

March 2018

Upcoming events:

**WA Branch Student
Travel Awards Night**

Perth, 27 March

**Molecular
Microbiology Meeting**

Sydney, 11-12 April

WA Branch AGM

Perth, May (TBC)

**Annual Scientific
Meeting**

Brisbane, 1-4 July

**Combined Biological
Sciences Meeting**

Perth, 31 August



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Recent events

City Dinner 2018

Professor Matthew Holden (University of St Andrews, Scotland) stopped off in Perth in February to present "Up close and personal - using genomics to investigate the micro-epidemiology of infections) before heading to Brisbane for the Australian Society for Antimicrobials' Annual Scientific Meeting. A fabulous talk and dinner were enjoyed by all.



Prof Holden with Prof Tom Riley



Quiz Night 2017 - \$5000 raised!

Our Annual Quiz Night took place in November 2017 at Perth Soccer Club. As usual, competition was fierce under Quiz Master Dr Michael Leung's supervision. Thanks to sell-out ticket sales and sponsorship from Abacus ALS, Gene TargetSolutions, Alere, Hurst Scientific, Alma Scientific, Illumina, bioMerieux, Integrated Sciences, Blackaby Diagnostics, Interpath Services, Bunzl, In Vitro Technologies, Capella Science, LMG Scientific Services, Cepheid, Pathtech, CSIRO Publishing, DG Air, Qiagen, DiaSorin, RCPA Microbiology QAP, Don Whitley Scientific, Speedx, ELITechGroup, Sysmex, Fisher Biotec, Techno Plas, Genetic Signatures and Thermo Fisher we raised a record amount of over \$5000 to fund travel awards and events for our members.

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Important Dates:

March 13

Student Travel Award
Applications Close

March 27

Student Travel Awards
Presentation Night

July 1-4

ASM 2018, Brisbane

November (details
TBC)

Student Careers Nights
UWA, Curtin



Student Page

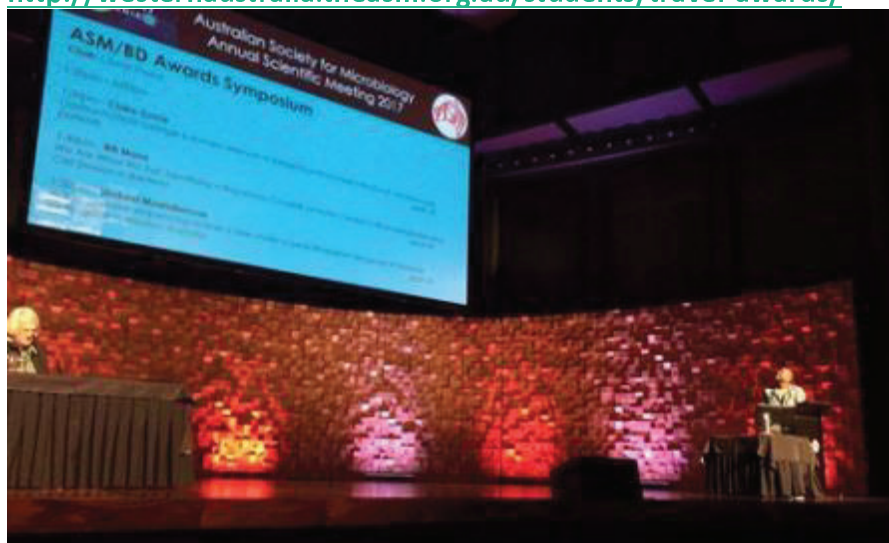
Student Travel Awards 2018

Applications are open for the Student Travel Awards, which cover flights, registration and accommodation for attendance at the [Annual Scientific Meeting](#). Note: The BD Award is now called the ASM Student Travel Award.

Due to increasing numbers of applications, we will hold a Presentation Night to decide on the Award winners. This will take place at QEII MC on March 27.

More information is available at

<http://westernaustralia.theasm.org.au/students/travel-awards/>



2017 WA BD Award recipient Shakeel Mowlaboccus presents at ASM 2017 in Hobart

2017/18 Student Vacation Scholarships

We received eight applications for [Vacation Scholarships](#) in 2017. These provide an allowance for undergrad and Masters students to experience working in a microbiology laboratory over the summer months.

Two scholarships were awarded in 2017:

Hannah Grieg “Tropism and risk of human infection of novel alphavirus” with Assoc/Prof Allison Imrie, UWA

Sarah Negus “Uncovering the biosynthesis of siderophores and its role in virulence of the human fungal pathogen *Talaromyces marneffe*” with Dr Mitali Sarkar-Tyson, UWA

Congratulations Hannah and Sarah! Their project reports will be published here soon.

Your local WA Branch Committee

Charlene Kahler *UWA, Chair*

Fiona Daga *PathWest, Immediate past chair*

Alyson Handfield *PathWest, Secretary*

Paul Healy *PathWest, Treasurer*

Rebecca Wake *PathWest, Visiting speaker program*

Deirdre Collins *ECU, Communications*

Dan Knight *Murdoch, Student activities and awards*

Erica Lambert *PathWest, Quiz Night*

Justin Morgan *PathWest, Quiz Night*

Mitali Sarkar- Tyson *UWA*

Joshua Ramsay *Curtin*

Sam Abraham *Murdoch*

Megan Lloyd *ECU*

Anthony Jones *PathWest*

Sandra Sjollema *PathWest*

Aleshanee Paxman *Curtin student Rep*

Become a member and apply for MASM/FASM status

Membership of ASM gives you access to a professional network, special events, discounted registration for the Annual Scientific Meeting, and eligibility for many awards. Encourage your colleagues to join ASM! Members are encouraged to apply for Professional Membership (MASM) or Fellowship (FASM) of ASM. Application for consideration for each Membership status is **free** and involves providing your CV and filling in a simple form. Visit <http://www.theasm.org.au/membership/> for more information on membership and how to apply.

Member Awards

ASM strongly encourages members to apply for an array of awards in recognition of excellence in teaching, lifetime of achievement, distinguished service to the Society, and more. Applications for all awards close on March 31st.

More information is available at www.theasm.org.au/awards/

ASM Frank Fenner Award - distinguished contributions by scientists in a formative stage of their career

ASM Lyn Gilbert Award - major contributions in diagnostic microbiology

ASM David White Excellence in Teaching Award - innovation in teaching of microbiology

ASM Jim Pittard Early Career Award - distinguished contributions by early career researchers

ASM Distinguished Service Award - outstanding service of individuals to the Society

ASM Honorary Life Membership Award - highest membership recognition

ASM Teachers' Travel Award - facilitates attendance for a teacher at Annual Scientific Meeting

Millis-Colwell Postgraduate Research Travel Award - facilitates attendance at American ASM's annual ASM Microbe meeting

NZMS Postgraduate Research Travel Award - facilitates attendance at New Zealand Microbiology Society's National Conference

ASM Clinical Microbiology Travel Award - facilitates attendance at ASM's Annual Scientific Meeting. Open to clinical microbiologists.

Contribute to our newsletter

We would like to hear about microbiology-related events in WA and the achievements of our members. If you would like to advertise an event, or know someone who receives a significant award or funding we'd like to hear from you! Contact a committee member or [Deirdre Collins](#) for inclusion in the Newsletter.

