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Around the Labs – 2007

This year's Around the Labs was held at QEII, and was slightly different to past events. We had 4 speakers on a very interesting topic – Pneumococci.

The evening's topic commenced with **Dr Michael Watson**, from PathWest and Clinipath, speaking on Conjugate Vaccines used in WA, the history of vaccinations and future directions.

This was followed by **Associate Professor Deb Lehmann**, from the Institute of Child Health Research discussing *Streptococcus pneumoniae* colonisation and the occurrence of otitis media in children.

Dr Lea-Ann Kirkham, from UWA continued the topic with her presentation on *Streptococcus pneumoniae* virulence factors and the role they play in development of vaccines.

The presentation was completed by **Dr Peter Richmond** from Princess Margaret Hospital, who discussed the impact of current PCV/PPV programs in Australia on invasive pneumococcal disease.

Drinks and finger food were provided which was a great backdrop for a catch up and chat with other members and colleagues.

Upcoming events...

- **Viruses In May 2008 -
Viral Infection, Treatment and
Prevention**

Place: Carrington Hotel, Katoomba, located in the heart of the Blue Mountains
Date: Thursday 8 - Saturday 10 May 2008
Venue: The Carrington Hotel, Katoomba - Blue Mountains, NSW
Website: www.virusesinmay.com

- **25th NRL Workshop on
Serology**

National Serology Reference Laboratory, Australia
Date: 2- 5 July 2008
Place: Melbourne VIC Australia
Venue: Hilton On The Park
Website: www.nrl.gov.au

- **ASM 2008, Melbourne - Annual
Scientific Meeting & Exhibition**

Australia's largest microbiology event for 2008!
Date: 6 - 10 July 2008
Venue: Melbourne Convention Centre VIC
Website: www.asm2008.org

- **13th International Symposium
on Staphylococci and
Staphylococcal Infections**

Date: 7 - 10 September 2008
Place: Cairns QLD Australia
Venue: Cairns Convention Centre
Website: www.iss2008.com

- **TriState 2008 Alice Springs**

Combined meeting of the WA, SA and NT Branches
Date: Friday 12 - Saturday 13 September 2008
Venue: Crowne Plaza Hotel, Alice Springs NT
Website: www.tristate2008.org

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- David White Excellence in Teaching Award
- ASM Foundation Travel Grant
- ASM Distinguished Service Award
- ASM Teachers Travel Award
- Vic Skerman Student Prize
- Pfizer ASM Mycology Encouragement Award
- Merck Sharp & Dohme ASM Mycology Award
- Oxoid ASM Culture Media Award
- Roche ASM Molecular Diagnostic Award

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6 – 10 July 2008 Melbourne Convention Centre Victoria

www.asm2008.org

Conference Chair: Sue Cornish
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2008 Travel Awards

BD Winner – Briony Elliott.

Discipline of Microbiology and Immunology, School of
Biomedical, Biomolecular and Chemical Sciences,
University of Western Australia.

Toxin-A Negative, Toxin-B Positive Clostridium
difficile in Australia.

Branch Award – Jamie Summerfield.

Discipline of Microbiology and Immunology, School
of Biomedical, Biomolecular and Chemical Sciences,
University of Western Australia.

Quorum Quenching Compounds: A Novel Approach to
Bacterial Control.

Congratulations!

Mark this date

I know its early...
but this years

ASM quiz night

will be held

Tuesday September 23rd.

More details to follow...
Stay tuned!

Congratulations

To our newest MASMs

Tobias Schoep
Sarah Potten
Gerhard Weldhagen

Student Vacation Scholarship Award

Winner ***Emma Farmer***

*"Development of a new molecular typing method
for Burkholderia pseudomallei"
to be supervised by
Dr Tim Inglis at PathWest.*

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TriState meetings have been initiated and supported by the Australian Society for Microbiology State Branches of South Australia, Western Australia and the Northern Territory over many years.

The primary purpose is to focus particularly on the microbiological interests of these states and bring microbiologists together in an environment conducive to information sharing.

Early bird registration is now open.

THE 12th INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON
MICROBIAL ECOLOGY
ISME12
MICROBIAL DIVERSITY - SUSTAINING THE BLUE PLANET

August 17 - 22, 2008, Cairns, Australia - "Where the Great Barrier Reef meets the Rainforest"

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