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**WORDS FROM THE CHAIR**

It was -2°C in Launceston yesterday morning as I made my way into work. There was a thick frost and not as many cyclists and runners out as usual. Winter is certainly upon us, which means it is not long until the 2012 AIMS Tasmanian Branch Annual Scientific Meeting. As is tradition it is being held as a combined meeting with the AACB Tasmanian Branch. The meeting will be held over the weekend of the 4th and 5th of August at the Shearwater Resort, Shearwater. The organising committee have ensured a variety of topics across medical science that we hope will be attractive and interesting to delegates. As the 2012 London Olympic Games are being held at the same time the theme of our meeting is "Going for Gold". It also coincides with the 50th Anniversary of the Tasmanian Branch of AIMS. Please also find details of the meeting programme and registration that accompany this newsletter. I hope that you can join us in Shearwater for what promises to be a stimulating and fun weekend of science (and sport)!

Please do not hesitate to contact me by email (Murray.Adams@utas.edu.au) or phone (6324 5483) if you have any suggestions or ideas of how we can make our Tasmanian AIMS branch even better.

Cheers, Murray



Biomedical Science Awards Recipients.

Ross Hayhurst with Mark Green (*Left*), Kurt Edmunds with Murray Adams (*Centre*), Nicola Woodfield with Paul Stancombe (*Top Right*) and Kaitlyn Kelly with Richard Hanlon (*Bottom Right*).

Biomedical Science 4th Year Case Study Presentations and Awards

The Bachelor of Biomedical Science student presentations and awards were held on 7th June 2012 in the School of Human Life Sciences. Approximately 40 students, staff and representatives from pathology laboratories around Tasmania attended the very enjoyable and successful evening. The standard of the presentations was excellent, with **Ross Hayhurst** receiving the award for Best Oral Presentation. **Nicola Woodfield** was the recipient of the Best Poster. These awards were kindly sponsored by Diagnostic Services Pty Ltd (DSPL) and the Northern Tasmania Pathology Service.

Other award winners on the night were:

AIMS Derek Smith Award for Best First Year Student: **Nicola McDonald**

AIMS Gary Peace Prize for Most Improved Second Year Student: **Jessam Carroll-Whiteley**

AIMS FJ Brown Award for Best Third Year Student: **Kurt Edmunds**

CSL Immunohaematology Best Student in Haematology: **Kurt Edmunds**

AACB Best Student in Clinical Chemistry/Immunology: **Kurt Edmunds**

DSPL Prize for Overall Excellence in Biomedical Science: **Kaitlyn Kelly**

AIMS Travelling Oration 19th November 2011

A/Prof Narelle George from the Hersten Hospitals Complex in Brisbane visited Tasmania last November in her role as the AIMS Travelling Orator. Narelle is the Supervising Scientist in Microbiology, Routine and Special Investigations, Pathology Queensland. The venue was the beautiful Somercotes Historic Estate near Ross.

Approximately 20 people attended the half-day meeting on the emerging trends in antimicrobial resistance and difficulties in laboratory detection, and to discuss some interesting interactive case studies. No word yet from AIMS National Office on the 2012 Orator, but we will be hopefully planning for around the same weekend again in November 2012.

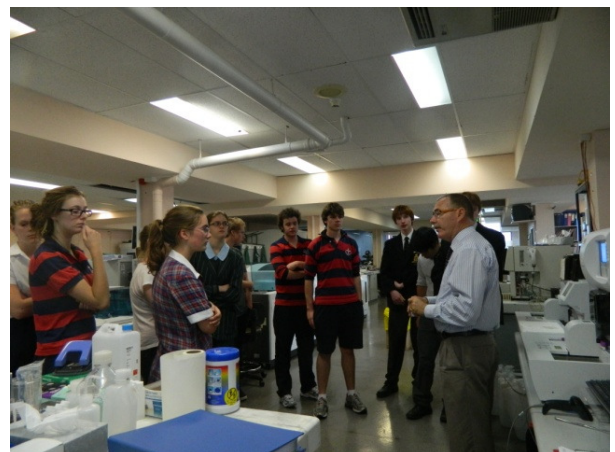


AIMS Travelling Oration 2011.

Narelle George, 2011 AIMS Travelling Orator (*Left*), afternoon tea (*Top*) and the venue, Somercotes Historic Estate (*Right*).

Pathology Week 2012

The Tasmanian Branch of AIMS and the School of Human Life Sciences, UTAS coordinated interactive laboratory tours during Pathology Week 2012 (7th to 16th of March) to help promote the discipline of Pathology, the profession of Medical Scientists, as well as the tertiary education pathway through the Bachelor of Biomedical Science at UTAS. Students from years 11 and 12 from Tasmanian Schools and Colleges visited North-West Pathology, Launceston Pathology and Hobart Pathology to find out what happens on the inside of a diagnostic laboratory, to see how blood tests are performed and to find out more about careers in Pathology and Medical Science.



Images from Hobart Pathology during Pathology Week 2012.

Neil Byron in the Core Lab (*Top*), Michael Burley in Histology (*Bottom Left*) and Kim Roberts talks Microbiology to the students (*Bottom Right*).



Many thanks to Sue Musgrave and Kevin Lyall at UTAS, who developed the on-line application system and helped to coordinate the tours, as well as Katrina McFadyen, Neil Byron, Paul Stancombe, Michelle and Derrick McPhie, the Laboratory Managers and all staff of the laboratories who conducted and contributed to these tours.