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### Chair Report November 2018

The past few months have flown past and we have now truly entered spring from the chilly and dark winter months and it is time for your Victorian Branch Committee to come out from hibernation!

Not that we have been idle – planning for the next workshop is well under way. Please put **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2019** in your diary for the next **‘It’s in the Blood!’** workshop to be held at **Peter MacCallum Hospital**. We have a wonderful program lined up including the travelling orator **Ms Fleur Francis** and many other distinguished Victorian scientists. Go to the AIMS website and book your place now.

<https://www.aims.org.au/events/event/vic-branch-vidg-one-day-workshop>

The **September HDG** meeting at **Peter Mac** was really well attended and there was a fantastic array of speakers of very high calibre. It was exciting to see so many people interested in cancer haematology. The meeting was followed by the **Victorian Branch Annual General Meeting**, which was not so well attended, which was really disappointing, especially as we were presenting awards to colleagues and we would like to see them supported.

I would like to congratulate **Joe Rigano** on winning the **George Milsom Memorial Award** and **Kerry Kelly** for winning the **George Swanson Christie Award**. These awards are hard - earned and well deserved. You can read all about their accomplishments on Page 9.

**The RMIT Bachelor of Biomedical Science (Laboratory Medicine)** students also received their AIMS Awards at the RMIT HDG meeting held in August. The AIMS Victorian Branch endeavours to award the top students in the Laboratory Medicine course every year. These students have worked hard during their course and I was honoured to present the awards to such a fantastic group.

The awards were presented to:

<b>Tayla Bickerton</b>	Award for Best Haematology Graduate	2017
<b>Amanjot Shergill</b>	Award for Best Microbiology Graduate	2017
<b>Demi McKee</b>	Award for Best Transfusion & Transplantation Science Graduate	2017
<b>Teneille Hecker</b>	Award for Best Anatomical Pathology Graduate	2017
<b>Al-Dana Al Ajmi</b>	Prize for Best Research Project Masters	2017
<b>Xinqui Shi</b>	Prize for Best Placement Graduate	2017

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Don't forget the **HDG Trivia Night** on the **11<sup>th</sup> of December** at the **Castle Hotel**. Get a team together and get ready for a hoot. You can book your place now at:

<https://www.aims.org.au/events/event/vic-branch-hdg-trivia-night>.

See page 3 for details of the trivia night.

No doubt by now you have heard about the new **National Pathology Accreditation Advisory Council (NPAAC)** requirements for laboratory supervision. Whilst AIMS, other professional bodies and individuals have made submissions to NPAAC during the drafting period raising their concerns about the new requirements for clinical governance, the government has implemented the changes. There are concerns for the career pathways for medical scientists as the position of Director is now unobtainable. The **MSAV** is conducting a petition and the **AIMS National Office** is encouraging members to sign. You can find the petition at: <https://www.msav.org.au/news>. If these changes have affected you and your position let the MSAV and AIMS know. The implementation date has been put back until August 2019 because NPAAC is reviewing issues raised by concerned groups about some of the impacts on laboratories.

It is now forty years since the first cohort of degree graduates in **Medical (Laboratory) Science** graduated from **RMIT**. Can it really be that long? Find out all about the history of the degree course in the excellent article by **Ralph Green, Honorary Associate Professor at RMIT** on page 6.

We would love to publish some of your old photos of your time at RMIT - send your pictures and a short explanation to us on the committee.

I also attended the last day pizza lunch for the **Laboratory Medicine 4<sup>th</sup> year students**. It was a beautiful day to be outside at the **Bundoora Campus**. Good luck with the exams and welcome to the medical science world!

Below is a photo of the happy students with **Professor Denise Jackson**.



**See you all at the workshop on March 16<sup>th</sup> 2019 at Peter Mac!**

**Kerryn Weekes**

**Chair AIMS Victorian Branch**



## Haematology Discussion Group

*AIMS VIC Branch brings to you the 2018*

# **HDG Trivia Night**

*Challenge your neighbouring Lab, University, Hospital or Company to a night of Trivia*

*Sign-up a Table and let the Games begin!*

*Win the coveted HDG Trivia CUP for excellence in Trivia!!*

- When:** Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2018  
18:00 onwards for Fun and Frivolity
- Where:** The Castle Hotel - "Upstairs Lounge"  
57 Courtney Street,  
North Melbourne,  
3051
- Details:** 18:00 – 19:00 Cash Bar Meet n Greet  
19:00 – 21:00 Basic Finger foods supplied (Pizza and Wedges)  
Cash Bar 7pm til 9 pm (NO BYO)
- Reservations:** Tables of 10      \$15 per person

Reservations will soon be available on the AIMS website.

Everyone welcome!

Tables are limited to 10 by 10 this year, so get in quick!!

Win the coveted "Trivia Cup", score a "door prize" or wangle a "spot award"

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AIMS VICTORIAN BRANCH &  
VICTORIAN IMMUNOHAEMATOLOGY DISCUSSION GROUP  
PRESENTS:

# IT'S IN THE BLOOD

Multidisciplinary Scientific Workshop

## WHEN

Saturday, 16th March, 2019.  
Registration from 8:30am

## WHERE

Level 7 Lecture Theatre,  
Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre.  
305 Grattan St, Parkville, 3000.

## PROGRAM

Helen Bardsley  
Huyen Tran  
Pralhad Ho  
Kerrie Clerici  
Fleur Francis  
Shaun Fleming  
Mary Comande  
More Speakers to follow...

Novoseven (Trauma)  
What's New in Haemophilia Treatment  
Thrombosis  
Alpha/Beta Depleted Transplants in Kids  
AIMS Travelling Orator - Microbiology topic  
Immunotherapy  
Blood Transfusion in Trauma in Children

## COST/REGISTRATION

### Early Bird Registration (until 15th February)

Members: \$60                      Non-members: \$75                      Students: \$45

### Standard Registration (after 15th February)

Members: \$70                      Non-members: \$85                      Students: \$50

(Includes lunch and refreshments)

Register at: <https://www.aims.org.au/events/event/vic-branch-vidg-one-day-workshop>

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## **2018 is the 40th anniversary of the first degree graduates in Medical (Laboratory) Science from RMIT**

It is 40 years since the first degree graduates in Medical Technology finished their conversion course to upgrade their diploma qualification to the newly introduced Bachelor of Applied Science in Medical Technology. RMIT was the last institution in Australia to convert its Diploma programs in Medical Technology to a degree structure.

Following on from recommendations in the Martin Report into Australia's tertiary education system conducted in the mid-1960s the National Council of the Australasian Institute of Medical Laboratory Technology (AIMLT) supported the states to upgrade the qualification of Medical Laboratory Technologists to a degree. The degrees to be offered by the Institutes of Technology and the newly created Colleges of Advanced Education were to be 'equal to but different' from those offered by the traditional universities. In the case of science degrees the difference was in the name – they were to be a Bachelor of **Applied** Science indicating that graduates would acquire both theoretical and practical knowledge and skills which could be applied in a defined vocational area. The first degree programs in Australia were at the Queensland Institute of Technology (QIT), now Queensland University of Technology, and at the Western Australian Institute of Technology (WAIT), now Curtin University. Key people in the introduction of those degree programs were John Saal at QIT and John Foley at WAIT. The important role that these two people played in advancing the education of Medical Laboratory Technologists in Australia has been recognised by incorporation of the Saal Foley Lecture into the program of the AIMS Annual Scientific Meetings.

At RMIT the key people driving the introduction of the degree program were Dr John Varcoe, Ms Bette Wilson and Dr David Cowling. Dr David Cowling was the senior Haematologist at the Royal Melbourne Hospital and was chair of the Advisory Committee in Medical Technology at RMIT. David had previously been chair of the Board of Studies for the Victorian branch of the AIMLT. In addition he was a member of the Postgraduate Examining Council of the AIMLT and played a significant role in advancing the educationally standard of Medical Laboratory Technologist in Victoria and throughout Australia. John Varcoe joined the Department of Biology and Biochemistry at RMIT in 1968. At the end of that year he was promoted to Senior Lecturer in Clinical Biochemistry and given the responsibility of coordinating the Diploma in Medical Laboratory Technology program. In 1970 the AIMLT Board of Study, which had responsibility for oversight of the Diploma program, became the RMIT Advisory Committee for Medical Laboratory Technology. John was elected secretary to the committee, a position he held for 19 years. Bette Wilson joined the department as lecturer in Haematology in 1971. Prior to joining the department, Bette was the Pathology Laboratory Manager at the Royal Children's Hospital and very actively engaged with the AIMLT as Federal Secretary and secretary of the AIMLT Postgraduate Examining Council, which was responsible for the conduct of the Fellowship program. Nineteen seventy one was also the year in which the AIMLT changed its name to the Australian Institute of Medical Technologists (AIMT).

In 1972 a subcommittee of the Advisory Committee, of which John was the secretary, was formed to develop the structure for a degree in Medical Technology. Approval for the degree was given by RMIT in 1974 and by the Victorian Institute of Colleges (VIC) in 1975 with a start date of 1976, however due to funding issues the new degree didn't commence until 1977. New enrolments into the existing Diploma program were stopped and it was phased out by 1982. Student who started the Diploma in 1976 were transitioned into the new degree structure so they could graduate with the degree qualification. The testamur awarded to graduates in the early years of the degree was from the VIC as the institute was the overarching body regulating the non-university sector in the state at that time. RMIT became a public university in 1992 and assumed independent responsibility for the standard and quality of the degrees that it awarded.

The structure of the RMIT Bachelor of Applied Science (Medical Technology) was quite different from that of the other Medical Technology degrees offered in Australia. All other degrees were generalist in that they required students to study all of the professional courses ie Haematology, Clinical Chemistry, Medical Microbiology and Histopathology through into the final year. The RMIT degree structure allowed students to graduate with one professional course, including Immunohaematology and Advanced Clinical Cytology, as well as two electives courses that included options such as Genetics, Parasitology, Medical Photography and Computers in Clinical Pathology. The other big difference was the RMIT degree required students to complete a minimum of one year work experience in an approved laboratory before being eligible to



graduate. This made the RMIT degree a four year degree unlike all of the other programs which were three years with some having a requirement for limited work experience over summer vacations.

So you might ask how did the first degree graduates occur in 1978 if the program only started in 1977? That was due to another difference with the RMIT degree and that was the availability of a degree conversion program. At the same time as the new degree was approved so was a conversion program allowing diploma graduates to upgrade their qualification to a degree. Three different options were available for the conversion depending on when the diploma had been originally awarded. One option was for people to take an additional major or professional course. This option allowed 26 people to graduate with the Bachelor of Applied Science in Medical Technology at the end of 1978. Five of them graduated with distinction. Their degrees were conferred at a ceremony held at Dallas Brook Hall in May 1979. In addition to the degree graduates there were 29 graduates with the Diploma of Applied Science in Medical Technology and 21 graduates with the Associateship Diploma of Medical Laboratory Technology. Many, if not most, of the people who graduated with the Diploma or Associate Diploma later went on to complete the conversion program to upgrade to the degree before that option finished in 1985.

Compared to many other professions Medical (Laboratory) Science is a young profession. That is reflected in that fact that in Australia we have only had degree graduates for the past 40-50 years. People have practiced in laboratories as assistants, technicians and analysts for well over 100 years but it was only in 1978 that the profession changed its name to the Australian Institute of Medical Laboratory Scientists. The RMIT degree became the Bachelor of Applied Science (Medical Laboratory Science) in 1984.

Part two of this story about the education of Medical (Laboratory) Scientists in Victoria will look at the staff teaching into the program and subsequent changes in the program structure over the next 30 years.

## **Ralph Green**

**Honorary Associate Professor**

**Past Discipline and Programs Leader**

Photos: Over Page :

Dr John Varcoe receiving his 25 year, long service award

Dr David Cowling (center) receiving an Honorary RMIT Institute Fellow Award.

Ms Bette Wilson is on the right of the photo.



Reminiscing with Ralph—40 years of the RMIT Medical Laboratory Science Course

Dr John Varcoe



Dr David Cowling receiving his honorary RMIT Institute Fellow Award with Bette Wilson on the right of the photo



Do you have any photos of the old days? Share your memories of Medical Laboratory Science by sending us your photos with a short explanation for publishing in Benchpress.

## AIMS Victorian Branch Awards 2018

The opportunity to acknowledge the efforts of one's professional colleagues is perhaps the most enjoyable task that the AIMS Victorian Branch committee undertakes. At the recent AGM, it was with great pleasure that we announced the Victorian Branch award winners for 2018.



The George Milsom Memorial Award was awarded to **Joseph Rigano** for significant achievement or service in the field of Medical Laboratory Science in Victoria.

Significant achievements include a number of recent publications in journals such as Pathology, Blood, Coagulation and Fibrinolysis and Thrombosis Research. A strong commitment to CPD has seen Joseph deliver more than 30 presentations and 15 posters at numerous AIMS meetings, Special Interest Groups and Clinical Seminars locally, nationally and internationally earning him APACE certification in 2016 and 2018. He is currently undertaking the Fellowship program with AIMS and has published his research project.

Joe has demonstrated a real commitment to further education and is a great role model for aspiring young scientists.

The George Swanson Christie Memorial Award is nominated & offered by the Victorian Branch committee. It has been presented annually since 2004 & is offered to an inspirational medical scientist who has shown ongoing excellence in the field. This year it is was awarded to **Kerry Kelly**.

Kerry started her career at St Vincent's Pathology in 1984 in the Haematology department and has had a long career working at a number of leading healthcare institutions including being the laboratory manager at St John of God pathology in Bacchus Marsh. Kerry served on the Victorian Branch committee as secretary and then an invaluable committee member for nearly 10 years being involved in the organisation and of numerous educational events.





# Northern News

**Event Report** Proudly sponsored by:



Northern News was presented for yet another successful year by the Australian Society for Microbiology (ASM) Vic Branch. The event was held at Austin Hospital, Heidelberg, on Tuesday 23rd October 2018. This year the seminar room was packed to the rafters with approximately 100 people in attendance to hear case studies by medical scientists working in diagnostic microbiology, to enjoy food and mingling with members and non-members alike, and for the lucky few who booked in early, to join the Austin Microbiology Lab Tours.

The presentations were chaired by Dr Marcel Leroi, Head of Microbiology at Austin Health, and featured six speakers from Melbourne's hospitals and private pathology. A range of intriguing case studies were presented which challenged the audience. The talks highlighted the pathogenic role of diverse (and rare) microbes in human infections, the difficulties faced in isolating them, the efforts towards identifying them, and subsequent outcomes for patients. Congratulations to young medical scientist Marie Anne Pathy (Austin Pathology) who was the winner of the ASM membership prize for her presentation.

This year lab tours of the Austin Microbiology Laboratory featuring new Kiestra automation were extremely popular and led by Nahim Salem, Austin Microbiology Senior Scientist. The tours allowed participants to see Kiestra in action and feedback was positive. The organising committee hope to make lab tours an added feature of future Northern (& Southern) News events.

A special thank you to Dr Leroi for chairing the event, Mr Salem for taking the lab tours, and to all of the speakers for their informative and engaging talks. A warm thank you is extended to Biomérieux for their generous sponsorship of the evening, to Austin Health for use of their lecture theatre, and to the organisers of the event.

**Report contributed by: Jaelyne Birrell, VCGS (AIMS Committee / ASM Committee)**

**Highlights from the day:**

**Flying under the radar: a case of bacteraemia caused by an emerging uropathogen**

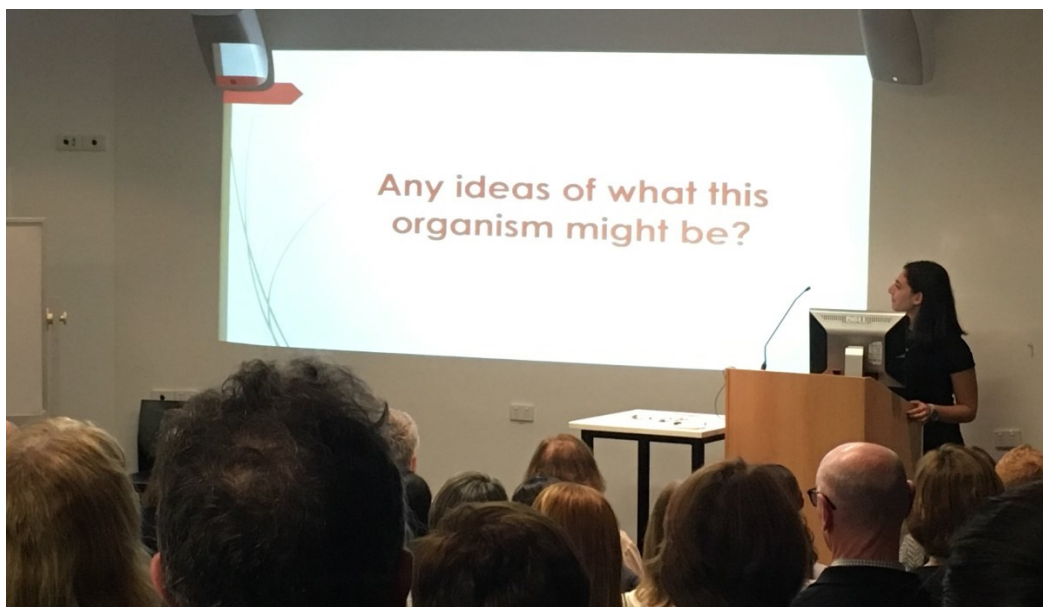
Presented by: Daniel Garang Kuir, Dorevitch Pathology



(Daniel Kuir)

**Pathogens without borders – An overlooked pathogen in post-operative wound infections**

Presented by: Maria Potamitis Dorevitch Pathology



(Maria Potamitis)



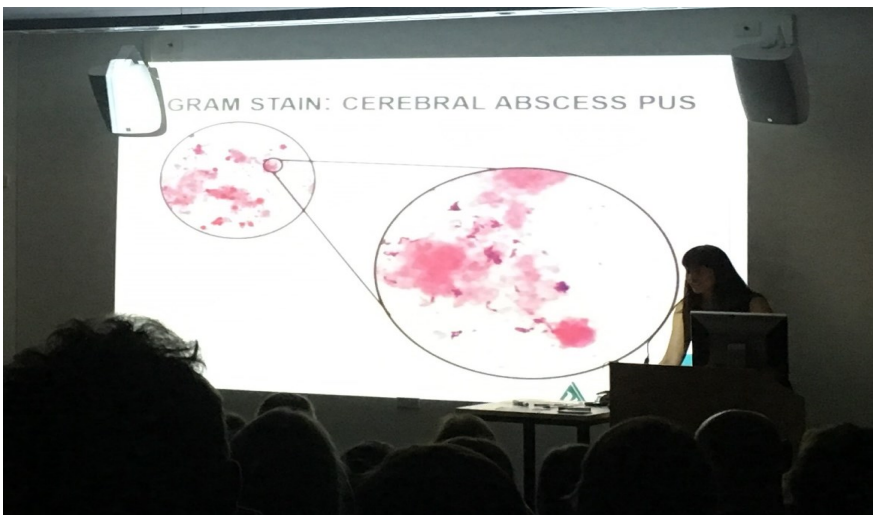
***Candida auris***

Presented by:

Anita Palatinus  
and Lisa Marks

Royal Melbourne Hospital

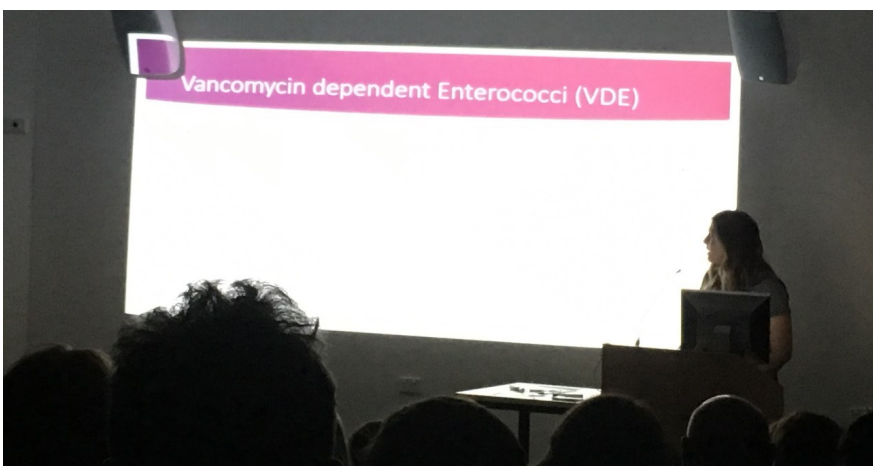
(Anita Palatinus)



Presented by:

Marie Pathy,

Austin Pathology



**Expect the unexpected...**

Presented by:

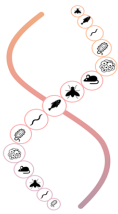
Patricia Szczurek,

Austin Pathology

(AIMS Committee member)



## Rare Disease: Australian Functional Genomics Conference



We are living in an exciting age. New scientific avenues are opening up and presenting challenges to the diagnostic laboratory like never before.

The inaugural **Rare Disease: Australian Functional Genomics Conference** was held in Parkville in September. This conference was organised to address a gap in our knowledge of protein function caused by the explosion of sequence variants identified by the new sequencing technologies performing whole genome or whole exome sequencing.

The first speaker was **Prof Kathryn North** who introduced the **Australian Genomics Network**. Australian Genomics is a NHMRC-funded national collaborative network comprising 80 partner organisations. There are four major programs oriented around different challenges to integrate genomic medicine into Australian Health Care. Clinical programs are currently piloting genomic medicine for patients with rare diseases or cancers across multiple flagships examining the clinical utility of a variety of genomic sequencing technologies. They are using the data to support data-sharing and inform the regulatory, ethical, economic, policy and workforce infrastructure required to integrate genomics as a key part of the Australian Health System. This network aims to build collaborative links between Australian clinicians discovering variants or candidate novel disease genes of unknown significance with researchers who can investigate functional consequences of the gene/variants.

This conference was organised to explore ways that researchers could help diagnostic laboratories understand whether variants found in their sequencing studies are pathogenic or just benign normal human variation.

If we can solve this challenge then genomic medicine will inform many diagnostic decisions for patients with rare diseases or cancer.

**Prof Andrew Sinclair** was the next speaker. He reported that Australia has numerous centres of research capable of investigating the cellular and molecular mechanism of genetic variants. He would like to create a registry of model system teams that could be used to educate or engage researchers. He also wants establish ethics and protocols for the submission of variants to databases and facilitate collaborative sharing of information between laboratories and construct a steering committee and clinical review panel.

The speakers that followed outlined many different models for proving that a sequence variation was pathogenic. They ranged from statistical models and biomathematical analysis to mouse models and zebra fish. It became pretty evident very early on that there was not going to be a quick and easy model that was universally acceptable to all diagnostic laboratories.



**Prof Elizabeth Palmer** gave some harrowing clinical examples about the urgency of making a diagnosis for families to be able to treat their affected children and to be able to access prenatal diagnosis for subsequent pregnancies.

The final speaker was **Dr Bruce Bennetts** from **SEALS**. He outlined the difficulty in having research laboratories determine pathogenicity of unknown sequence variations. Problems include: choosing the right model, length of time to determine function and difficulties in establishing whether the right gene is causing the disorder. He pointed out that pathogenicity of a variant may be determined but – are you looking at the right gene? Has that gene been proven to cause the disease in question? He also wanted to know who will continue the work after the first one or two mutations have been determined. Research moves on - it is not static and the research teams will get bored having to do the same test over and over. Who will fund the testing? Many questions remain to be answered.

The organising committee were both surprised and delighted at the interest taken in this meeting. There were 43 posters selected and a number of abstracts chosen for oral presentation. The poster session was held at the **Museum** amongst the dinosaurs! A fitting setting for the display of work in testing the fundamentals of life itself.

The conclusion reached by the delegates at the meeting was this was a worthwhile venture and that the NHMRC will be approached to fund a project to examine the effectiveness of functional studies so that the most practical and informative can be utilised in diagnostic laboratories to determine the pathogenicity of sequence variants.



I found the meeting very exciting because I realised that our laboratory is not alone in the difficult task of determining pathogenicity of sequence variants commonly (and uncommonly) found in our patient population. This work will help inform our results and give patients the answers they need to make decisions about their healthcare.

**Kerryn Weekes**

**Senior Scientist  
Thalassaemia and Haemophilia Molecular Reference Laboratory  
Monash Pathology**

**Chair AIMS Victoria Branch**



## **Australian NICE 2018 Launceston Meeting Report**

The annual Australian National Immunohematology Continuing Education (NICE) meeting was held mid October at the Launceston Country Club. Blood Bankers from all over Australia are able to attend this meeting because each year it rotates from state to state to reach as many scientists as possible. This year's international attendees included presenters from New Zealand and Japan.

Having 60 attendees attend a meeting lasting a day and a half shows how valued it is by Australian blood banking professionals - from novices to experts- and this year's meeting certainly didn't disappoint with fantastic content from every attendee!

That's right! – every attendee! The meeting format requires all attendees to give a short 5-minute presentation followed by another 5 minutes of discussion to further flesh out the topic, which allows for opinions and experiences to be shared in a non-threatening and nurturing environment.

It's the perfect opportunity for nervous or first-time presenters to break the ice on their professional presentation skills with experienced staff on hand to help discuss each topic.

The meeting sessions covered dealing with various red cell antibody scenarios, red cell grouping anomalies, maternal and paediatric blood banking, patient complications, blood conservation and novel practices and trials.

The presentations may be available soon for perusal on the National Blood Authority (NBA) website. Many thanks to the organising committee, VIDG and the host venue for a ripper meeting.

**Matthew Wilson (NICE 2018 organising committee member)**



**NICE 2018**



Glenda, Frances and Pat enjoying the NICE weekend meeting



## Haematology Discussion Group Meeting at RMIT

I was delighted to see a large audience braving the cold for the RMIT student Haematology Discussion Group presentation night last August. The pizza was terrific and so were the talks given by several very talented RMIT students.

The speakers were confident and well-versed in their topics. The first speaker was **Arina Kushir** who spoke about Acute Promyelocytic Leukaemia (APML), a rare sub-type of acute myeloid leukemia.

The second speaker was **Tegan Seitz** who introduced us to new “Novel therapies in Haemophilia A”. This was a topic which held great interest for me as it aligned with my laboratory’s work in the molecular diagnosis of Haemophilia A.

The third speaker was **Linlin Chen** whose topic was quite a revelation for the advocates of the new genomic editing techniques. LinLin introduced us to “Can CRISPR inadvertently give us cancer?”

We have run a few articles on CRISPR in last couple of editions of Benchpress and this was a completely new angle on some of the downsides of a technology that has taken the research laboratories by storm.

After the meeting had closed, most audience participants that I spoke to said that they loved coming to the HDG student presentations, because they were thrilled to meet the next crop of medicals scientists coming into the workforce.

The AIMS Victorian Branch Student Awards 2017 went to:

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|-------------------------|--|
| <b>Tayla Bickerton</b>  | Award for Best Haematology Graduate 2017                           |
| <b>Amanjot Shergill</b> | Award for Best Microbiology Graduate 2017                          |
| <b>Demi McKee</b>       | Award for Best Transfusion & Transplantation Science Graduate 2017 |
| <b>Teneille Hecker</b>  | Award for Best Anatomical Pathology Graduate 2017                  |
| <b>Al-Dana Al Ajmi</b>  | Prize for Best Research Project Masters 2017                       |
| <b>Xinqi Shi</b>        | Prize for Best Placement Graduate 2017                             |

You can see the photos of the awards winners receiving their prizes on the next page.

**Kerryn Weekes**  
**Chair AIMS Victorian Branch**

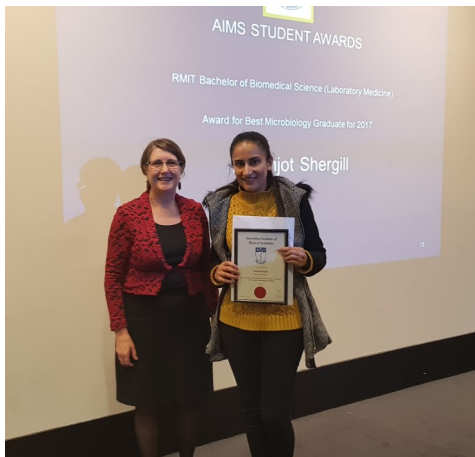


Teneille Hecker

### RMIT Students receiving their AIMS Victorian Branch Awards



Alan Shi



Amanjot Shergill



Tayla Bikerton



Demi McKee



The Australian Society  
for **Microbiology**   
bringing Microbiologists together

**ASM VIC Branch**

**is very pleased to announce**

**Applications for the Summer Student Research Awards  
are now OPEN**

The Summer Student Research Awards are designed to enable undergraduate students taking subjects in Microbiology (and Masters by Coursework students taking subjects in Microbiology) to complete a research experience in the laboratory of an ASM member, on a specific research project.

These awards will operate in the Summer of 2019, and will comprise a 4-week research experience. Successful (student) applicants will receive \$1500 (upon completion of the project and submission of an adequate post-experience report), plus a free 1 yr student membership to the ASM. A maximum of 4 awards may be awarded each application round, subject to the quality of the applications.

For additional information about the Awards, including the Eligibility Criteria, Application Information, Assessment of Applications and Conditions of the Award, please email Karena Waller ([klwaller@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:klwaller@unimelb.edu.au))

**Applications close at 5pm on Friday 16 November 2018.**



## Discussion Group Convenors

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### Immunohaematology (VIDG)

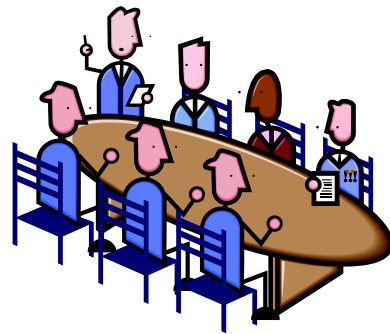
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# Upcoming Events 2019

It's in the Blood! Victorian Branch Workshop 16th March 2019

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