted from bulk sales and supplements (IJP published an abstract book for the MAM 2008 conference).

#### **Strategic Direction**

*Internationalisation.* We are continuing to target international authors and audiences, particularly the US authors who traditionally publish in their own journals such as J Parasitol. Three of the four new specialist editors are from the US.

*Open access and website improvements.* We will continue to push authors towards paying the fees to make their articles open access. The fee is no more expensive than PLoS journals charge. I am having ongoing discussions with Dale Seaton at Elsevier to improve the publicity of the journal's website and eTOC alerts. Some new initiatives include a Parasitology portal on Elsevier.com where selected articles

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will be highlighted. We are also introducing a system of graphical abstracts whereby each paper has an author-generated summary and a thumbnail image on the TOC section of the webpage.

*Publicity.* I will continue to promote the journal at international meetings but the impact and immediacy factors are speaking for themselves. The website initiatives described above will serve to improve publicity.

### **Profile of Submissions**

2008 statistics: We received 561 submissions in 2008, with 51% being rejected upfront and 70% rejected overall. The quality of submissions was very high and led to an increased acceptance rate (30%) however we don't anticipate acceptance rates beyond 25% in future years. The main sources of submissions were Western Europe (23%) and Asia (19%). Biochemistry and Molecular Genetics, and Medical and Veterinary Parasitology (both 7%) have received most submissions.

2009 statistics: At 30 April we had received 227 submissions for 2009 with 52% being rejected upfront. Once again, the quality of submissions is very high. The main sources of submissions have been Western Europe (22%) and South America (18%), followed by Asia (17%). Medical and Veterinary Parasitology has received most submissions (10%), Ecology (6%) and Biochemistry and Molecular Genetics (5%) to 30 April.

### **Thematic Paper Series**

We published a COST paper series in January 2009. We also published a thematic issue for the 'Toxoplasma centennial' meeting in the Netherlands in June which generated some additional income with the conference organizers purchasing approximately 150 copies of that IJP issue for distribution at the conference.

### **Office and Budget**

Maria continues to work from her home office in Victoria, with her employment being transferred from the Burnet Institute to QIMR effective 01st April. IJP funds have been transferred to QIMR and are held in a dedicated IJP account managed by QIMR finance staff. We are using the QIMR mail address for IJP correspondence. The overall IJP budget for 2009 is the same as 2008 with a small adjustment for an annual salary increase for the Editorial Assistant position as per the relevant institutional Workplace Agreement.

We anticipate the IJP budget being stable over the next few years, other than standard Workplace Agreement salary increases. The home office incurs some slightly higher costs eg broadband connection, however this is still less than IJP previously paid for office rental, and Maria is moving more of the office filing system to a fully electronic format which should have an impact on stationery costs and make the office both more flexible and more mobile.

As mentioned previously, we have an agreement with Wendy Relf to do scientific editing of IJP manuscripts. We also have a tentative agreement with Wendy to receive some training in IJP Editorial Office procedures and processing so that she can take on the Editorial Assistant duties when Maria takes annual leave and to act as a back-up in an emergency. We anticipate that training will occur by mid-2010.

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### **Relocation of EIC in 2010**

I was offered a professorial position at James Cook University (JCU) in Cairns, QLD. The position is tenured and is research only (no teaching). After much consideration I have decided to accept the position and will relocate with my family and lab members to Cairns in Jan 2010. I have discussed the move with Maria and we both feel that this will not impact on the IJP. Maria will continue to work from her home office but will become a JCU employee. The journal accounts will be managed by JCU grants office and I will continue to perform my EIC duties unimpeded. QIMR will transfer the hosting of the IJP domain to JCU once I have settled into the new position.

**Alex Loukas**  
**Editor-in-Chief**  
**QIMR**

Terry Spithill raised questions. He asked about membership of the IJP Board. Alex explained the process for choosing the editorial board. Members participate on a 3 year staggered term. Any members can offer to participate on the board.

Royalty payments are expected to be maintained. The only foreseeable threat is the UK exchange rate.

MOTION: That Council accepts the IJP Editor's Report

PROPOSED: Katherine Trenholme

SECONDED: Deborah Holt

### 4.5 Newsletter Editor's Report (Michelle Power)

Michelle provided a written and verbal report.

Since the End of Term meeting in July 2008 three issues of the Newsletter were distributed to financial members of the Society. The most recent issue was emailed on Saturday 11th and hardcopies will be in the next coming week. I apologise for delays in the last two issues, many of which were associated with a new appointment.

The Newsletter is delivered electronically with only 71 members electing to have a hardcopy of each edition. The reduction in printed copies has seen an increase in Newsletter production costs; printing costs are greater and numbers to be mailed are too low to use the print post service. Printing costs per member increased by almost 50% from previous issues due to combination in the reduction in number of copies that are printed and excess print run (29 copies) (Table 1). Additional printing costs were also associated with printing of addresses directly onto envelopes in conjunction with Society and mail details and increase in postage as too few are mailed to be eligible for print post.

Table 1: Newsletter production costs Hardcopy

Issue	Printing (100 copies)	Printing envelopes	postage	Circulation	Pages	Cost / member
October 09	301.46	44.02	112.02	71	36	6.44
April 09	301.46	44.02	96.06	71	20	6.21

Allocated Budget           \$ 6000  
Expenditure                \$ 899.40  
**Balance                    \$ 5100.60**

**Projected cost for July Newsletter is \$449.70 (to be mailed week beginning July 20th.)**

**Final expected production costs for 2008/2009 Newsletters is \$4650.90**

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I would like to thank Maree Conway for her assistance with electronic newsletter distributions and files for mailing. I would like to thank all those who have made contributions to the newsletter for the past year and also over the last three years of my term. As I have been nominated for the position of Executive Secretary I will not be continuing for a second term as Newsletter Editor. I will gladly assist the new Editor with transition and establishing new systems. I would like to thank the Australian Society for Parasitology for giving me the opportunity to contribute to its on-going success through being Newsletter Editor and Council member for the past three years. Once again thank to all for the contributions and feedback.

Michelle advised that due to lower printing and postage costs for the newsletter that the budget line could be reduced.

## ACTION

Incoming Treasurer to change budget for newsletter to \$1,500

MOTION: That Council accepts the Newsletter Editor's Report

PROPOSED: Terry Spithill

SECONDED: Shelly Walton

Council thanked Michelle for her input to the Newsletter over the period of her editorship.

## 4.6 Archivist's Report (Julie-Anne Fritz)

Julie-Anne provided a written and verbal report.

1. Invoice sent and paid for scanning of old conference booklets. Some abstracts need to be re-scanned prior to placing on website.

2. Compiling a Word doc related to Archivist e.g. contact at Archives, ASP Fellowship folders etc.

3. Thank you gift for Carol as Archivist.

4. Details of Archives:

Contact at the Australian Academy of Sciences:

Adolph Basser Library (Gordon St, Acton)–  
Rosanne Walker

Email: [rosanne.walker@science.org.au](mailto:rosanne.walker@science.org.au)

Phone: + 61 2 6201 9431

List on website of the Basser Library:

<http://www.science.org.au/academy/basser/mslist.htm>

The library is currently staffed 4 days a week (Tuesdays to Fridays) by a qualified librarian with training in archives work. Opening hours are 9.30am to 5.30pm. It is open to all bona fide researchers. Queries are received from a variety of sources ranging from family historians to scholars. Our biographical resources, in particular the biographies of Australian botanists compiled

for the Hunt Institute, are regularly used, for example by the staff of the Australian Dictionary of Biography.

Prepared by Julie-Anne Fritz (JF)

## Guard Books

Purchase of guard books was discussed at the MTM. Guard Books are quite difficult to obtain. There is an online website where they can be purchased for \$94.05 plus p/h. The next Executive will need to decide if they are prepared to use a creditcard for such purchases.

Julie-Anne handed a CD containing conference abstracts from 1963 to 2008 to the webmaster (Jason Mulvenna). Jason advised that the text can be extracted and made searchable.

## ACTION

Jason Mulvenna to upload the conference abstracts from the CD to the ASP website and make them searchable.

MOTION: That Council accepts the Archivist's Report

PROPOSED: Adele Lehane

SECONDED: Jody Zawadzki

## 4.7 Webmaster's Report (Jason Mulvenna)

Jason gave a PowerPoint presentation on an upgraded ASP website that he has developed. As he will be taking up a position at James Cook University, the ASP website will be transferred to JCU. This is expected to happen around January 2010.

Council discussed access to the administration part of the website.

## MOTION:

- All editing activities should be restricted to the webmaster

- Any new content for the uploading to the website should first be approved by the Executive

- Deborah Holt to act as the back-up person for website administration access

- A link to the membership database should be added to the ASP website

PROPOSED: Catherine Miller

SECONDED: Shelley Walton

Council raised the issue of accessing the membership website (Wild Apricot) and asked that a link be added to the ASP website for easy access.

Council raised the concern as to what would happen if Jason was not available to manage the website. Deborah Holt agreed to have backup access to the administration and passwords to the website.

## ACTION

- Jason Mulvenna to add a link from the ASP website to the membership website

- Deborah Holt to obtain password and access to the website as a backup

## 4.8 BMM Convenor's Report (Andrew Thompson)

Bancroft-Mackerras Medal Committee  
– 2008/2009

Andrew Thompson provided the following report.

## Membership

Andrew Thompson (Convenor)

Emmanuela Handman

Graham Mitchell

Nick Sangster

David Blair

The Committee received three nominations for award of the Bancroft-Mackerras Medal in 2009.

The Committee members were unanimous in their unreserved support for the nominee as a most worthy recipient of the Medal.

The Committee also recommended that re-nominations of the two unsuccessful candidates should be sought next year.

Council discussed how/where the announcement of the winner of the BMM is publicised.

Currently the constitution says that it is to be announced in the IJP Journal. Council recommended that at the next opportunity the constitution be amended to remove the requirement for the BMM winner to be announced in the journal.

Council discussed the membership and eligibility of the BMM Committee. Members can only serve 2 terms.

## ACTION

- Incoming Executive Secretary at the next opportunity amend the constitution about the BMM winner being required to be published in the IJP

- Andrew Thompson to check the membership status of the BMM Committee

## 4.9 ARC/NHMRC Research Network Report (Andrew Thompson)

Nick Smith was absent from the room when Andrew Thompson presented the report from the Network Task Force.

After lengthy discussions of the future of the Network, Council decided:

5. There is strong feeling in the value of the Network and a belief that it is essential for this to be retained, if possible.

6. That ASP should take ownership of the Network



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7. That it was difficult for ASP to meet the current financial commitment that the ARC has given the Network up till now and, as such, ASP could not support a new "ASP/Network" structure due to, among other things, uncertainty on future NHMRC funding, plus future university commitments

8. ASP was prepared, for up to a two year period, to fund an additional \$120,000 \* per annum, on top of the existing \$50,000 per annum supplied by the ASP in the past to the Network. This funding would cover:

- a. The salary component of a Network Coordinator within ASP and;
- b. The Research Exchange activity

This would retain these key benefits of the network

9. A position of "Network Convenor" is to become a non-voting position on the Council

\* Council recognised that the \$340,000 commitment made over 2 years will require prudent financial management.

Council decided that the best way forward was to develop a 5 year strategic plan. The incoming Executive would set up a committee to develop this plan. This plan could include:

- Feasibility of incorporating all awards
- Role of President, Network Coordinator, Executive Secretary etc
- Websites
- Newsletters
- CPI increase for membership fees

Council discussed the possibility of raising membership fees in order to assist the financial situation of the Society. Council agreed to the following membership fee increases:

- o Students up from \$20 per annum to \$40 per annum
- o Ordinary up from \$80 per annum to \$150 per annum
- o Removal of discount for early payment

Council noted that any changes to membership fees requires a Constitutional amendment at an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) and a vote by members. Members will be duly advised of the EGM. The Executive will provide background documents to brief members before the EGM is held.

## ACTION

- Incoming President to advise the ARC/NHMRC Network that ASP has agreed to provide an

additional \$120,000 per annum on top of the existing \$50,000 per annum

- Incoming President to set up a meeting to organise a Strategic Plan

## 4.10 Incorporations Secretary's Report (Katharine Trenholme)

The Annual Return and amendments to the constitution were lodged with the Department of Justice and Attorney – General in compliance with the Incorporations Act 1981.

There has been some confusion this year with regard to the duties of the Incorporations Secretary, the constitution is somewhat unclear (and outdated) on this matter and some clarification would be appreciated.

Council agreed that electronic copies of the Constitution should be held by:

1. Incorporations Secretary
2. Executive Secretary
3. Webmaster
4. Archivist

It was agreed that it was not necessary to send a hard copy of the Constitution to members.

Incorporation Secretary duties were defined:

- Lodge the Annual Return and amendments to the constitution
- Keep a current electronic copy of the constitution

## 5. CONFERENCE REPORTS

### 5.12009 Sydney Conference (Nick Smith)

Delegates: - 241 registrants

- 92 ASP members
- 60 ASP student members
- 18 non-members
- 13 student non-members
- 4 NZSP members
- 19 invited speakers/delegates
- 11 Network committee members
- 3 sponsors
- 4 day delegate
- 15 student volunteers
- 2 ASP staff

- Intimate Aliens delivered and on display
- Public Awareness Event – Itchies and Scratchies – has attracted 40+ members of the general

public

- Four media releases – Bancroft-Mackerras Medal, Malaria Vaccine Forum, Elsevier Lectures, Intimate Aliens

• Two invited speakers are late withdrawals due to poor health - Genevieve Milon and Jeff Bethony (withdrawals covered by simple programming adjustments, eg, ASP Presidential Address shifted to Monday morning opening session, Human Helminthiases Plenary lectures converted to two x 45 minute presentations in place of three x 30 minute presentations)

- Trends in Parasitology, once again, have offered three subscriptions as student prizes, supplementing the ASP Prizes and allowin two prizes to be awarded in three categories – Best Contribute papers, Best Poster Talks and Best Posters (selection committees have been convened)

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- Budget (estimated as of 11/07/2009) –

Income		Expenses	
Item	Amount	Item	Amount
Network Contribution	\$100,000	Venue Hire and Catering	\$152,000
Registration Fees	\$65,000	Invited Speaker Costs	\$47,000
Sponsorship	\$45,000	AV, poster boards etc	\$16,000
ASP (Invited Lecturers)	\$15,000	Printing, satchels, nametags etc	\$6,000
		Buses	\$3,000
		Band	\$1,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$225,000</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$225,000</b>

## Invited Lectureship Awards

Three international speakers were awarded ASP Invited Lectureships in 2009. All presented invited lectures at the Sydney2009 Conference and undertook trips to visit Australian parasitology researchers around the country. The 2009 awardees were:

- Professor Alan Sher (National Institutes of Health, USA);
- Professor Richard Carter (University of Edinburgh, UK);
- Professor Lydden Polley (University of Saskatchewan, Canada).

## 5.2 2010 ICOPA XII Conference (Alan Cowman)

Alan Cowman and David Piedrafita provided an update about the ICOPA XII conference and a request for funding the Outreach Program for an amount of \$30,000. Alan and David left the room while the Council discussed the request. After discussion Council decided that, due to the financial situation and further requests for funding in later agenda items, to wait until the end of the meeting to make a decision.

After considering all other requests for financial assistance Council agreed to the funding of \$30,000 for the Outreach Program as requested, in 2 instalments.

MOTION: That Council supports the funding request from ICOPA XII for \$30,000 in 2 separate instalments - \$20,000 for 1st instalment (2009/2010) and \$10,000 for 2nd instalment (2010/2011)

PROPOSED: Terry Spithill  
SECONDED: Deborah Holt

## ACTION

Incoming President to advise the ICOPA XII Organising Committee that they will be paid the \$30,000

## 5.3 2011 Conference (Peter Holdsworth)

Peter Holdsworth raised the issue that no arrangements have been made for the conference in 2011.

Alex Loukas tentatively suggested Cairns as a

possible venue.

Brendan McMorran agreed to look at the possibility of it being held in Tasmania but was not confident due to the small state membership.

## ACTION

- Alex Loukas to investigate the possibility of holding the 2011 Conference in Cairns
- Brendan McMorran to investigate the possibility of holding the 2011 Conference in Tasmania

## 6. OTHER REPORTS

### 6.1 Science Meets Parliament (Peter Holdsworth)

Peter Holdsworth presented a written report from Science Meets Parliament. He confirmed that it is a worthwhile event and ASP should continue to support attendance of 2 members at the annual event in Canberra.

## 7. AWARDS

### 7.1 ASP Fellows (Peter Holdsworth)

Peter Holdsworth advised that no nominations for ASP Fellow have been received at this stage.

### 7.2 JD Smyth Travel Award (Heather Koch)

Potential for 4 awards each year for up to \$2,500 each. Awards split into 2 for the first half of the year and 2 for the second half.

## 2008

Michael Lees  
Elizabeth Perkins  
Alex Umbers  
Melissa Burke

## 2009

Abdul Jabbar  
Natalie Spillman  
Hong You

JD Smyth report noted.

### 7.3 ASP Undergraduate Prizes in Universities (Heather Koch)

Requests were received from the following universities to receive Undergraduate Prizes

## Charles Sturt University

Nick Sangster and Terry Spithill requested Council consider offering 2 Undergraduate prizes for Parasitology courses at CSU: one in the Animal Science course; one in the Vet Science course.

ASP Undergraduate Prizes in Universities report noted.

MOTION: That Council approves funding of 2 undergraduate prizes at Charles Sturt University for \$400 each

PROPOSED: Katharine Trenholme  
SECONDED: Alex Loukas

## Macquarie University

Michelle Power and Lesley Hughes request that the ASP support an undergraduate prize to be awarded for proficiency in the parasitology unit at Macquarie University for commencement in 2011.

MOTION: That Council endorses the funding of 1 undergraduate prize at Macquarie University for \$400 to commence in 2011 if the course proceeds

PROPOSED: Catherine Miller  
SECONDED: Adele Lehane

## ACTION

Incoming Executive Secretary to advise Charles Sturt University and Macquarie University that their respective requests for funding have been successful.

### 7.4 Sprent Award (Peter Holdsworth)

## INFORMATION

The Sprent Award can be presented every 3 years. The last award was decided in 2007 and presented at the AGM in 2008 to Magda Ellis.

The next round should commence in 2010 with the closing date for applications at 30 September 2010 for presentation at the AGM in 2011.

## 8. CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence dealt with under various headings

## 9. PROJECT UPDATES

### 9.1 Vet Parasitology text book update

A written report was received from Nick Sangster

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as follows.

Nothing has happened since last year. Although discussions over grant applications have taken place, we did not submit in the end as it was in competition with a Veterinary Pharmacology application to ALTC (which was funded).

I still hold several thousand dollars of ASP money in an account at CSU. Nothing has been spent since the meeting in 2007. I guess Council might like to reconsider the text book project, although using these funds for leverage to apply for a substantial teaching grant is still an attractive option. This is still on the cards.

Nick Sangster

## ACTION

Incoming President to thank Nick Sangster for his update on the book and ask if he can provide an inventory and account of money spent so far.

## 9.2 PARA-SITE Internet-based Parasitology Website update

Peter O'Donoghue provided the following written report.

I am writing to seek additional financial support to the sum of \$7,500 from the Australian Society for Parasitology to finish off the PARA-SITE website that I have been developing for the ASP. As you know, I have been given 2 instalments of \$15,000 by the ASP which have been matched by similar instalments from the ARC/ NHMRC Research Network (totalling \$60,000). This money was used to employ part-time a scientific artist (graphic designer) Lynn Pryor at the University of Queensland to make new life-cycle diagrams copyrighted to the ASP (to ensure everything going up on the ASP website was original and did not violate anyone else's copyright).

She has finished the drawings for her agreed commission (32 parasite species) and I have written all the relevant descriptions and checklists. We are currently compiling original photographs for inclusion into the project.

A draft version of PARA-SITE may be viewed at:

<http://sci-s03.bacs.uq.edu.au/~parasite/introduction/index.html>

USERNAME: parasite

PASSWORD: 51BParaSite

[We would appreciate that access be restricted to Council members until we have proof-read and tested the site prior to release].

The time required to assemble the site was under-estimated by Lynn and myself and we predict we will need another 200-250 hours

of her time to complete the massive job of producing and stacking all the web frames required for the multimedia interactive display. This translates to a part-time salary cost of \$7,500 which I hereby request from the ASP to finalize the job in 2009 (Xmas release). My time is provided gratis.

Peter O'Donoghue

Council felt that it was important to have the PARA-SITE project completed, but that enough money had already been spent on it and it should be made clear that no more funding, after payment of the requested \$7,500, be made.

MOTION: That the requested funding of \$7,500 be made to complete the PARASITE website

PROPOSED: Alex Loukas

SECONDED: Catherine Miller

## ACTION

Incoming President to advise Peter O'Donoghue that the request for \$7,500 has been agreed.

## 9.3 History of Parasitology in Australia & PNG book update (Peter Holdsworth)

Peter Holdsworth advised that the book is currently being printed. The first 50 copies off the press had been delivered to the conference and one copy was circulated to members.

Council discussed how to distribute the book and whether it should be sold or free to members.

It was agreed that:

- ASP Fellows should receive a free copy of the book.
- the book should be launched at ICOPA XII and incorporated in a booth with other items for sale, such as T Shirts.
- the cost of the book would be \$30 to ASP members and \$70 to non members.
- Council would need to investigate arranging creditcard facilities to take payments.

## ACTION

• Incoming Treasurer to arrange creditcard facilities

• Incoming Executive Secretary to arrange a complimentary booth at the ICOPA XII Conference

## 9.4 Intimate Aliens Hands-on Exhibition

The following written report was presented for the Intimate Aliens project.

Intimate Aliens, our hands-on parasite mini-exhibition, is the latest outreach initiative commissioned and developed by The ARC/ NHMRC Research Network for Parasitology

and The Australian Society for Parasitology Inc. Visitors of all ages will enjoy exploring parasites large and small and finding out the host with the most parasites. There are three interactive computer-based exhibits, requiring a powered site. Two are microscopes and the third is a game. The exhibits pack up in 5 boxes for travelling which then make up part of the display case. Stuart Kohlhagen from Questacon in Canberra has built three hands-on parasite exhibits for our (currently mini) parasite exhibition.

## Value

The ASP have paid \$60,000 for these three exhibits which covers the hardware costs, two microscopes are \$15,000 each and the "who's my host?" is \$30,000. We are getting insurance to cover damage to the hardware during transport and whilst being exhibited at venues as the software (content) has already been developed by Stuart and he has copies of all.

The basic commercial value for all three exhibits and content ( i.e. software) would be around \$200,000 - \$250,000.

The largest single item will be the "who's my host" exhibit which would be around \$120,000 - \$150,000 for the software and \$30,000 for the hardware. (\$180,000 total)

## Description of exhibits

There are three computer based interactives ( or displays) all packed in boxes. There are no loose parts. The exhibits need to be transported as sensitive freight - i.e. like computers.

"Who's my host" exhibit is a touchscreen, with computer hardware and software, 6 wooden cut-out animals, scanning device, 3 boxes for transport and support.

"Virtual Microscope" - has a touch screen, computer hardware and software, box for transport and support.

"Real Microscope" - uses buttons to switch, has a screen, computer hardware and software, low-powered light microscope, 10 blocks of parasites in resin, box for transport and support.

Along with the interactive exhibits we also tour our photography exhibition "Parasites in Focus" which comprises 26 photographic prints showing the microscopic world of the parasite. The prints are mounted images (26 Lambda Photographic prints block mounted to 12mm MDF Board, with black painted edges. Images' size are 500X700 - all portrait orientation - with 2 "D" ring fixings at the back of each for the hooks with santex laminate applied). The photographs are all transported in a packing case.

The exhibits and photographs will be toured

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around Australia in public venues like museums, libraries, zoos, visitor centres, Universities, and schools. The exhibits will be indoors, require power to run them and are purpose-built interactive displays and meant to be used (i.e. handled) by visitors of all ages for many years to come (i.e. they are robust).

An example of what the exhibits are doing this coming year:

12th – 15th July 2009 on display in the Refectory, Holme Building, The University of Sydney as part of the 2009 ASP & ARC/NHMRC Research Network for Parasitology Annual Conference.

Wednesday 15th July 2009 the exhibits and photographs will be transported by truck to Northern Territory Library, Darwin, NT for public display until August 9th 2009.

Following that we will collect the exhibits and photographs and transport to the next location, but we haven't got any bookings immediately after August 2009 yet. The next definite booking will be August 2010 and that will be Melbourne, to GTech Science Visitor Centre for a week and then on to the Melbourne Convention Centre for ICOPA where the exhibition of Intimate Aliens will be launched.

It is anticipated that we will move the exhibits and images to a public venue in Tasmania, possibly back to Queensland, and possibly back to Perth. The exhibits and photographs usually stay for 1-3 months in one location, but sometimes they can stay for longer (i.e. they have been in Perth Zoo for the last 6 months). Parasites in Focus has been hosted by Questacon, the Queensland Museum, the SA Museum, the Muse Gallery (Ultimo TAFE NSW), and Perth Zoo. The exhibition is quite compact and has been displayed in entrances to venues and within the main gallery. At each venue local parasitologists have given very entertaining talks about their own parasite research and whilst at The Muse we also set up a staffed table with microscopes and specimens for visitors to have a look at some parasites that used to be alive.

## 10. OTHER BUSINESS

### 10.1 Bid for WAAVP 2013 Meeting in Perth (Andrew Thompson)

Andrew Thompson advised Council that WA is putting in a bid for WAAVP 2013. \$100,000 has been approved by the WA government to promote the conference over the next few years.

It is unlikely that ASP will be asked for any funding.

The ASP is to be regarded as a host of the event, not a sponsor.

### 10.2 Insurance (Peter Holdsworth)

Peter Holdsworth updated the Council on the insurance situation. The ASP's insurer advised

that it would be a good idea to arrange for association liability insurance, at an additional cost.

MOTION: That the incoming Executive complete the arrangements for Association Liability Insurance

PROPOSED: Peter Holdsworth

SECONDED: Catherine Miller

Also the new Intimate Aliens project required additional insurance for an additional cost.

### ACTION

Incoming Executive Secretary to complete arrangements for Liability insurance.

### 10.3 Constitutional Change (Peter Holdsworth)

Council agreed with the request to change Section 2, para 9 of the Constitution when changes were next being made.

MOTION: That next time Constitutional changes are made that Section 2, para 9 is changed to read "in writing, by mail or email

PROPOSED: Peter Holdsworth

SECONDED: Kate Hutson

### ACTION

Incoming Executive Secretary to include the change to Section 2, para 9 – "in writing, by mail or email" with the next Constitutional change.

### 10.4 Travel Costs for incoming Executive (Terry Spithill)

A request was received from the incoming President for funding assistance for travel for the Executive.

(i) As Nick and I are in Wagga, we anticipate some travel costs for us to meet with Michelle to hold executive meetings. Most business will be done by teleconference but some face to face meetings are needed.

Budget: 2 Sydney-Wagga airfares /year: 4 fares in total @ \$350 each= \$1400.

(ii) We also anticipate some travel costs for myself to represent the ASP at functions/meetings with Government etc, or to meet on ad hoc occasions with members across Australia over the next 2 years to deal with issues as they arise. (ICOPA costs will be covered by the ICOPA budget).

Budget: about 4 airfares /year Syd-Wagga or Mel-Wagga: 8 fares in total @ \$350 each = \$2800.

(iii) We anticipate that we may require some secretarial assistance from time to time to prepare formal documents for ASP.

Budget: \$400/year: \$800.

(i) Travel for meetings \$1,400.00

(ii) Represent ASP at function \$2,800.00

(iii) Secretarial assistance \$800.00

TOTAL \$5,000.00

Council discussed the request and believed it was fair.

MOTION: That Council approves the funding of up to \$5,000 for 2 years for ASP activities by the incoming Executive

PROPOSED: Alex Loukas

SECONDED: Catherine Miller

### ACTION

Incoming Treasurer to include the \$5,000 for 2 years in the budget

10.5 ASM/ASP SIG on Tropical Medicine (Katharine Trenholme for Rebecca Traub) Katharine Trenholme read a request from Rebecca Traub for funding for food and beverages for a meeting of the joint Queensland based ASM/ASP SIG on Tropical Medicine.

Council was receptive to the idea but required further details before committing.

Council agreed that the request could be dealt with out of session when further details were provided.

### ACTION

Rebecca Traub to provide more detail about the request for funding for the ASM/ASP SIG on Tropical Medicine



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