

Minutes of the General Meeting of ANZSMS held Tuesday 18th July, 2017, at the ANZSMS26 conference, Adelaide.

Members in Attendance:

Stephen Blanksby, Evan Bieske, Berwyck Poad, Todd Mitchell, Adam Trevitt, Kliti Grice, Richard O'Hair, Stewart Walker, Julian Harrison, David Harman, Michael Leeming, Jiawei Li, Alexander Begbie, Yang Yang, Fiona Bathie, Howard Ma, Yupy Rustam, Martin Snel, Johan Gustafsson, Shadrack Mutuka, Nick Proschogo, Peter Hoffmann, Heather Patsiouras, Pat Sacchetta, James Bull, Ross Farrell, Mark Raftery, Venkateswara Reddy Narreddula, Nan-Ping Hu, David Marshall, Alan Maccarone, Berin Boughtan, Celine Kelso, Simon Brown, Tara Pukala, Alex Donald, Alex Oglobline, Nicholas Demarais, Ann,e, Radionova, Angus Grey, Elizabeth McKenzie, Gavin Reid

1. Welcome

The President (Reid) welcomed all members present to the General Meeting starting at 4.45pm

2. Apologies:

Andrew McAnoy, Simone Rochfort, Noel Davies

3. Acceptance of previous minutes (Annual General Meeting 17/10/16)

Reid noted that the Minutes of the previous AGM had been available on the website and Poad moved that these be accepted as a true and accurate record. The motion was seconded by Blanksby and was carried with no objections.

4. Conference Conveners Report

Tara Pukala reported that the ANZSMS26 conference was attended by over 135 participants (including registered delegates, exhibitors and invited guests), principally from Australia and New Zealand. Approx. 1/3 of delegates were students.

All Occasion Management served as professional conference organisers.

13 oral sessions (with 48 presentations) and 1 poster session (49 presentations) covered diverse topics from MS fundamentals to applications.

The conference program also included a dedicated session to speakers invited from industry, with the aim to extend to delegates outside of academic institutions. 2 additional lunchtime workshops were also held by Agilent (sponsor), and for the launch of the Oceania Mass Spectrometry Imaging Society (OMSIS).

Invited Speakers were (*International*) Yu-Ju Chen (Taiwan), Christophe Jouvét (France), Myeong He Moon (Korea), Jasna Peter-Katalinic (Germany), Vicki Wysocki (USA) and Richard Yost (USA), and (*National*) Alex Donald (2015 Guilhaus Award recipient), Kliti Grice (2017 Morrison Medalist), and Tara Pukala (2017 Bowie Medalist).

A pre-conference student workshop was held on Sunday afternoon with 27 attendees. The workshop focused on communicating science (presented by Heather Bray, Uni Adelaide), followed by an opportunity to hear career pathways from conference delegates in industry and academia.

The social program for the conference included a welcome reception with drinks and canapes at the main conference venue on Sunday 16th July, drinks and canapes during the poster session on Monday 17th July, and the conference Dinner (3 course dinner and drinks (included in cost of registration)) held at the Adelaide Oval on Wednesday 19th July.

Pukala thanked the generous financial support from the Sponsors (Shimadzu (Gold sponsor), Sciex (Silver sponsor), Thermo (Bronze sponsor), Agilent (Workshop sponsor)) and Exhibitors (Agilent (double booth), Bruker, Peak, Sciex, Shimadzu, Waters, Thermo) for the conference.

Total income from sponsorship, exhibition and advertising at the date of the GM was \$67,150. A surplus of > \$10K, in addition to \$17K in seed funding that was provided by the society, is estimated to be returned to ANZSMS.

Pukala thanked the other members of the Organising Committee, Stewart Walker (Flinders University), Marten Snel (SA Health and Medical Research Centre) and Johan Gustafsson (UniSA) for their work in making this a successful conference, as well as the staff from All Occasions Management for their assistance.

5. Treasurers Report

Alex Donald provided a brief Report on the current status of the Society's financial position. \$17K in seed funding was provided by the society for the ANZSMS26 conference. A Full audited report will be ready for the AGM.

6. Presidents Report (Reid)

Reid presented a brief report.

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Thanks to Tara Pukala and her Organising Committee for organising the current conference which was proceeding well.

In Memorium

Reid noted the passing of Prof. Jim Shannon (1926-2015) and Peter Derrick (1945-2017) since the last ANZSMS conference and indicated that further comments on the impact of these people on Australian and New Zealand mass spectrometry would be made at the Conference Dinner.

Awards

Reid announced that Prof. Kliti Grice had been selected as the recipient of the 2017 Morrison Medal, in recognition of her pioneering research into the development of mass spectrometry based analytical methods for the analysis of ancient organic compounds. He noted that further comments regarding this award, and the medal presentation, would be made at the conference dinner.

Prof. Tara Pukala was announced as the 2017 Bowie Medal recipient, and will be formally congratulated and presented with the medal at the conference dinner. Four nominations were received for this medal, that were assessed by a selection committee comprised of 3 distinguished international mass spectrometrists, and 4 national senior members of ANZSMS. Using a system of 4 points given to the top ranked candidate, followed by 3, 2 and 1 points for the remaining candidates in decreasing order, the final tally resulted in only 4 points separating all the candidates. Reid noted that this is clearly indicative of the strength of the field, and the significant challenge that the committee members each had in ranking the track record of accomplishments of the candidates.

Thanks to the continuing financial support of \$5K from corporate sponsor Waters, the Guilhaus Research Award of \$10K was able to be offered again in 2017. Three applications were received that were assessed by a selection committee comprised of 3 distinguished international mass spectrometrists, and 3 national senior members of ANZSMS. Prof. Adam Trevitt was announced as the 2017 Guilhaus Research Award recipient, and will be formally congratulated and presented with the award certificate at the conference dinner.

Reid thanked the members of the selection committees for each of these awards, for their service.

Travel Awards

ANZSMS travel awards were provided to 10 students (Anna Radionova (University of Auckland), Hannah McKerchar (University of Canterbury), Ayedh Alqarni (University of Wollongong), Miaomiao Liu (Griffith University), Morphy Dumlao (University of New South Wales), Muhammad Zenaidee (University of New South Wales), Rueben Young (Queensland University of Technology), Venkateswara Narreddula (Queensland University of Technology), Yang Yang (Griffith University) and Yepy Rustam (University of Melbourne). Carolyn McKinlay Travel Awards were provided to Sunny Hu (Queensland University of Technology) and Nicholas Proschogo (University of Sydney) to attend the ANZSMS26 Conference. The recipients of these awards will be formally recognized and presented with a certificate at the Conference Dinner, with the travel award funds to be transferred electronically.

Guilhaus Research award eligibility and career interruption policy

A motion to adopt the ARC DECRA scheme career interruption definition as the ANZSMS policy for determining the eligibility status of applicants for the Guilhaus Research award (currently specified as <10 years from award of PhD) was made by Reid. After discussion, the motion was seconded by O'Hair, and was carried with no objections

Publication of conference proceedings proposal

Reid noted that ANZSMS had been invited to publish the proceedings of the ANZSMS26 conference as a special issue of the Journal of Mass Spectrometry. He indicated that he would follow up to gauge interest from the presenters at the conference to determine if there would be a 'critical mass' of interest in doing this.

AOMSC 2017

Reid encouraged ANZSMS members, and particularly student members, to attend the 2017 AOMSC meeting in Singapore in Dec. He noted that generous student travel awards were available to support attendance at this conference.

7. Other Business

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The 2019 ANZSMS conference was discussed. Angus Grey (University of Auckland) proposed to host the meeting in New Zealand, and to serve as convener. A more formal proposal regarding the host city location, dates, conference themes, local organizing committee and consideration of organizational structure (i.e., university based vs. hotel conference center) would be made at the AGM later in the year prior to a decision by the executive committee.

OMSIS proposal

As a follow up from the launch of the Oceania Mass Spectrometry Imaging Society (OMSIS) at the conference, Johan Gustafsson briefly outlined the goals of this society to the ANZSMS. Johan was asked whether there was interest by the OMSIS in formally becoming a 'division' of ANZSMS. After some discussion, this option was preferred by the ANZSMS membership to avoid 'dilution' of our respective memberships, and Johan was asked to provide a more formal proposal in time for the AGM if they were interested in pursuing this.

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The date for the AGM, to be held in Melbourne, was to be determined (subsequently set for Nov)

Digitization of past abstract books from ANZSMS conferences

Stephen Blanksby noted that, at this time, not all abstract books from past ANZSMS conferences are available on the ANZSMS website to the members. Noel Davies, Stephen Blanksby, Richard O'Hair will arrange to collate and scan printed copies of the conference books and abstracts, then upload these to the site.

8. Thanks and close

Reid thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 5:30pm.