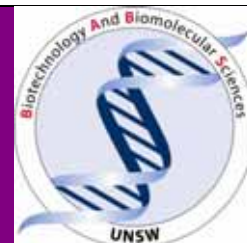


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Message from the Head of School

Dear colleagues,

It is with a mixed set of emotions that I have accepted the retirement of Ian Dawes. Ian has been a stalwart of the University and of the School for just over two decades. His excellence in research, administration and teaching leave me humbled. Ian will commence his long service leave on 1 March 2011 and retire on 18 November 2011. Due to his distinguished service, the School plans to formally recognise his research by coordinating a festschrift in his honour. I will fill you in on the details as they come to hand.

It is also with great respect that I announce the inaugural Teaching Awards. These awards recognise the excellence and the overall teaching load to Academics within the School.

The first set of five awards of \$5,000 apiece are awarded on the basis of CATEI rankings (S2 2009 and S1 2010):

BIOT3071 Marc Wilkins	5.82
MICR3051 Andrew Collins	5.61
MICR3041 Andrew Collins	5.42
BIOC2201 Anne Galea	5.37
BIOC3261 Andrew Brown	5.32

The second set of five awards, also for \$5,000 each, are awarded on the basis of teaching load (in order of estimated load) to the following staff:

Wallace Bridge
Anne Galea
John Wilson
Louise Lutze-Mann
Sven Delaney

Please note the positive feedback on Andrew Collins's teaching quality and that Anne Galea is recognised for both the quality and quantity of her teaching.

Finally, I wish to remind you that the BABS research day is planned for Wednesday 27 October at the Coogee Beach Surf Life Saving Club. Brett Neilan is looking for about 12 speakers so if you have published in an A* journal in the last 12 months please email him.

Bill

RAT News

Research

- *Paper of the Month*: The Head of School recently announced this new School initiative, with Alan Wilton and Sheila van Holst Pellekaan the inaugural, August winners of this award for their paper:

McEvoy BP, Lind JM, Wang ET, Moyzis RK, Visscher PM, van Holst Pellekaan SM & Wilton AN, 2010, 'Whole-genome genetic diversity in a sample of Australians with deep Aboriginal ancestry', *The American Journal of Human Genetics*, Vol. 87, Issue 2, 13 August, pp. 297-305.

You can read the paper at:

[http://www.cell.com/AJHG/issue?pii=S0002-9297\(10\)X0008-8](http://www.cell.com/AJHG/issue?pii=S0002-9297(10)X0008-8)

For the September award, send your entries to Bill by the end of the month. Winners have their paper highlighted on the School's website, and receive a token of their success personally delivered by the HoS.

Admin

- UNSW will be shut **down over the Christmas/New Year** period from Wednesday 22 December, reopening on Tuesday 4 January 2011. All staff will automatically have 3 days annual leave deducted from their leave balances. If you have any queries concerning these arrangements, please contact the School Manager, Michele Potter.
- A new **online booking system** for rooms and resources is being set up to replace the current hard-copy diaries. Each room, data projector, etc. will have its own calendar in Outlook. All BABS staff will have access. The system is currently being tested and should be implemented within the month.

Teaching

- Interviews for the new Associate Lecturer position have been scheduled for mid-October.

Staff achievements

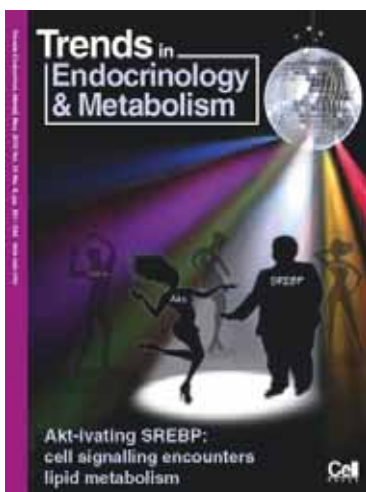
- ☛ **Noel Whitaker** is one of the convenors of the 2010 NSW ASMR MRW® Career Development Day. Facilitators include recent Eureka Prize Professor Phil Hogg, Director of the Lowy Cancer Research Centre. **Louise Lutze-Mann** will give a presentation on Balancing Lecturing and Research.
- ☛ In the recently announced ARC Linkage Grants Round for funding commencing in July 2010, Professor **Brett Neilan** and collaborators from Civil and Environmental Engineering were awarded \$300,000 for their project 'Biogeochemical controls on efficacy and sustainability of uranium heap leaching'.
- ☛ Congratulations to **Brett Neilan** and **John Foster** for their selection as finalists in the 2010 UNSW Inventor of the Year awards, Brett in the Environment category and John in the Biomedicine category. Brett was also a finalist in the inaugural 2009 awards.
- ☛ Associate Professor **Rob Yang** has been selected by the Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering as one of the Australia China Young Scientists Exchange Program Alumni to travel to Shanghai in late September 2010. As part of a future planning session, Rob will give a presentation detailing successful collaborations, joint research projects, future opportunities and funds obtained. The presentation will take place at the Australian Pavilion at the Shanghai expo.
- ☛ Senior Lecturer Dr **Louise Lutze-Mann** has been awarded a 2010 Citation for Outstanding Contributions to Student Learning by the Australian Learning and Teaching Council. Her citation is noted as "For the sustained development and implementation of research-focused teaching resources for undergraduate science students that encourage student engagement".

Daffodil Day

Congratulations to **Penny Hamilton** for continuing the fundraising tradition in BABS of supporting the Cancer Council's Daffodil Day. And thank you to all those who donated such a great selection of delicious food, and to everyone who supported the event with donations. A total of just over \$200 was raised for this charity.



Arty Scientists or Scientific Artists?



Demonstrating another creative skill, congratulations go to A/Lecturer **Anne Galea** and A/Professor **Andrew Brown** for this groovy journal cover design, which was selected for publication for the May 2010 Volume 21 Issue 5 of *Trends in Endocrinology & Metabolism*.

Pitter patter of little scientists ...



Congratulations to **Ruby Lin** and partner Andrew on the arrival of Emily Shin-Yng Lin Maclatchy, born on 22nd July.