

**AUSTRALIAN SOCIETY FOR BIOCHEMISTRY
AND MOLECULAR BIOLOGY INC**

Annual General Meeting No. 62 (2018) Agenda DRAFT

The 62nd Annual General Meeting of the Australian Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Inc. will be held on Thursday October 5th at 12:55 in the Meeting room C2.4 in the Sydney Convention Centre.

1. **Apologies.**
None noted
2. **Confirmation of the minutes of Annual General Meeting No. 61.**
Minutes confirmed and noted
3. **Council Elections and Honorary Member nominations**
As there were only single nominations for Secretary, Treasurer, Editor, Education Rep, FAOBMB Rep and State Representatives these were tabled at the Council meeting and were recommended to the AGM for ratification as per the rules in the constitution. These nominations were confirmed at the AGM.

[Item 3: Results of Council Elections - for ratification](#)

President	Leann Tilley
President-Elect	Joel Mackay
Secretary	Briony Forbes
Treasurer	Marc Kvansakul
Editor	Suresh Mathivanan
Education Rep	Susan Rowland
Secretary for Sust. Members	Sally Jay
FAOBMB Representative	Terry Piva
Representatives for:	
ACT	Matthew Johnson
NSW	Kate Quinlan
Qld	Ben Schulz
SA	Mark Corbett
Tas	Kate Brettingham-Moore
Vic	Dr Erinna Lee
WA	Monika Murcha

4. **President's Report.**
See attached below
5. **Treasurer's Report.**
See attached below
6. **Fees for 2018/19.**
See Treasurers report below
7. **Notification of Changes to the By-Laws of the Constitution.**

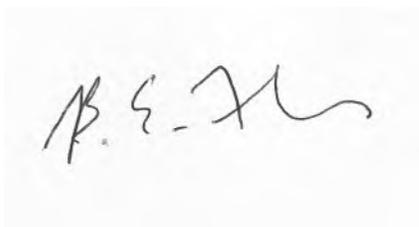
None tabled

8. Any Other Business. None

Minutes confirmed:

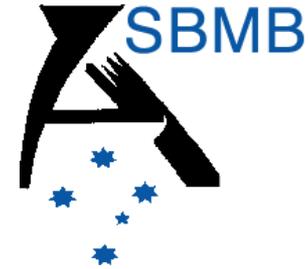


..... J MACKAY (President)



..... B FORBES (Secretary)

**59th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the
AUSTRALIAN SOCIETY FOR BIOCHEMISTRY AND MOLECULAR
BIOLOGY Inc. 2018**



AGENDA

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3. Results of Council Elections
4. President's Report
5. Treasurer's Report
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7. Changes to the Constitution
8. Notification of changes to the By-Laws of the Constitution
9. Any other business

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Item 4: ASBMB President's Report 2018

(Leann Tilley)

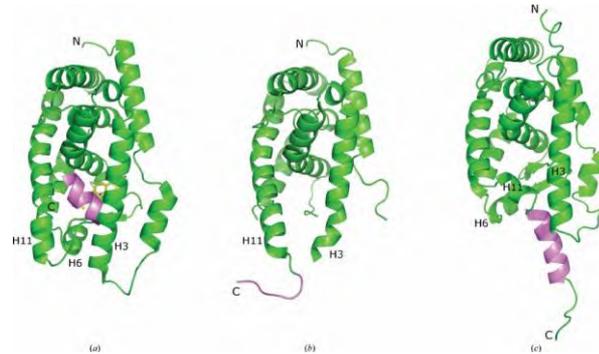
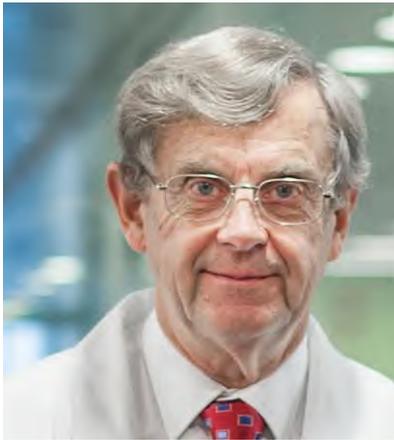
2018 Awards

- **Lemberg Medal:** *Professor Jamie Rossjohn*
- **Merck Medal:** *Associate Professor Mehdi Mobli*
- **Beckman Coulter Discovery Science Award:** *Prof Bostjan Kobe*
- **Eppendorf Edman Award:** *Dr Rajesh Ghai*
- **Shimadzu Education Award:** *Dr Tracey Kuit*
- **ASBMB Boomerang Award:** -
- **Bioplatforms Australia Award:** *Dr Simon Cobbold*
- **ASBMB Fellowships Award:** *Ms Louise Sternicki (Fred Collins Award) (University of Adelaide), Dr F. Hafna Ahmed (ANU), Dr Jessica Bridgford (University of Melbourne, WEHI) and Dr Thanh Kha Phan (La Trobe University).*
- **Please make nominations**
- **Including for ASBMB Student Merit Awards**

Gold members 2018

50 years+ standing:

- *Professor Tony Burgess, Dr Christopher Driver, Dr Ross Fernley, Dr Margaret Smith, Dr Ronald Hill and Assoc Prof Ross Lilley.*



ComBio2018

thanks everyone

- **Chair:** Liz Harry
- Local organizing committee including Deputy Chair, Prof Rachel Burton, Program Chair, A/Prof Annemiek Beverdam, Deputy Program Chair, Prof Brent Kaiser, Events, A/Prof Briony Forbes, Treasurer A/Prof Marc Kvansakul and all the Stream Co-ordinators.



- Joint meeting with the International Society of Differentiation; the New Zealand Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (NZSBMB; Monica Gerth) and the New Zealand Society of Plant Biologists (NZSPB; Marian McKenzie)

- **Thanks to Sally Jay Conferences**

Captain's pick/ Grimwade Award



Keynote Speaker

Randy Wayne Schekman
– Nobel Prize-winning
American professor of
molecular and cell biology
at the University of
California, Berkeley



International Convention Centre Sydney
Darling Harbour, Sydney

23 - 26 September 2018

We warmly invite you to be part of ComBio2018 which will be held at the brand new spectacular International Convention Centre Sydney on the Darling Harbour waterfront, which is within walking distance of the city, harbour bridge and a variety of reasonably priced restaurants, hotels and apartments.

International Plenary Speakers

- **Gary Brouhard**, McGill University, Quebec, Canada
- **Paula Cannon**, University of Southern California, USA
- **Ellen Lumpkin**, Columbia University, New York, USA
- **Christof Niehrs**, Institute of Molecular Biology Mainz (IMB), Germany
- **Anna Philpott**, University of Cambridge, Cambridgeshire, UK
- **Elizabeth Robertson**, University of Oxford, Oxford, UK
- **Randy Schekman**, University of California, Berkeley, USA
- **Keiko Torii**, University of Washington, Washington, USA
- **Michael Udvardi**, Noble Research Institute, Oklahoma, USA
- **Tobias Walther**, Harvard Medical School, Boston, USA
- **Valerie Weaver**, University of California, San Francisco, USA
- **Nieng Yan**, Princeton University, New Jersey, USA

Further Information

Conference Chair:
Liz Harry
Liz.Harry@uts.edu.au

Registration/
Exhibition:
Sally Jay
combio@asbmb.org.au

Early registration/ abstract deadline:

Friday,
22 June 2018

Provisional Conference Streams:

- Plant Biology
- Developmental, Stem Cell and Regenerative Biology
- Immunology, Infection, Host
- Proteins and Structural Biology
- Omics, Epigenetics and Bioinformatics
- Cell Biology and Signalling
- Biochemistry and Metabolism
- Emerging Technologies
- Education

The conference is the combined meetings of the ASBMB, ASPs, ANZSCDB, NZSPB and NZSBMB with the International Society of Differentiation (ISD) partnering with the ANZSCDB.

- Australian Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
- Australian Society of Plant Scientists
- Australia and New Zealand Society for Cell and Developmental Biology
- International Society of Differentiation
- New Zealand Society of Plant Biologists
- New Zealand Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology

www.combio.org.au/combio2018

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ComBio2018

- **Exhibition:** **46** booths, x4paying tables and 2 FOC/contra tables (Sally Jay estimates exhibition added \$205,000 to conference income)
- **Total Registrations** (as of Sunday): **762 total** (*includes 96 day registrants, 103 exhibitors*)

ComBio	Sydney 2018	Adelaide 2017	Brisbane 2016	Melbourn e 2015	Canberr a 2014	Perth 2013
Total Reg.	762	685	661	838	727	678
ASBMB		287	264	367	295	301
ASPS		120	118	139	129	104
ANZSCDB		92	94	103	124	88
NZSBMB		-	-	12	-	-
NZSBMB		-	-	10	-	-

ComBio – the challenge

Generalist scientific meetings, such as ComBio, are under pressure:
 high costs to attend the meeting; broad nature of the meeting's program; the relative ease of attending conferences overseas.

=> 3 day, lower cost meeting

Type	Brisbane 2016 (Early)	Adelaide 2017 (Early)	Sydney 2018 (Early)
Member	\$750	Member \$680	Member \$715
Non Member*	\$955	Non Member* \$955	Non Member* \$990
Retired Member	\$395	Retired Member \$250	Retired Member \$275
Student Member	\$395	Student Member \$250	Student Member \$275
Student Non Member *	\$540	Student Non Member* \$540	Student Non Member* \$565
Day Registration Member	\$450	Day Registration Member \$450	Day Registration Member \$450
Day Registration Non-Member*	\$550	Day Registration Non-Member* \$550	Day Registration Non-Member* \$575

⇒ Alternating ComBio and ASBMB stand-alone meetings from 2018

⇒ Seeking additional partner to build ComBio

Future ComBio/ ASBMB Meetings

Year	Location	Dates
2019	ASBMB - Esplanade Hotel, Freemantle – Dr Nic Taylor, Prof Charlie Bond	1-3 October, 2019
2020	ComBio - Melbourne – Prof Jackie Wilce, Prof Mark Hulett	29 September – 2 October 2020
2021	Joint ASBMB/ NZSBMB/ FAOBMB meeting in Christchurch, New Zealand – Prof Wayne Patrick, Pro Monica Gerth	22-25 November, 2021
2024	Joint IUBMB/ FAOBMB/ ComBio meeting in Melbourne – Prof Leann Tilley, Prof Christina Mitchell, Prof Andy Hill, Prof Danny Hatters	21-26 September, 2024



ASBMB2019

all hail to the local organising committee



ASBMB2019: - Esplanade Hotel in Fremantle - 3-day meeting (Oct 1-3, 2019).

ASBMB
The Australian Society for
Biochemistry and Molecular
Biology Conference

the **SAVE
DATE**

1-3 OCTOBER 2019
Fremantle Esplanade Hotel
FREMANTLE, PERTH
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

www.asbmb2019.com.au



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CONFERENCE THEMES

- Gene Editing
- Drug Discovery
- RNA Biology

KEY DATES

- Call for abstracts
29 JANUARY 2019
- Registration Open
1 APRIL 2019

CONFERENCE ORGANISING COMMITTEE

- Executive Committee
Nicolas Taylor
Charlie Bond
Aleksandra Filipovska
Ricardo Mancera
Naomi Trengove
Elin Gray
Raelene Endersby
- Program Organising Committee
Marco Falasca
Oliver Rackham
Archa Fox

CONFIRMED SPEAKERS

- Lingling Chen, *Shanghai Institute of Biochemistry and Cell Biology*
- Tom Blundell, *University of Cambridge*

- Conference Managers



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ASBMB Membership

	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2018/19
Ordinary Members						
Overseas Members (commen						
Student Members	620	620	596	579	590	592
Complimentary Students	42	43	43	39	39	45
Retired Members	231	245	213	219	206	209
Complimentary Retired	39	39	28	50	35	26
Honorary Members	13	13	10	13	11	10
Non Paying	74	84	79	77	84	93
FAOBMB	11	9	12	13	13	13
IUBMB	9	9	9	9	7	7
	3	3	2	2	2	2
TOTAL	5	5	5	5	5	5
	1047	1070	997	1006	992	1,002

Current member is 868 of 910 at same time last year

Changing of the Guard ...

Farewell to:

- Paul Gleeson (FAOBMB Representative)



Changing of the Guard ...

Welcome to:

- A/Prof Terry Piva – FAOBMB Representative



Thanks to.....

- **ASBMB Executive:** Briony Forbes, Jael Mackay, Marc Kvansakul, Suresh Mathivanan
- **ASBMB Council:** Exec, State reps; Susan Rowland, Education Representative
- **National Office/Secretary for Sustaining Members:** Sally and Chris Jay
- **ASBMB Editorial Officer:** Liana Freidman and Editorial Committee, especially co-Editor Tatiana Soares da Costa
- Many others who have worked hard for ASBMB



Much improved website

Join ASBMB for 2018

3 Years Membership benefits

Join or Renew Now!



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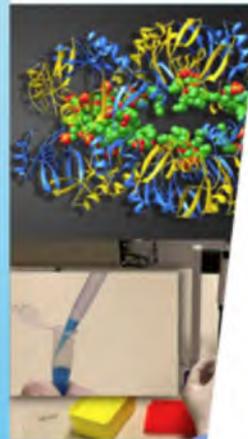
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What's in this issue?

- Australia Wins 26th IUBMB Congress and 17th FAOBMB Congress Bid for 2024
- ComBio2018 International Plenary Speaker Profiles
- Publications with Impact
- ASBMB Education Feature
- Off the Beaten Track: From Lab Bench to Lectern

IUBMB 2024

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Latest News

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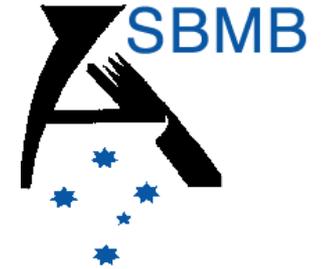
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May 8, 2018

STEM leaders forge path to stronger Australian

Thanks to Suresh and friends!!



- ASBMB and ComBio are evolving rapidly
- Thanks to the enormous efforts of all involved.
- I am confident both the Society and the meetings we organise will continue to prosper and to meet the needs of the next generation of biochemists and molecular biologists.

ASBMB Treasurer's Report 2018

Marc Kvansakul

Treasurer Highlights AGM 2018

- **Overall financial position** of the Society is similar to that of 2017. The balance sheet indicates we have total assets of \$543,737 and a total equity of \$431,609
 - Revenue up \$15,909 in 2017-2018 mainly due to increased profit share from Combio2017
 - Expenditure down \$3,501 in the same period
- **2017-2018 financial year** showed an operating profit of \$14,589, compared with a small loss of \$4,821 in 2016-2017.
 - **2017-2018 was only the second year of profit after 8 out of 9 years of losses previously.**
- **Changes due to the following:**
 - Increased profit from Combio2017 (25,382) vs Combio2016 (\$16,380)
 - Reduced expenditure due to no longer printing Australian Biochemist, all meetings now video linked
- We need to sustain or increase membership and to ensure both the long-term viability and profitability of Combio/ASBMB meetings
- Thanks to Brian Hiley at Priestleys, Ian Price, Sally & Chris Jay and Fellow members of the executive
 - Special thanks to Terry Piva for getting me going & out of trouble as incoming treasurer

ASBMB – Statement of Financial Position as of June 30, 2018

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2018

NOTE 11: CASH FLOW INFORMATION

	2018	2017
	\$	\$
(a) Reconciliation of cash		
Cash at bank	472,633	452,363
	472,633	452,363
 (b) Reconciliation of net cash provided by operating activities after income tax		
Surplus (deficit) after income tax	14,589	(4,821)
<u>Non cash</u> flows in surplus (deficit) from operations		
Depreciation	-	-
Changes in assets and liabilities		
(Increase)/Decrease in receivables	8,857	(14,279)
(Increase)/Decrease in other assets	2,761	(2,587)
Increase/(Decrease) in payables	(5,937)	(6,489)
Net cash provided by operating activities	20,270	(28,176)
 (c) The Association has no credit stand-by or financing facilities in place.		
 (d) There were no non-cash financing or investing activities during the year.		

NOTE 12: FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT

The Association's financial instruments consist mainly of deposits with banks, short-term investments, accounts receivable and payable.

The totals for each category of financial instruments, measured in accordance with AASB 139 as detailed in the accounting policies to these financial statements, are as follows:

	Note	2018	2017
		\$	\$
Financial assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	4	472,633	452,363
Trade and other receivables	5	71,104	79,961
		543,737	532,324
 Financial liabilities			
Trade and other payables	8	112,128	118,065
		112,128	118,065

ASBMB – Income and Expenditure Statement For the Year Ending June 30, 2018

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2018

NOTE 2: REVENUE

	2018	2017
14	\$	\$
Operating activities		
Revenue		
Subscriptions – ordinary, student, retired and sustaining members	90,238	86,103
Conference income	25,382	16,380
Advertising and insert in proceedings and newsletters	2,480	800
Other Income	12,020	10,600
	130,120	113,883
Non-operating activities		
Interest received – Administration Fund	10,731	10,640
Donations	127	546
	10,858	11,186
Total Revenue	140,978	125,069

NOTE 3: EXPENSES

Other expenses from ordinary activities		
Affiliate memberships	14,415	15,020
Awards and medals	19,400	13,900
Conference support costs	10,351	10,370
Council expenses	4,887	5,316
Insurance	1,176	1,116
National office costs	38,831	42,270
Newsletter costs	9,707	6,974
Other Costs	3,456	3,659
State allocations	9,216	11,892
Website expenses	-	6,523
Remuneration of auditor		
- audit or review services	2,850	2,150
- other services	2,100	2,200
ASBMB fellowship – Research Fund	10,000	8,500
	126,389	129,890

Item 6: Fees for 2019-20

Membership fees for the year 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019

2% CPI Increase

	2018/19	2019/20	(3 yr)
Ordinary Members:	\$134	\$137	\$329
Student Members:	\$43	\$44	\$105
Sustaining Members:	\$406	\$414	\$994
Retired Members:	\$58	\$59	\$141
Member O/S:	\$63	\$64	\$154