

#### MONTHLY BULLETIN FOR TOEH RESEARCH COMMUNITY

# WINNING NEWS

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## **BHI Long Lunch Table 2019**

On Wednesday 24th July the BHI Long Lunch Table grew a little more to reach 17.6 metres, and now holds the record for the longest continuous table as part of The Longest Table (TLT) cancer fundraiser for The Hospital Research Foundation. This is in addition to the BHI being the longest running TLT event, having held it's first long lunch in the week leading up to the inaugural TLT evening in 2013. And, in it's 7th year of participation, the BHI has now passed the \$10,000 mark in terms of funds raised with over \$1,300 raised this year. If you haven't had the chance to donate yet - it's not too late! Just go to www.thelongesttable.com.au/table/bhi/ Thanks are extended to the outgoing BHI student representatives (see page 7) who helped organise the event and to everyone who brought along a plate of food to share.





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#### **BHI SEMINARS**

**BHI HDR Student Seminars** Tuesdays, 1-2pm

**BHI Invited Speaker Seminar** Wednesday 28 August, 1-2pm A/Prof Rietie Venter University of South Australia

> **BHI Staff Seminars** Thursdays, 1-2pm

All seminars take place in the BHI **Ground Floor Seminar Rooms** 

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Deadline **TQEH Research Expo Abstracts** 5pm, Monday 12 August

**BHI Off the Clock** 

Wednesday 28 August, 4pm **BHI Ground Floor Seminar Rooms** 

# **BHI HUB**

## From the BHI Facility Manager Kathryn Hudson

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Office and desk space at The Institute is allocated on a needs basis, against a defined set of criteria which are reviewed annually by the BHI Management Committee. This procedure applies to all users who access the BHI workspaces. For students and staff who work across multiple campuses, BHI sessional offices and hot desks are available for use. These researchers may be based permanently at Adelaide University, UniSA, RAH, SAHMRI or elsewhere and utilise the BHI sporadically, or alternatively for discrete blocks of time.

Hot desk computers can be accessed at anytime, they do not need to be booked. Sessional offices are available on each floor of the BHI and can be booked using google calendar. The sessional offices can be used by anyone, including visitors, or students and staff assigned an open plan desk space, who require a closed door for whatever reason – for example short meetings or private conversations.

Meeting rooms can also be booked using google calendar. There are a number of different options for meeting rooms including the first floor meeting room, or the seminar rooms on the ground floor. For occasions when the meeting room or seminar room are too large, some sessional offices are set up to include a round table for smaller meetings suitable for up to four people.

The balconies make great informal meetings places, and are very pleasant to enjoy your lunch. The break out spaces in the office areas can also be used for small meetings, and also make a good spot to chat over a cuppa. In cooler weather, don't forget the ground floor common room is also a facility lunch area.

The Institute does have a great mix of open plan space and closed rooms, the aim is to ensure everyone has ample space to work, quiet space to access and common areas to mix and socialise with colleagues.

# From the BHI Communications Officer Rebecca Anderson

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A reminder to everyone to check they have the correct information about the BHI when including it on publications, presentations and in email signatures. If in doubt, please ask me.

**Basil Hetzel Institute for Translational Health Research** (no "The" in front, remember to include "Health" and abbreviate to the **BHI**)

**The Queen Elizabeth Hospital** (remember to include a "The" with a capital T at the front and abbreviate to **TQEH**) **28 Woodville Road, Woodville South, South Australia 5011** (use the postal address for publications/presentations, though you might also want to include the street address in your email signature: 37a Woodville Road, Woodville South, SA 5011).

# **NEWS**

### Welcome to new staff and students



L-R: Sadik Abdello, Marzieh Amirmostofian, Patrick Braini, Anita Kral, Muhammed Awad, Santhni Subramaniam, Tadesse Abegaz

We welcome the following people to the BHI:

#### Therapeutics Research Centre, BHI, Level 2

Dr Marzieh Amirmostofian is a postdoctoral researcher, while Sadik Abdello and Tadesse Abegaz have both commenced their PhDs with this group.

#### **ENT Surgery / University of South Australia Dr Nicky Thomas**

Currently based at the University South Australia, but likely to spend more time at the BHI, are research assistant Anita Kral and PhD students Muhammed Awad and Santhni Subramaniam.

#### Virology Group, BHI, Level 1

Patrick Braini is a volunteer with the Virology Group, having recently completed his Honours degree at The University of Adelaide under the supervision of A/Prof Michael Lardelli.

# Sarah Bernhardt wins ASMR People's Choice Award

Congratulations to final year PhD student **Sarah Bernhardt**, Breast Biology and Cancer Unit, for receiving the People's Choice Award at the ASMR Conference Dinner in June. As one of 4 finalists for the Ross Wishart Award Sarah presented her talk at the conference dinner as well as at the scientific meeting. Her 3 minute 'snapshot' presentation (similar to the 3MT - Three Minute Thesis competition run by Universities), titled "That time of the month: When menstrual cycle stage affects breast cancer treatment", was voted by the audience as the best!





## THRF Story: Dr Danielle Taylor

**Dr Danielle Taylor**, a THRF Mid Career Fellow with the Adelaide-GTRAC Centre, has created an interactive web map of Australia's frailty rates to provide local-level information that can guide policy makers, decision makers and health service providers to help match people with the services they need. Read the full story.

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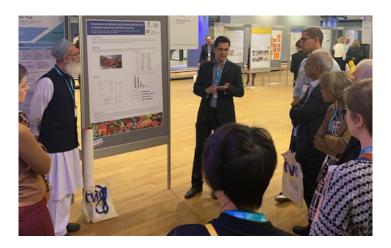
## Dr Guil Pena: THRF Travel Grant Report

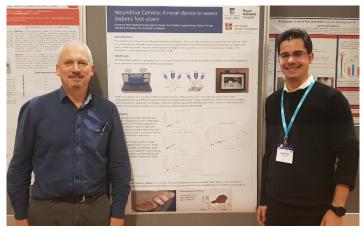
Attending the 8th International Symposium on the Diabetic Foot held at the Hague in The Netherlands from May 22-25 was a professionally rewarding experience. The Symposium, held once every four years, is the largest and most prestigious meeting devoted to lower extremity problems in diabetes.

I presented two posters and was co-author of a plenary talk, presented at this conference by Professor Robert Fitridge, Professor of Vascular Surgery, The University of Adelaide.

- 1. WoundVue Camera: A novel device to assess diabetic foot ulcers (poster): In this research we assessed the reliability and feasibility of the WoundVue camera technology, which is a novel camera able to take photos of diabetic foot wounds, recreate a 3D model and produce accurate and reproducible dimensions data.
- 2. Prevalence of vitamin and mineral deficiencies in diabetic patients with foot wounds (poster): In this research we explored the prevalence of micronutrient deficiency in diabetic patients with foot ulcers. We found that the prevalence of vitamin and micronutrient deficiency is high. The high prevalence of vitamin C and zinc deficiency is of considerable concern, given their key roles in wound healing.
- 3. Are there differences in outcomes between diabetic and non-diabetic patients with chronic limb-threatening ischaemia? (Plenary talk): Discussion of a review on the particularities of chronic threatening limb ischaemia in patients with diabetes.

The conference brought together delegates from many specialties and leading experts in various fields from all over the world. It was a great opportunity to establish connections with experts and share research ideas. As a result of attending this conference I am writing a paper with Professor Fitridge and Dr Joseph Mills (Chief of Vascular Surgery, Bayor College of Medicine, Houston, USA) that will be published in a high impact diabetic journal.







Top: Professor Rob Fitridge and Dr Guil Pena Above: Binnenhof along the Hofvijver Below: Dr Guil Pena presenting one of his posters

THRF's Travel Grant gave me the opportunity to attend the most important conference in the area of my research, to present my results which were very well received and to meet experts from all over the world. It also gave me a deeper insight and knowledge about diabetic foot syndrome, the main reason for lower limb amputation in the world. As a result, I left the conference with more enthusiasm to continue my research that aims to improve the care of diabetic patients with foot ulcers and ultimately reduce limb loss.

Dr Guil Pena Master of Philosophy (Surgery) Student, The University of Adelaide Vascular Surgery Research Group

Basil Hetzel Institute, TQEH



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## Dr Chandra Kirana: Conference in Malang, Indonesia



Dr Chandra Kirana delivering keynote address (above), and with organising committee members (right)

**Dr Chandra Kirana**, Surgical Science Research Group, was invited to be a keynote speaker and judge of poster and oral presentations at the 1st International Seminar on Smart Molecule of Natural Resources (ISSMART) which was held in Malang, Indonesia from 11-12 July 2019.

Chandra writes "It was a great opportunity to be able to share results from my research projects and raise awareness of bowel cancer with Indonesian researchers and graduate students at the ISSMART."

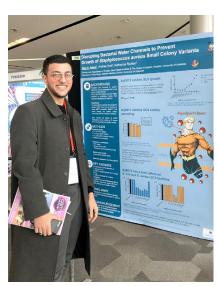
Chandra's conference attendance was supported by a Travel Grant from The Hospital Research Foundation.



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## **Australian Society for Microbiology Conference**



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The Australian Society for Microbiology held its annual national conference in Adelaide from 30 June to 3 July. A fantastic scientific program included eminent speakers from around the world, including Tilman Ruff, an infectious diseases physician and Nobel Peace Prize laureate.

PhD students Laurine Kaul (Surgical Science Research Group) and Dr Beula Panchatcharam (ENT Surgery) each gave oral presentations at the biofilm symposium, wich was chaired by Dr Katharina Richter (Surgical Science Research Group). PhD student Zein Amro (Surgical Science Research Group) also presented a poster.

Kati was also a panellist at the Student Mentoring Lunch, giving advice to students on science communication, international collaboration, and careers inside and outside of academia.



Dr Beula Panchatcharam

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# BHI STUDENT NEWS

### BHI STUDENT REPS 2019-2020



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## Welcome to new Student Reps

We welcome three new student representatives to the BHI Management Committee for the next 12 months:

Mirabel Alonge, PhD student, Clinical Pharmacology Research Group Bimala Dhakal, PhD student, Surgical Science Research Group Gohar Shaghayegh, PhD student, ENT Surgery

The BHI Management Committee is an open Committee and staff and student observers are welcome to attend. The meetings for the 2019-2020 financial year will be held on 14 August 2019, 13 November 2019, 12 February 2020, 13 May 2020.

## Thanks to outgoing Student Reps

Enormous thanks go to the 2018-2019 BHI Student Representatives, Joe Wrin, Sarah Bernhardt and Clementine Labrosciano (*photo, L-R*) who have done a fantastic job organising student/staff get-togethers, assisting with end of year and longest table lunches, and initiating the Mindfulness sessions.



## August "BHI Off the Clock"

4pm Wednesday 28th August
BHI Ground floor seminar rooms
All BHI Staff and Students,
and THRF Staff are welcome to join us!

## Mindfulness session

2pm every Wednesday
BHI Ground floor seminar rooms

At 2pm each week the BHI Student Reps will be running a short (10-15 minutes) guided mindfulness session - please feel free to join in.

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

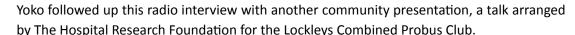


### **Community Group Presentations**

THRF are always looking for BHI researchers to present at community events. It is a wonderful opportunity for you to practice your public speaking skills, and present your work to a lay audience! If you are interested or would like some more information, please contact Brendan Hardman at THRF on 8244 1100 or <a href="mailto:bhardman@hospitalresearch.com.au">bhardman@hospitalresearch.com.au</a>

# Dr Yoko Tomita CoastFM:4 July & BHI Talk: 18 July

**Dr Yoko Tomita** was interviewed by Dave Hearn on Coast FM radio recently. Yoko said of her experience, "It was a great opportunity for me to talk about my upbringing and why I decided to go to medical school, eventually becoming a medical oncologist with an interest in cancer research." Listen to Yoko's interview <a href="here">here</a>.







Above: Dr Yoko Tomita, PhD student and Medical Oncologist, Solid Tumour Group

Left: Yoko speaking to the Lockleys Combined Probus Group at the BHI

## Sue Lester: BHI Talk and Tour - Thursday 25 July

Sue Lester, Chief Medical Scientist with the Rheumatology Research Group (photo: hands up!), spoke to the Campbelltown **Probus** Group before taking them on a tour of the BHI laboratories and answering lots of questions. This community group tour was arranged through The Hospital Research Foundation.



# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT CONTINUED

## Science Alive! 2019



Friday 2 August: high school students Saturday 3 August: general public 9 - 5pm Sunday 4 August: general public 9 - 5pm



If you are curious about Science Alive!, and especially if you have school aged children, we suggest that you buy your tickets in advance to save money and time in queues (free for those under 15 years). Be sure to come and visit the BHI Booth (stand 12) in the Jubilee Pavilion - just look for the green BHI balloons above the stand.

Science Alive! forms part of the celebrations for National Science Week every August, and is attended by an estimated 20,000 people over the 3 days. Science Alive! aims to celebrate science and technology in a fun, interactive, dynamic and educational way. It is held at the Adelaide Showground in Wayville. This will be the 6th year that the BHI has participated. This year we will have two "laparoscopic box-trainers", generously provided by the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons, that people can test their surgical skills on in addition to a new activity that allows people to measure their grip strength - a screening tool that is a good indicator of overall muscle strength and general health.

We thank the following people for volunteering their time!

Adrian Abdo	Clementine Labrosciano
Mirabel Alonge	Saifei Liu
Sarah Bernhardt	Guy Maddern (TQEH surgeon)
Shantanu Bhattacharjya (TQEH surgeon)	Beatriz Martins
Martin Bruening (TQEH surgeon)	Linh Ngo
Prue Cowled	Beula Panchatcharam
Bimala Dhakal	Katharina Richter
Joanne Dollard	Adam Schofield (TQEH surgeon)
Sholeh Feizi	Nicky Thomas
Unyime Jasper	Markus Trochsler (TQEH surgeon)
Laurine Kaul	Jannatul Tuli
Chandra Kirana	Rajan Vediappan

Rebecca and Kathryn

# GENERAL INFORMATION

#### STATISTICIAN AT THE BHI

Suzanne Edwards works at the BHI on Tuesdays. She is available and can be consulted by TQEH/ The University of Adelaide Faculty of Health & Medical Sciences staff and research higher degree students. Support is limited to 15 hours on a per project basis.



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School of Public Health
The University of Adelaide

## **Funding Opportunities**

#### 2020 THRF Honours Scholarships for BHI, TQEH based students

A call for applications for THRF funded Honours Scholarships (valued at \$8,000) for projects commencing at the Basil Hetzel Institute, The Queen Elizabeth Hospital in 2020 will be made in September 2019. Information will be provided on the BHI website.

#### **BHI Bulletin of Funding**

The <u>BHI Bulletin of Funding</u>, which can be found on the BHI website, is updated regularly by the CALHN Research Office.

## **TQEH Librarians**

Every **Wednesday** a TQEH librarian (Anna or Rachel) visits the BHI (Room 1E.07). These librarians from the SA Health Library Service, The Queen Elizabeth Hospital campus, will be available to assist you with constructing suitable literature and database searches for your research and help you obtain relevant material. AutoAlerts can also be configured by library staff to automatically deliver the latest results from a saved database search directly to your preferred email account.

Please contact <a href="mailto:anna.holasek@sa.gov.au">anna.holasek@sa.gov.au</a> or <a href="mailto:rachel.davey@sa.gov.au">rachel.davey@sa.gov.au</a> to arrange a meeting with them at TQEH Library on level 5B of the main building. Alternatively, visit our website at <a href="https://salus.sa.gov.au">https://salus.sa.gov.au</a> to view our services and resources or use the quick online chat option to contact us. To access any of the electronic resources you will need to register online for a SALUS username and password.



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# GENERAL INFORMATION CONTINUED

## Pre-review service for clinical research grants

All research studies, including grant funded research, require appropriate ethics and governance approvals before they can commence. Unlike the NHMRC, many funding bodies do not utilise a peer-review system as part of their grant funding rounds. This can lead to delays in researchers obtaining the post-award approvals that are required before they can start their projects. The CALHN Research Office is offering pre-application scientific review of clinical human research projects by the CALHN HREC Chair, Mr Ian Tindall, with a view to facilitating efficient post-award approval processes.

For further information and submission please contact the CALHN Research Office on <a href="mailto:Health.CALHNResearchEthics@sa.gov.au">Health.CALHNResearchEthics@sa.gov.au</a> or call 7117 2230

# CALHN Human Research Ethics Committee 2019 Submission and Meeting Dates for Applications

A list of all meeting dates can be found on the BHI website

Submission to site (sponsored studies)	Submission to HREC	CALHN HREC Meeting	Meeting Group
Friday 19 July	Monday 22 July	Thursday 15 August	В
Friday 2 August	Monday 5 August	Thursday 29 August	Α
Friday 16 August	Monday 19 August	Thursday 19 September	В
Friday 30 August	Monday 2 September	Thursday 26 September	A

In 2019 there will be one submission date (and one meeting) each fortnight with the committee split into two meeting groups. Researchers can submit to either meeting group – a full NHMRC prescribed quorum will be present at all meetings. Above are the meeting dates and final dates for submissions of applications for Scientific and Ethical approval.

Any study which includes drug therapy is considered by the Investigational Drug Subcommittee (IDSC) the week prior to the CALHN HREC. Drug studies will be passed on to the CALHN HREC meeting. ALL HREC meetings will continue to be held on Thursdays at Roma Mitchell House, Level 3, 136 North Terrace, Adelaide, and NOT at the BHI, TQEH.

#### For more information please contact:

Investigational Drugs Subcommittee (IDSC)	CALHN Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC)
Mr Peter Siobodian or Dr Ada Lam	Ms Lisa Barrie
Executive Officer, Specialist Pharmacist	CALHN HREC
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## **Animal Ethics**

All animal ethics applications now go through The University of Adelaide Animal Ethics Committee.

Details of meeting and submission dates: <a href="https://www.adelaide.edu.au/research-services/oreci/animal/applications/">www.adelaide.edu.au/research-services/oreci/animal/applications/</a>

Contact details for this committee:

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# WORK, HEALTH & SAFETY

## Common laboratory safety issues

#### **FUME CUPBOARDS**

There are two key safety issues that regularly reoccur with fume cupboards:

**CROWDING** – this is where too much is put into the fume cupboard reducing working space and in the worst cases impacting the effectiveness of the fume cupboard.

Large items should not be taking up the fume cupboard space. Equipment should not be placed within 150mm of the front of the fume cupboard or in a situation which may cause it to block airflow at the rear.

**INCORRECT SASH USE** – this is where the fume cupboard is used but without the sash being pulled down to ensure maximum air flow for the activity being undertaken. The sash should only be fully open when setting up an experiment, then partially closed if handling material in the fume cupboard and then lowered as far as practical when in use but no one is working at the face.



# **UPCOMING EVENTS**



Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2019 from 4pm BHI Ground Floor Seminar Rooms

- For all staff, students & supervisors
- Meet informally & build relationships
- Casual networking/social environment
- Extended invitation to THRF to discuss potential media exposure with new researchers
- Pizza and drinks provided

Kindly supported by THRF







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## **JULY - OCTOBER 2019**

The Institute

BHI Research Seminars with Invited External Speakers

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Seminars will run from 1:00 – 2:00pm in the Basil Hetzel Institute, TQEH Ground floor Seminar Rooms, 37a Woodville Road, Woodville South

### Wednesday 3rd July

SPEAKER: Dr Sarah Boyle PhD, Postdoctoral Research Scientist, Michael Samuels Tumour

Microenvironment Laboratory, Centre For Cancer Biology, University of South Australia

TITLE: Generation of a breast cancer-promoting microenvironment via ROCK-mediated

mechanical signalling

CHAIR: Dr Eric Smith, Senior Grant Funded Scientist, Department of Haematology-Oncology, Level 1,

BHI TQEH. eric.smith@adelaide.edu.au

### Wednesday 28th August

SPEAKER: A/Prof Rietie Venter, Head of Microbiology, School of Pharmacy and Medical Sciences

Sansom Institute for Health Research, University of South Australia

TITLE: Antimicrobial resistance and antimicrobial drug discovery – 90 years since

CHAIRS: Dr Nicky Thomas, Senior Research Fellow, School of Pharmacy and Medical Sciences,

University of South Australia, Basil Hetzel Institute, Level 1 BHI. nicky.thomas@unisa.edu.au

#### Wednesday 4th September

SPEAKER: Dr Roger Yazbek, Catherine Marie Enright Kelly Cancer Research Fellow, College of

Medicine and Public Health, Flinders University of South Australia

TITLE: Take my Breath Away: Development of new breath tests for gastrointestinal dysfunction and

cancer

CHAIR: Professor Betty Sallustio, Principal Medical Scientist, Clinical Pharmacology Unit, Level 2,

BHI, TQEH. benedetta.sallustio@sa.gov.au

#### Wednesday 2nd October

SPEAKER: Prof Regine Suess, Professor of Pharmaceutical Technology, Albert-Ludwigs-University,

Freiburg, Germany

TITLE: Drug delivery platforms for improved healthcare, cancer treatments

CHAIR: Dr Kati Richter, NHMRC Early Career Researcher, Discipline of Surgery (TQEH), The

University of Adelaide, Level 2, BHI TQEH. katharina.richter@adelaide.edu.au

#### Wednesday 30th October LUNCH

**SPEAKER:** Prof David Roder, Research Chair in Cancer Epidemiology and Population Health, Australian

Centre for Precision Health, Cancer Research Institute, University of South Australia

TITLE: TBA

CHAIR: A/Prof Joanne Young, Chief Medical Scientist, Department of Medical Oncology Level 1, BHI

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#### **Please Note:**

All Honours and Postgraduate research students are required to attend two thirds of BHI Research Seminar Programs. Attending students are requested to sign the attendance sheet each session. University of Adelaide students attending these seminar gain 1hr CaRST (refer to UoA website).



CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

# The Institute

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# TQEH Research Expo

## Thursday 10 & Friday 11 October 2019

Ground Floor, Basil Hetzel Institute, 37a Woodville Road, Woodville



2018 Award Presentation

## Abstract deadline: 5pm Monday 12 August 2019

#### To submit an Abstract:

- visit BHI website & read Abstract Guidelines
- visit https://bit.ly/2WMhXIO to submit abstract
- complete and submit hard-copy of Abstract Certification form

**Enquiries to:** Dr Prue Cowled Interim Chair, TQEH Research Expo Organising Committee (08) 8222 7541 prue.cowled@adelaide.edu.au

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TQEH Research Expo incorporates TQEH Research Day

CANCER INSIGHTS
PUBLIC LECTURE SERIES 2019



# 'Newer treatment techniques for rare cancers - learning from kidney cancers'

Tuesday August 13 6pm (for a 6.10pm start) - 7.30pm Room 2, Level 1 Flinders at Victoria Square 182 Victoria Square, Adelaide

#### Immunotherapies for rare cancers - learning from kidney cancers

Advances in understanding cancer biology has resulted in many new medications showing benefit in controlling advanced kidney cancer. I will be giving a broad overview of recent developments in this field and how the concepts learnt from managing kidney cancers can be applied in treating other rare cancers.

#### Dr Ganessan Kichenadasse

#### Medical Oncology Consultant, Flinders Medical Centre, SA Health

Dr Ganessan Kichenadasse is a medical oncologist and pharmacologist at Flinders Centre for Innovation in Cancer, with interest in rare cancers including kidney, thyroid, sarcomas. Ganessan originally trained in India and held an Oncology Fellowship at Queen Elizabeth Hospital. He has been a Consultant in Medical Oncology at FMC since 2008.



#### New radiotherapy techniques for inoperable kidney (and other) cancers

Dr Higgs will discuss the use of high dose precision stereotactic radiation therapy to localised tumours in situations where the tumour might be inoperable or the patient may not be fit for surgery. This new treatment technique is emerging as an important part of management for a number of different cancers, and is also now being studied as an option for some kidney cancer patients who are not fit for nephrectomy.



Radiation Oncology Staff Specialist, Royal Adelaide and Queen Elizabeth Hospitals, SA Health Dr Braden Higgs is a Radiation Oncologist with a special interest in the radiotherapy treatment of genito-urinary, gynaecological and lung cancers. He is the Principal Investigator at the Royal Adelaide Hospital of a multicentre clinical trial evaluating the safety and efficacy of stereotactic ablative radiotherapy (SABR) for medically inoperable kidney cancers.



RSVP: by August 10 to email sinoula.apostolou@flinders.edu.au



# Australian and New Zealand

## SOCIETY FOR IMMUNOLOGY INC.

The South Australian / Northern Territory branch of ASI cordially invites all students and scientists working in the field of Immunology and closely related fields to attend the

## **ADELAIDE IMMUNOLOGY RETREAT (AIR-15)**

30<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> August 2019 Adelaide Hills Convention Centre, Hahndorf

### **Invited guests**

Prof Axel Kallies, Peter Doherty Institute, Melbourne Dr Tessa Gargett, Centre for Cancer Biology, Adelaide







#### **Registration includes:**

all scientific sessions, meals, and shared accommodation\*

#### **Registration Fees:**

Student ASI member: \$50 Non-student ASI member: \$80 Student non-member: \$100\*\* Non-student non-member: \$160\*\*

ASI members eligible for awards and cash prizes for best presentation in each category

Top PhD Prize: Cash prize and registration for ASI 2019 in Adelaide

Registration and abstract submission deadline: 5pm Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> August 2019

To register and submit abstracts visit:

https://www.immunology.org.au/events/2019-Adelaide-Immunology-Retreat/

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<sup>\*</sup> A limited number of rooms will be available for an additional cost; email damon.tumes@unisa.edu.au for more information.

<sup>\*\*</sup>interim ASI student membership for new ASI members for 2nd half of 2019 (\$34 for students, \$75 for full members) accepted for reduced registration

# **PUBLICATIONS**

If you wish to have a recent publication included, please send details to the BHI Communications Officer <a href="mailto:rebecca.anderson@adelaide.edu.au">rebecca.anderson@adelaide.edu.au</a>

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## THRF NEWS

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## The Road Home 2019 Project Grant Round Now Open!

Applications are now open for The Road Home 2019 Project Grant Round.

The Road Home is a charity of The Hospital Research Foundation, which raises awareness and funds into conditions such as Post-Traumatic Stress for our veterans, emergency service personnel and their families.

Four grants are available for research projects into the health and wellbeing of veterans, emergency service personnel and their families. The theme for this year is 'Families'.

The deadline for applications is Wednesday 21 August 3:59pm (ACST).

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When: 6 - 8 November 2019

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