

# 2017 HBPRCA Annual Scientific Meeting

## 2017 ASM Melbourne

The 2017 ASM took place in Melbourne at Victoria University, Flinders Street, Melbourne, from 29 Nov to 1 Dec.

The program was created by our Joint Program Managers Francine Marques and Bradley Broughton, following receipt of over 70 abstracts. [CLICK HERE](#) to view the full program.

**ABSTRACTS:** A number of submitters provided permission to publish on this site, this selection of abstracts can be found [HERE](#)

The meeting kicked off with a very successful Early Career Researcher (ECR) workshop that was organised by the ECR Committee chaired by Rachel Climie and covered topics like, designing a career in Medical Research, productive writing skills and grant writing. Additionally a dedicated Clinical workshop ran parallel with the ECR workshop, with practical topics such as treatment options in hypercholesterolaemia, screening for primary aldosteronism and the effects of SPRINT on guidelines among others. We were very fortunate to hear from the following HBPRCA keynote invited speakers throughout the meeting: [CLICK HERE](#) to read guest speaker biographies.

RD Wright invited Lecturer: Prof. David Ellison, Oregon



Colin I Johnston invited Lecturer: Prof. Fadi Carchar



Austin Doyle invited Lecturer: Prof. Caroline McMillen



American Heart Association Awardee: Dr Meena Madhur



British Hypertension Association Awardee: Dr Conor Kerley



A major highlight of the ASM was the Conference Awards Dinner, held at RACV Club. It was fantastic to see all of the award winners recognised by their peers. This year no poster presentations were awarded, all abstract submitters presented and oral, therefore there was a second award of “Honourable Mention” provided to the second place presenter in each category.

Congratulations to the HBPRCA winners from the 2017 ASM

Student Oral award – Ashenafi Betrie who will also be visiting the AHA to present in 2018



Student Oral Honourable Mention Nurul Aisha Zainal Abidin



ECR Oral Winner – Francine Marques who will also be attending the BIHS meeting in 2018



ECR Oral Honourable Mention, supported by Clinical Science Journal – Mark Waddingham

*(no photo available as Mark could not attend the awards dinner)*

We hope to see you at the next HBPRCA ASM November 27-30th 2018 in Adelaide, to be held in conjunction with AAS and AVBS.



RD Wright invited Lecturer: Prof David Ellison

Dr. Ellison joined the Division of Nephrology at OHSU in August 2000 as professor of medicine and division head. Dr. Ellison received his nephrology training at Yale University. Dr. Ellison's research investigates the molecular regulation of renal salt excretion and its impact on blood pressure. Specifically, his work focuses on electroneutral salt transporters and on Gitelman's and Bartter's syndromes, two inherited diseases caused by mutations in the genes responsible for mediating salt movement in the kidney. Dr. Ellison is also interested in the pathogenesis and treatment of edema. His work is funded by the NIH and Department of Veterans Affairs.

David is the Director, Oregon Clinical and Translational Research Institute and is a Fellow of both the American Heart Association and American Society of Nephrology.

Colin I Johnston invited Lecturer: Fadi Charchar



Fadi Charchar graduated from Melbourne University (PHD) 1998 and is currently Associate Dean (Research) at FedUni. He was a Wellcome Trust Research Fellow at University of Glasgow and a BHF Lecturer at the University of Leicester. His research interests centres on molecular genetics of complex disease. This includes the genetics of cardiovascular diseases, sexual dimorphism of cardiovascular risk and the contribution of changes in genomic structure to disease. He has recently been awarded the Okamoto Young Investigator prize for his research on the Y sex chromosome and coronary artery disease.

Fadi is the Associate Dean (Research) Professor in Biomedical Science and is an Honorary Research Fellow for both the University of Melbourne and the University of Leicester.

Education/training institution and location degree year(s) field of study: University of Melbourne BSc(Hons) 1993 Genetics/Physiology, University of Melbourne PhD 1998 Genetics/Physiology

Austin Doyle Lecture – Professor Caroline McMillen



Professor Caroline McMillen joined the University of Newcastle as Vice-Chancellor and President in October 2011.

Professor McMillen has dedicated almost 30 years to the higher education sector, holding leadership roles across research, innovation and teaching. She holds a Bachelor of Arts (Hons) and Doctor of Philosophy from Oxford University, and completed her medical training at the University of Cambridge.

As a biomedical researcher, Professor McMillen is internationally recognised for her work into the impact of the nutritional environment before birth on the risk of developing cardiovascular disease and obesity in adult life.

Over her career, Professor McMillen has trained more than 50 Honours and PhD students who have gone on to win national honours and fellowships and made significant contributions in diverse careers, including research, industry, medicine, dentistry, veterinary science and education