

Members

HANDBOOK

Australasian Society of

Clinical and Experimental

Pharmacologists and Toxicologists

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CO-OPTED MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

2. ASCEPT HISTORY

2.1 History

There was a recognition in the mid-1960s that it was time for Pharmacology to have a more identifiable and exclusive image than it had hitherto enjoyed. Up to this time, there were almost no separate academic departments of Pharmacology in Australia and Pharmacology was still seen by many as a sub discipline of Physiology. To this end, a small group, known as the Steering Committee, met formally in November 1966 to discuss the formation of a society that would have as its primary focus clinical and experimental pharmacology. The Steering Committee consisted of the following: from academia, Professors Garth McQueen (Dunedin) and Robert Whelan (Adelaide), and from the pharmaceutical industry, Drs Kevin Higgins, Ralph Howard, Bernard Lake and Neville Percy. This group must clearly have been very active since within 6 months about 120 people in Australasia expressed an interest in such a society being founded. The Interim Council (the members of the Steering Committee) met in June 1967 and specified the format of the Society's first scientific meeting and annual general meeting. This took place at the Melbourne University Pharmacology Department in November of the same year. The first Council was elected at this meeting and consisted of Professor Robert Whelan (President), Professor Garth McQueen (President-elect), Dr Bernard Lake (Registrar – now renamed Secretary), Professor Michael Rand (Assistant Registrar), Dr Kevin Higgins (Treasurer) and Dr Neville Percy (Assistant Treasurer). The role of these main office bearers has remained unchanged in the last 40 years

The Memorandum and Articles of Association (Constitution) were formally accepted by the Commonwealth Attorney General's Department in March 1968 and the Society was now a registered entity. At this time, there were 192 members from all Australian States, New Zealand and New Guinea. Members were welcomed, not only from traditional Pharmacology but also from related disciplines, with the sole proviso that they should be interested in some aspect of Pharmacology, since the first Council recognised that people who called themselves Pharmacologists often came from disparate disciplines.

Some of the main objectives of ASCEP enunciated in the Memorandum and Articles of Association were as follows: to promote and advance the study and application of Pharmacology and Toxicology in all its aspects; to promote, arrange and conduct meetings and related activities; to publish and print such lectures and proceedings of such meetings; to cultivate and maintain the highest principles of practice and ethics in persons engaged in the sciences of Pharmacology, Toxicology and ancillary sciences; to have a role in advising governments on maintaining optimum standards of drug efficacy and safety and possibly other roles in advising on legislative aspects of drug use. Whilst the scope of Pharmacology in the broader sense has undoubtedly increased in the last 40 years, the original objectives remain essentially unchanged and are still relevant in the 21st century.

Scientific Meetings, Publication of Proceedings and Prizes

With rare exceptions (generally when the Society joined with other organizations for a joint meeting), the Annual Scientific Meetings have been scheduled to coincide with the end of the academic year. This has been a deliberate Council policy to attract as many students as possible and to ensure that they could present the results of their research that spanned at least a full academic year. The first Scientific Meeting featured 47 papers (all basic pharmacology), delivered orally over 2 days. There were no concurrent sessions. There were also 2 hours of demonstrations.

Because of the inevitable increase in the number of presentations, the duration of meetings has lengthened to 4 days, concurrent sessions were introduced in 1977 and poster sessions were added in 1978. The first symposium (on drug abuse) took place in 1969 and the proceedings of this were published in the Medical Journal of Australia in 1970. Symposia have become a regular feature at all subsequent meetings. Workshops were introduced in 1990 and have been the responsibility of the various Sections (see below). The Young Investigator Symposium was first offered in 1989 as a forum for new postdoctoral scientists. It is sponsored by Johnson & Johnson Research and is now an integral part of the Annual Scientific Meeting. Trade exhibits became a regular feature in 1980. Meeting venues for the Annual Scientific Meetings have included all Australian capital cities and several New Zealand centres. In contrast to the first Scientific Meeting in 1966, the 39th Annual Scientific Meeting attracted 250 ASCEPT registrants and featured 186 oral presentations, 232 posters and 32 symposia. These statistics serve as a measure of the maturity of the Society and its importance as the forum for those whose professional practice embraces some aspect of Pharmacology and toxicology.

The Society has always acknowledged the importance of publishing the proceedings of its Scientific Meetings. This task initially fell to the organising committee of the host department, which produced the material in various formats. From 1982 until 1993 proceedings appeared as a supplement to Clinical and Experimental Pharmacology and Physiology (the Society's official journal) and thereafter in free-standing proceedings that carry an ISSN number. To reinforce the importance that the Society conferred upon the professional dissemination of the proceedings, Council first appointed ASCEP Proceedings Editors in 1988 and these persons have taken charge of this vital and time consuming activity since then.

Because of the increasing diversification of the Discipline, Council created the position of Scientific Secretary in 1995 and the ASCEPT Scientific Advisory Committee in 2002 to ensure that the content of the Annual Scientific Meeting catered to all members. Members of this Committee represent the major scientific groupings (the Sections) in the Society.

The Society has always strongly valued its student members. As tangible evidence of this, several prizes have been created to encourage and reward scientific excellence. Council introduced the Neville Percy Prize in 1983; this prize is now awarded to a higher degree student for the best poster presentation. The second prize to be introduced (in 1985) was the Whelan Prize. This is now awarded to an Honours student for the best poster presentation. Since 1985, additional prizes for various categories of presentation were established; the total number of student prizes in 2006 was 9. The prize giving ceremony has become an integral part of the closing ceremony of the annual Scientific Meeting.

Further recognition of the importance of the student membership came about with the provision of student travel grants to assist students to attend the Annual Scientific Meeting. This scheme started in 1989 and remains an important Society initiative. Over the years additional travel grant schemes were established: New Investigator Travel Awards to assist young investigators to attend international conferences, workshops and to gain short term work experience in overseas centres; International Union of Pharmacology/International Union of Toxicology/Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics (IUPHAR/IUTOX/CPT) Travel Grants to assist young investigators to attend international congresses of these organizations.

In addition to fostering the student membership, the Society considered it appropriate to honour those of its more senior members who have made outstanding contributions to the Society and to Australasian Pharmacology. The ASCEPT Lectureship (to honour significant contributions to the development of Pharmacology and/or Toxicology) was initiated in 1987 and has become a biennial event at the Annual Scientific Meeting. The Michael Rand Medal (in recognition of the late Michael Rand) was established to honour an ASCEPT member whose research has made an outstanding contribution to the disciplines of Clinical or Experimental Pharmacology or Toxicology. The recipient delivers a lecture and receives a medal at the Annual Scientific Meeting. This has also become a biennial event.

ASCEPT has held joint scientific meetings formally with the Australian Physiological and Pharmacological Society (APPS), the Australian Pharmaceutical Sciences Association (APSA) and as part of the Australian Health and Medical Research Congress.

Governance

Council is the governing body of the Society. Its office bearers have remained essentially unchanged since the Society's foundation. The Society membership elects the Council office bearers and other representatives. As the Society grew, Council became aware that the somewhat disparate groups within the Society should have their own identity, whilst remaining loyal to the Society at large. This resulted in the creation of Interest Groups in 1988. These have been renamed Sections. Each has a convenor, and the New Zealand Section has a voice on Council. In 2006, there were 5 Sections (Experimental; Clinical; Toxicology; Drug Metabolism, Delivery and Pharmacokinetics; Clinical Toxicology). The future and evolution of the Sections require ownership by the membership.

International Links

From the very beginning of the Society, the Australian and New Zealand membership have always worked closely together, despite the geographical separation of the two countries. New Zealand has always been represented on Council. The New Zealand section has been holding its own separate Annual Scientific Meetings since 1975. There have also been four very successful Annual Scientific and Annual General Meetings in New Zealand for the whole Society, the last being held in 2001.

In 1987, ASCEPT hosted the 10th International Congress of Pharmacology in Sydney. This was the first international Congress to be hosted by the Society and required enormous organisation. The Congress president (Michael Rand) and deputy chairman (Denis Wade) organised what was considered to have been one of the most successful IUPHAR meetings ever. There were about 3000 registrants from 62 countries. There was a substantial profit from this meeting; these funds are now used to support the student activities mentioned above. The Society has hosted two additional international congresses: the International Congress of Toxicology in 2001 (ICT9) and the International Congress on Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics in 2004 (CPT2004). Both of these meetings were scientifically, socially and financially very successful. In 2007, ASCEPT will host the Southeast Asian Western Pacific Regional Pharmacology meeting in Adelaide. The Society has also jointly sponsored other international meetings: a meeting with the British Pharmacological Society (BPS) in Melbourne in 2000; a joint meeting with the BPS and the Western Pacific Society of Pharmacology in Vancouver in 2001.

There has been a strong link with the BPS for many years. This became formalised in 1979 when the BPS sent to Australia the first BPS lecturer. Since then, this has become an annual event. The visitor presents a plenary lecture at the Annual Scientific Meeting and visits as many centres in Australasia as possible. A reciprocal arrangement, whereby an ASCEPT lecturer visits the BPS, began in 1989. The ASCEPT lecturer visits the UK every second year and the visitor presents a plenary lecture at a BPS scientific meeting. Because of the success of the BPS/ASCEPT lecturer scheme, a similar arrangement was set up with the British Toxicological Society (BTS) in 1996. Discussions to establish formal links between ASCEPT and the Japanese Pharmacological Society began in 2005 and the links with the BPS and BTS remain solid and more strategic with less formal and rigid arrangements.

Toxicology and the name change to ASCEPT

The membership of ASCEP(T) has always included Toxicologists. The concept of a Toxicology subgroup within ASCEP was proposed in 1981 with the aim being "to improve communications between scientists acting in diverse fields and sharing a common interest in Toxicology". The first meeting of the Toxicology Subsection was in 1982. Discussions about the ultimate place of Toxicology within the Society took place over several years and in 1990 the Society voted to add the name "Toxicologists" to the Society's name, thus bringing about a name change that more accurately reflected the Society's membership.

Council has always been conscious of the societal role that the Society might fulfil. Two such areas deserve mention. The first was the lobbying activities of the Society in the late 1960s and early 1970s to have Clinical Pharmacology established as a formal discipline in Australian medical schools and as a separate discipline for health delivery. The Society made representations to the Commonwealth Department of Health, the Australian Vice-chancellors Committee and to the Royal Australasian College of Physicians (RACP). These activities resulted in recognition that Clinical Pharmacology should be an integral part of the medical undergraduate curriculum; the establishment of several National Health and Medical Research Council funded training fellowships for medical graduates to obtain training overseas; and for the RACP to accept Clinical Pharmacology as a dedicated medical specialty and to take charge of training future Clinical Pharmacologists.

The second major initiative was the Society's role in the establishment of the Australian Medicines Handbook (AMH). ASCEPT was at the forefront of lobbying activities in the early 1990s to the Commonwealth Department of Health to obtain funds for the establishment of this initiative. ASCEPT finally joined in a partnership with the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners and the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia to form the governing body for this initiative. The first edition appeared in 1998. It is now an annual publication. The AMH is now considered to be the principal independent source of drug information in Australia and is likely to continue to have a major impact on improving prescribing and enhancing the quality use of medicines.

2006 was the 40th anniversary of the foundation of the Society. The founders of the Society would have been well pleased to see that the original objectives have been vigorously pursued and would have been proud of the many achievements that have occurred.

The author of this brief history is indebted to and wishes to acknowledge Associate Professor G. A. Bentley, who wrote a more substantial history of the Society spanning the years 1966 to 1991.

2.2 Membership of the Society

Membership is open to persons who are actively engaged in or interested in the pharmacological and toxicological sciences, and who have appropriate qualifications. ASCEPT is affiliated to both the International Union of Pharmacology (IUPHAR) and the International Union of Toxicology (IUTOX). ASCEPT have been affiliated with IUTOX since 1988.

Persons interested in joining ASCEPT should complete the Application for Membership Form (obtainable from the Secretariat or website). Membership applications must be signed by a nominator who is a financial member of the Society.

Members who take maternity leave, study leave or other unpaid leave, and those undertaking post-doctoral studies overseas may apply for their membership to be suspended.

2.3 Affiliations

ASCEPT has developed relationships with other societies and organisations. In 2008, ASCEPT is affiliated with or has a formal relationship with:

- International Union of Pharmacology (IUPHAR)
- the International Union of Toxicology (IUTOX)
- British Pharmacological Society
- British Toxicological Society
- Royal Australasian College of Physicians
- Australian Society for Medical Research
- Federation of Australian Scientific and Technological Societies
- Australian Academy of Sciences

- Australian Medicines Handbook (ASCEPT members can purchase up to 2 subsidised AMH books)
- Royal Society of New Zealand
- Research Australia
- National Prescribing Service
- AusBiotech
- Medicines Australia – Code of Conduct Subcommittee

2.4 Officers

Year	President	Secretary	Treasurer
1967-1969	RF Whelan	BJ Lake	K Higgins
1970	G McQueen	BJ Lake	IS Collins
1971	DR Curtis	BJ Lake	IS Collins
1972	AE Doyle	K Higgins	IS Collins
1973	MJ Rand	WJ Louis	A Shulman
1974	BJ Lake	WJ Louis	N Percy
1975	DN Wade	D Jeremy	N Percy
1976	WJ Louis	D Jeremy	C Raper
1977	N Percy	J Shaw	P Isaac
1978	C Raper	J Shaw	P Isaac
1979	D Jeremy	J Shaw	P Isaac
1980	RL Hodge	DJ Birkett	GA Johnston
1981	J Shaw	DJ Birkett	GA Johnston
1982	M McCulloch	DJ Birkett	GA Johnston
1983	P Isaac	F Bochner	B Jarrott
1984	DJ Birkett	F Bochner	B Jarrott
1985	R Hall	G Shenfield	B Jarrott
1986	GAR Johnston	G Shenfield	DF Story
1987	MJ Rand	G Shenfield	DF Story
1988	P Ravenscroft	S Webb	DF Story
1989	G Shenfield	S Webb	R Summers
1990	B Jarrott	S Webb	R Summers
1991	L Wing	K Williams	R Summers
1992	D Story	K Williams	O Woodman
1993	R Moulds	K Williams	O Woodman
1994	R Lavery	M Hartley	O Woodman
1995	R Day	M Hartley	J Reid
1996	J Angus	M Hartley	J Reid
1997	J Angus	A Somogyi	J Reid
1998	F Bochner	A Somogyi	K Knights
1999	F Bochner	A Somogyi	K Knights
2000	M McManus	A Somogyi	K Knights
2001	M McManus	I Ramzan	J Ziogas
2002	J Miners	I Ramzan	J Ziogas

2003	J Miners	S Roberts-Thomson	J Ziogas
2004	H Majewski	S Roberts-Thomson	J Ziogas
2005	H Majewski	R Ritchie	J Ziogas
2006	A Somogyi	R Ritchie	S Ventura
2007	A Somogyi	R Ritchie	S Ventura
2008	K Knights	R Ritchie	S Ventura
2009	K Knights	P Molenaar	S Ventura

2.5 Councillors

ASCEPT is grateful to those members who have contributed through membership of Council. Each person is acknowledged here, with the year describing their first year of office.

1967	EG McQueen, MJ Rand, N Percy, AE Doyle, M Holman, C Proctor		
1969	DR Curtis, R Hodge, L Mashford	1996	J Angus, R Day, M Hartley, J Reid, D Addison, P Di Marco, D Laverty, H Majewski, A Somogyi, O Woodman
1970	LB Geffen		
1971	G Bentley, R Howard, WJ Louis	1997	J Angus, F Bochner, A Somogyi, J Reid, D Addison, P Beart, K Knights, D Laverty, H Majewski, M Moore
1972	A Shulman, SR O'Donnell, R Zacest		
1974	D Wade, PJ Ravenscroft	1998	F Bochner, J Angus, A Somogyi, K Knights, P Beart, J Heywood, H Krum, H Majewski, M Mitchell, M Moore
1975	LB Cobbin, IS De la Lande		
1976	MW McCulloch, JW Paterson	1999	F Bochner, M McManus, A Somogyi, K Knights, H Krum, J Heywood, M Mitchell, J Flack, B Priestly, G Dusing
1977	JP Chalmers		
1978	DJ Birkett, DM Temple, GAR Johnston, F Bochner, W Hooper	2000	M McManus, F Bochner, A Somogyi, K Knights, J Miners, J Flack, B Priestly, G Dusing, E Begg, M Murray, J Ziogas
1979	A Boura		
1980	D Story, B Jarrott	2001	M McManus, J Miners, I Ramzan, J Ziogas, G Dusing, R McKinnon, E Begg, M Murray, M Roberts,
1981	K Ilett, K Taylor, R Hall, D Jeremy		
1982	B Priestley	2002	J Miners, M McManus, I Ramzan, J Ziogas, G Dusing, R McKinnon, E Begg, M Murray, J Flack, R Loiacono, M Roberts
1983	A Smith, D Paton, RO Day		
1984	WD Hooper, R Moulds, T Mullin	2003	J Miners, H Majewski, S Roberts-Thomson, J Ziogas, R Loiacono, P Mackenzie, T Maling, A Christopoulos, K Williams, M Murray
1985	A Glover, RJ Summers, S Webb		
1986	LP Davies, R Laverty, R Minchin, G Mihaly, L Wing	2004	H Majewski, J Ziogas, S Roberts-Thomson, R Loiacono, P Mackenzie, T Maling, A Christopoulos, R Rose'Meyer
1987	J Black, R Dickinson, K Williams		
1988	P Beart, R Goldie, J Grygiel, J Miners, S Pond, R Robson	2005	H Majewski, A Somogyi, J Ziogas, R Ritchie, R Loiacono, A Mangoni, T Maling, A Christopoulos, R Rose'Meyer, M Collins (Chebib), P Henry
1990	A Browning, E Mylecharane		
1991	S Doggrell, A Harman, R Nation	2006	A Somogyi , H Majewski, S Ventura, R Ritchie, A Mangoni, J Paxton, G Drummond, R Vandenberg, E Burcher, P Henry, J Edwards
1992	L Chahl, M Hartley		
1993	A Crocker, R DeGaris, J O'Neil, J Reid, J Reynoldson	2007	A Somogyi , K Knights, S Ventura, R Ritchie, J Paxton, R Vandenberg, G Drummond, E Burcher, J Edwards, R Rose'Meyer, S Smid
1994	R Day, P Di Marco, M Hartley, D Laverty, H Majewski, J O'Neil, J Reid, J Reynoldson, O Woodman, R DeGaris		
1995	R Day, D Laverty, J Angus, M Hartley, J Reid, C Burgess, P Di Marco, H Majewski, J Reynoldson, I Whyte, O Woodman		

2008	K Knights, A Somogyi, S Ventura, R Ritchie, G Lees, G Drummond, E Burcher, R Rose'Meyer, S Smid, L Fernandes
2009	K Knights, R Morris, S Ventura, P Molenaar, G Lees, G Drummond, E Burcher, R Rose'Meyer, P McIntyre, L Fernandes

2.6 Scientific Secretary

Date of Appointment	Scientific Secretary	Date of Appointment	Scientific Secretary
1995	J Wanstall	2003	H Majewski
1996	J Wanstall	2004	A Christopoulos
1997	J Wanstall	2005	A Christopoulos
1998	J Wanstall	2006	R Vandenberg
1999	J Miners	2007	R Vandenberg
2000	J Miners	2008	R Vandenberg
2001	J Miners	2009	M Morris
2002	H Majewski		

2.6.1 Scientific Advisory Committee

Date of Appointment	Members
2002	A Christopoulos (Chair), M Murray (Deputy Chair), P Mackenzie, L Bryan- Lluka, S Duffull, R Ritchie, D Roberts, S Shakib
2005	A Christopoulos (Chair), R Ritchie, P Henry, T Maling
2006	R Vandenberg,
2007	R Vandenberg
2008	R Vandenberg (Chair), B Sallustio, P Burcham, G Lees, P Sexton, J Coller, C Kirkpatrick, R Addison, E Davis
2009	R Vandenberg (Chair), B Sallustio, P Burcham, G Lees, P Sexton, J Coller, C Kirkpatrick, R Addison, E Davis

2.7 Proceedings Editors

1988	E Malta, H Majewski	1999	WC Hodgson, RE Loiacono
1989	E Malta, H Majewski	2000	WC Hodgson, RE Loiacono
1990	H Majewski, J Reid	2001	WC Hodgson, RE Loiacono
1991	H Majewski, J Reid	2002	WC Hodgson, E Davis
1992	MS Ching, J Reid	2003	E Davis, C Sobey
1993	MS Ching, RE Widdop	2004	E Davis, C Sobey
1994	MS Ching, RE Widdop	2005	E Davis, C Sobey
1995	MS Ching, RE Widdop	2006	E Davis, C Sobey
1996	MS Ching, RE Widdop	2007	C Sobey, S Smid
1997	RE Loiacono, RE Widdop	2008	S Smid
1998	WC Hodgson, RE Loiacono		

2.8 Scientific Meetings

Host	Date	Organiser	Host	Date	Organiser
University of Melbourne	Nov 1967	MJ Rand	ANU (Dept of Health with ASEB, Australian Societies for Experimental Biology)	Feb 1988	LP Davies
Sydney Hospital	Nov 1968	BJ Lake	Flinders Medical Centre (Adelaide)	Dec 1988	L Wing
University of Melbourne	Nov 1969	ML Mashford	University of Sydney (In series with ANZEMS/ATS)	Dec 1989	E Mylecharane
University of NSW	Nov 1970	BJ Lake	University of Melbourne	Dec 1990	O Woodman
Monash University	Nov 1971	G Bentley	University of WA	Dec 1991	J Paterson
Sydney Hospital	Nov 1972	BJ Lake	St Vincents Hospital, Sydney	Dec 1992	R Day
Vic College of Pharmacy	Nov 1973	C Raper	University of Queensland	Dec 1993	R Dickinson
University of Sydney (Pharmacology)	Nov 1974	B Cobbin	Auckland Medical School	Dec 1994	S Doggrell
Royal Melbourne Hospital (Clinical Pharmacology)	Nov 1975	J Shaw	University of Adelaide	Dec 1995	A Somogyi
Flinders Medical Centre (Adelaide)	Nov 1976	J Chalmers	Monash University	Dec 1996	R King
University of NSW	Nov 1977	D Wade	Commonwealth Department of Health & Family Services, Canberra	Dec 1997	M Hartley B Morton
Monash University	Nov 1978	A Boura	Tasmanian School of Pharmacy, University of Tasmania	Dec 1998	S McLean S Aldous
The University of Auckland (Joint ASCEP, NZ)	May 1979	R Einstein & D M Jackson	University of Sydney	Dec 1999	M Collins R Vandenberg
University of Sydney (Pharmacology); Joint APPS	Aug 1979	J Shaw & R Einstein	University of Newcastle	Dec 2000	A Dawson
University of Melbourne (Pharmacology)	May 1980	MJ Rand	University of Otago	Dec 2001	D Jackson
ANU (Dept of Health)	Dec 1980	R Hodge	Australian Health and Medical Research Congress	Nov 2002	R Reid
University of Adelaide	Dec 1981	F Bochner	New South Wales	Dec 2003	H Majewski
University of Melbourne (with Cardiac Society)	May 1982	B Jarrott	Brisbane	Aug 2004	D Birkett
University of NSW	Dec 1982	D Wade	Melbourne	Dec 2005	A Christopoulos
University of Auckland	May 1983	DM Paton	Melbourne	Dec 2006	R Ritchie
University of Newcastle	Dec 1983	A Smith	Adelaide	Dec 2007	J Miners
Vic College of Pharmacy	Dec 1984	C Raper	Brisbane	Nov 2008	R Vandenberg
University of Queensland	Dec 1985	P Ravenscroft	Sydney	Dec 2009	M Morris
Monash University	Dec 1986	R King			
University of Tasmania (with APSA)	Dec 1987	S McLean			

2.9 Symposia at ASM

1969	▪ Symposium on Drug Abuse.	1977	▪ Adrenoceptors in Asthma.
1970	▪ Clinical Pharmacology in Australia: an appraisal.	1978	▪ Prostaglandins and Thromboxanes.
1971	▪ Neuropsychopharmacology.	1979	▪ The Pharmacology and Sociology of Drug Dependence.
1972	▪ Drugs Affecting Kidney Function and Metabolism.	1980	▪ Modulation of Transmitter Release by Drugs Acting on Receptors and Axon Terminals.
1973	▪ The Development and Proper Use of Drugs.	1981	▪ Metabolite Mediated Toxicity.
1974	▪ Pharmacology in Australia: Quo Vadis?.	1982 (May)	▪ Drugs and Arrhythmias.
1976	▪ Dopamine.	1982 (Dec)	▪ Pharmacodynamic Measurements in Man.

1983 (May)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recent Advances in Cardiovascular Pharmacology. 	1995	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gene Therapy Receptors at the Frontier of Pharmacology Managing Supply and Use of Drugs in a Diminishing National and Local Budget (Joint activity with APSA) Endogenous Gentoxins: Chemistry, Biology and Emerging Significance for Toxicology Drug Transport across biological membranes: mechanisms and clinical impact
1983 (Dec)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Frontiers in Pharmacology. 	1996	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Combinatorial chemistry/cytosensor technology Neurotoxicity of drugs and pesticides: experimental, regulatory and clinical Aspects Physiological Mechanisms and Drug Actions in Pregnancy Central Autonomic Regulation Pharmacy of the Skin
1984	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recent Advances in Pharmacological Sciences. Toxicology Training in Australia 	1997	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New Investigators' Symposium Joint Western Pharmacology Society / ASCEPT Symposium on <i>Endothelium-derived hyperpolarizing factors: Recent developments</i> Endocrine disrupting chemicals: An emerging health & environmental issue? Quality use of medicines and drug information resources. Endothelin in health and disease.
1985	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transmitters and Cardiology Therapeutic Drug Monitoring. 	1998	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opioids and Pain: from Bench to Bedside CNS Injury and Neurodegenerative Disease Drug Discovery Pharmacokinetics: From Theory to Clinical Practice Deficiency Versus Toxicity of Essential Metals New Investigators Symposium Drug Delivery: Difficult Deliveries
1986	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5-HT and the Cardiovascular System. Toxicology: Aspects Peculiar to Australia. Recent Advances in the Pharmacology and Management of Pain. 	1999	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Toxicology/Drug Metabolism, Delivery and Pharmacokinetics Phosphodiesterases: Selectivity and Clinical Applications Drug Discovery Endothelial Dysfunction in Cardiovascular Disease – Who Cares? Disarming Flu Viruses New Investigations
1987	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Altering Prescribing Habits. Toxicology of Inactive Ingredients in Drugs, Foods and Pesticides. Is Drug Monitoring Therapeutic? 	2000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ASCEPT-BPS Drugs of abuse Adrenoreceptors 2000: from gene to function Cellular communication in inflammation Anglo-Australian Pharmacology: positive cooperativity and long-range binding Promising therapeutic targets in cardiovascular disease Bioinformatics for pharmacologists Structure-function relationships of drug metabolising enzymes
1988	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Determinants of Smooth Muscle Cell Sensitivity. Stereoselectivity. Toxicology: Drug Metabolism, Chemical Carcinogens and the New Biologies. 		
1989	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hazards and Human Health Aminoacid Neuropharmacology Young Investigators Symposia 		
1990	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Signal Transduction Toxicokinetics Prescribing in the Real World 		
1991	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Asthma and Pharmacological Control of Airway Wall Function Mechanisms of Cell Injury Application of Molecular Biology Techniques in Pharmacology 		
1992	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vascular Endothelium Chemical Receptors & Toxicity Advances in Peptide Technology Quality Use of Medicines in Australia 		
1993	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Therapies from Molecular Biology – Where Next? Focus on Immunotoxicology Aspects of Chirality and Conjugation of NSAIDs Anti-Viral Chemotherapy Mike Rand – The Contribution to Australian Pharmacology 		
1994	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Awakenings Anti-cancer Drugs – From the Lab to the Clinic The Role of Human Pharmacodynamic Studies in Drug Development Recent Progress in the Pharmacology of Pain Apoptosis Heart Failure 		

2000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ New Targets for Rheumatoid Arthritis. ▪ Evidence Based Clinical Toxicology – Organophosphate Poisoning. ▪ Therapeutic Drug Monitoring. ▪ American Academy of Clinical Toxicology. ▪ Herbal Medicine. ▪ Chemical Toxicology: The Role of Protein Damage by Reactive Intermediates 	2005	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Challenges for drug delivery to the brain ▪ High throughput assessment of cellular signals ▪ Advances in genitourinary research ▪ Metabolic Profiling in Drug discovery and development ▪ 3rd Government-Guild agreement ▪ New developments in Neuro/Psychopharmacology ▪ Regulation of cell signalling ▪ Amphetamines and their derivatives ▪ Implementing pharmacogenomics and clinical practice ▪ Drug therapy in old age: friend or foe? ▪ Lead optimisation ▪ Pharmacology of cardiac hypertrophy
2001	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Neurodegeneration and neuroprotection ▪ Gender issues in pharmacology and toxicology ▪ Garth McQueen Drug Safety Symposium ▪ Cardiovascular ▪ Information Technology in clinical toxicology ▪ Hepatic transport processes ▪ J&J New Investigator's ▪ American Academy of Clinical Toxicology- Necrokinetics ▪ Policies on drug subsidies – pros and cons. Is it possible to have a National Drug Tariff? 	2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪
2002	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Clinical pharmacology: principles behind the prescribing process ▪ Transcriptional Regulation of Drug Metabolising Enzymes 	2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Pharmacogenetics & Pharmacogenomics ▪ Glutamate receptors ▪ Enabling technologies in drug discovery and development ▪ Adverse drug reactions ▪ Cannabinoids ▪ NSAIDs – the good, the bad and the ugly ▪ New perspectives in drug metabolism and disposition ▪ Herbal medicines ▪ Receptors and Channels ▪ Drug Metabolism ▪ Redox signalling and oxidative stress in the cardiovascular system (joint with HBPRCA) ▪ Nanotechnology – Is it the new frontier? ▪ Genetics of Cardiovascular Disease (joint with HBPRCA) ▪ Gastro/Urogenital Pharmacology ▪ Clinical Pharmacology
2003	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Changing roles of Pharmacology and Toxicology ▪ Clinical Issues in Drug Development ▪ Cellular/Tissue Growth and Repair ▪ New Cardio-Protective Approaches ▪ Novel approaches & applications Drug Metabolism ▪ Frontiers in Receptors/Channels/Transporters ▪ Aspects of dermal Toxicology 		
2004	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 		

2.10 Workshops

2.10.1 Clinical

1990	Melbourne, Sydney	Code of Good Clinical Practice (ASCEPT/APMA)
1992		Regulation of Clinical Trials (TGA/HHCS/APMA)
1996	Monash	Drug Utilisation Review / Evaluation Workshop
1997	Canberra	Advice and Decision Making in National Drug Policy
1998	Hobart	RACP Clinical Pharmacology Advanced Training
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2.10.2 Experimental

1994		Computer Workshop
1995	Adelaide	Molecular Biology
1996	Monash	Pharmacology, Chemistry and Industry; Getting It Together

1997	Canberra	Cellular Pharmacology and Grantsmanship
1998	Hobart	Computer Assisted Learning (CAL) in Pharmacology
1999	Sydney	
2000		
2001	Dunedin	Electrophysiology

2.10.3 Toxicology

1987 (May)	Melbourne	Interpreting Toxicity Tests
1988 (March)	Sydney	Interpreting Toxicity Tests
1989 (June)	Melbourne	Alternatives to In Vivo Toxicity Testing
1990 (August)	Melbourne	Health Effects of Environmental Contamination
1991 (August)	Canberra	Health, Safety and Environmental Issues in Biotechnology
1992 (August)	Brisbane	Biological Monitoring: New Approaches and Implications
1993 (August)	Sydney	Role of Preclinical Studies in Clinical Trial Design
1995 (Feb)	Melbourne	Health-Based Risk Assessment of Contaminated Land: Focus on Carcinogens
1996 (June)	Canberra	Food Toxicology in the 90's. New directions
1997	Canberra	Drug Usage Evaluation (DUE) Methodology workshop
1998	Hobart	Intervention after DUE
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2.10.4 Education

1999	Sydney	Pharmacology teaching in Australia and NZ
2000	Melbourne	In vivo practical teaching in pharmacology
2000	Newcastle	Core curricula – do we need them?
2002	Melbourne	Core curriculum in pharmacology
2007	Adelaide	Education workshop
2008	Sydney	Education workshop

2.10.5 Clinical Toxicology

2001	Dunedin	Poisoned patients and their management
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2.10.6 Drug Metabolism, Delivery and Pharmacokinetics

2000	Newcastle	Emerging Technologies
2007	Adelaide	Therapeutic Drug Metabolism Workshop

2.10.7 Careers

2003	Sydney	Careers in Pharmacology and Toxicology
2005	Melbourne	Careers workshop
2007	Adelaide	Journeys through careers in Science
2008	Brisbane	Mentoring

3. JOINT BRITISH PHARMACOLOGY SOCIETY, BRITISH TOXICOLOGY SOCIETY AND JAPANESE PHARMACOLOGY SOCIETY ACTIVITIES

3.1 BPS Lecturers visiting ASCEPT

1979	RJ Flower	Lipid mediators of inflammation and their control by anti-inflammatory drugs
1980	J Vane	Prostacyclin in health and disease
1981	A Breckenridge	Clinical pharmacology of contraceptive steroids
1982	RL Smith	Probing human drug oxidation
1983	SR Nahorski	Biochemical and pharmacological approaches to catecholamine receptor characterisation and coupling to adenylate cyclase
1984	NJ Bowery	Characteristics and location of GABA _B receptors in mammalian brain
1985	J Aronson	Adaptability of the glycoside-sensitive sodium pump: basic mechanisms and relevance to long-term drug therapy and the pathogenesis of disease (video)
1986	J Fozard	5-HT Receptor subtypes and their biological significance
1987	GT Tucker	Pharmacokinetic and pharmacodynamic models
1988	T Cunnane	New insights into sympathetic neuroeffector transmission
1989	LE Ramsay	Clinical pharmacology and adverse drug reactions
1990	A Dolphin	G Protein modulation of Ca ²⁺ entry and transmitter release
1991	C Page	Mechanisms of acute and persistent bronchial hyperresponsiveness.
1992	T Williams	The microcirculation in inflammation.
1993	P Routledge	A clinical pharmacologist's approach to anticoagulant therapy.
1994	G Henderson	Multiple effects of opioids on the nervous system: from the molecular to the behavioural.
1995	DN Bateman	Clearing the "fog on the Tyne": Can the Quality of Therapeutics be assessed?
1996	SD Brain	The Neurogenic Component in Inflammation.
1997	J Collier	Deciding what the Competent Prescriber should know.
1998	IE Hughes	Horses for Courses – Is Innovative Teaching a Winner for You?
1999	AD Struthers	Developing Drugs to Target the Mechanisms which Produce Cardiac Death.
2000	CL Wainwright	Neointimal Formation following Vascular Injury – A Cell Signaller's Paradise or just another Case of Inflammation?
2001	GT McInnes	Clinical trials and tribulations
2002	J Lambert	Neurosteroids natures vallium
2003	IB Wilkinson	Endothelial function and large arteries as a therapeutic target
2004	T MacDonald	Aspirin, statins and antihypertensives: Who gets them? Who should get them? And when should they get them?
2006	S Hill	TBA
2007	M Piromohammed	Adverse Drug Reactions: From Patients to Genes
2008	I McGrath	

3.2 BTS Lecturers visiting ASCEPT

1996	D Ray	Function in Toxicity: Index of effect and also determinant of Vulnerability
1998	I Purchase	Challenges to the Practice of Toxicology for the Next 10 Years
2000	BK Park	The Relationship between Drug Metabolism and Adverse Drug Reactions: Lessons for the Safe and Effective use of Medicines.
2002	G Hawksworth	Receptor mediated cytochrome P450 induction – toxicological implications

2004	N Bateman	
2006	K Berube	Nano-Particles and Emerging Health Effects
2008	M Wright	

3.3 JPS Lecturers visiting ASCEPT

2005	M Endoh	Characteristics of Endothelin-Induced Regulation of Intracellular Calcium Signalling in Mammalian Ventricular Myocardium
2005	K Hashimoto	Evaluation of Anti-Arrhythmic Drugs by Means of Different In Vivo Arrhythmias Models

3.4 ASCEPT Lecturers Visiting BPS

1989	GAR Johnston	GABA Receptors – As Complex as ABC?
1991	R Summers	Regulation of cardiac β -adrenoceptors and muscarinic cholinceptors
1993	D Birkett	Caffeine – A drug for all seasons
1995	B Jarrott	Transmitter Mechanisms in vagal sensory neurons: Pharmacological Implications.
1997	R Day	The treatment of rheumatoid arthritis
1999	J Angus	N-type calcium channel antagonists: cardiovascular nightmare or therapy for chronic pain?
2001	F Bochner	Clinical Pharmacology and Substitution Treatments for Opioid Dependence
2003	R Goldie	Asthma: The Endothelin Story
2005	J Miners	Understanding drug glucuronidation – New perspectives on an old enzyme
2007	A Christopoulos	New tricks for old dogs: Allosteric modulation of G protein-coupled receptors

3.5 ASCEPT Visitor to BTS

1997	P Wright	Comparative immunotoxicology: occupational & environmental perspectives
1998		
2000	P Mackenzie	The molecular basis for variability in drug glucuronidation
2002	M Murray	Impaired CYP function and regulation in experimental liver disease
2004	R Minchin	University of Queensland
2007	P Burcham	New insights into the chemical and molecular basis for acrolein toxicity

3.6 ASCEPT Lecturers visiting JPS

2005	J Miners	Prediction of drug metabolism in humans: In vitro and in silico insights
2007	A Somogyi	Pharmacogenomics of opioid drugs
2008	K Knights	UDP-glucuronosyltransferases (UGT), the kidney, and NSAID nephrotoxicity

4. ASCEPT AWARDS / PRIZES

4.1 ASCEPT Achievement Award

2008 G Johnston

4.2 The Michael Rand Medal

At its meeting in December 1992, the Council of ASCEPT agreed to establish an award in the name of Professor Michael Rand, who retired from the Chair of Pharmacology in the University of Melbourne at the end of 1992, in recognition of his enormous contribution to Australian Pharmacology and to ASCEPT. The medal is awarded to a member of ASCEPT whose research has made an outstanding contribution to the disciplines of clinical or experimental pharmacology or toxicology.

1993	GAR Johnston	GABA Receptors – As Complex as ABC?
1995	S Pond	Illumination of Therapeutics by Toxicology
1997	B Jarrott	Design and serendipity in the quest for novel neuroprotective drugs
1999	D Birkett	Peripatetic paths in research: from biochemistry via drug metabolism to drug utilisation
2001	JO Miners	The evolution of drug metabolism: Hitchhiking on the technology bandwagon
2003	R Summers	The Janus faces of adrenoceptors
2005	G Burnstock	Purinergic Signalling: history and therapeutic potential
2007	M Roberts	Seeking to Improve Therapeutic Outcomes Through Research

4.3 ASCEPT Lecturer

The Lectureship is awarded to honour a senior member of ASCEPT who in Council's view has made a significant contribution to the development of pharmacology and/or toxicology. This lecture was held annually until the introduction of the Michael Rand Medal in 1993, and is now held biennially.

1987	M Rand	
1988	D Wade	James Parkinson – his life, his disease and its treatment
1989	R Lavery	
1990	M Eadie	
1991	G Bentley	
1992	A Doyle	The History of Antihypertensive drugs
1994	J Paterson	Asthma – a pharmacological perspective
1996	ALA Boura	Control of blood flow in the fetal circulation of the human placenta
1998	AJ Smith	Quality Use of Medicines – where does pharmacology end?
2000	G Shenfield	The many essential interfaces of clinical pharmacology
2002	JP Seale	Science and physicianly practice – are they compatible?
2004	E Begg	Individualising drugs and dose-the clinical pharmacologist's calling or curse?
2006	R Day	
2008	S O'Donnell	The search for anti-asthma drugs: from airway smooth muscle to inflammation

4.4 Percy Prize

The Percy Prize was established in memory of Dr Neville Percy, and is awarded annually to a higher degree (M.Sc., PhD., M.D.) student for presentation of a poster at the Annual Scientific Meeting of ASCEPT.

1982	JH Skerritt	Dept of Pharmacology, University of Sydney	1993	KJ Way	Dept of Pharmacology, University of Melbourne
1983	E Lee	Dept of Clinical Pharmacology and Toxicology, St Vincent's Hospital Sydney	1994	PJ Cabot	Dept of Pharmacy, University of Queensland
1984	RE Widdop	Dept of Pharmacology, Monash University	1995	JL Hart	Dept of Pharmacology, University of Melbourne
	AP Simula	Dept of Clinical and Experimental Pharmacology, University of Adelaide	1996	CE Ong	Dept of Clinical Pharmacology, Flinders University
1985	P Molenaar	Dept of Pharmacology, University of Melbourne	1997	F Ross	School of Pharmacy, University of Queensland
1986	NA Saunders	Dept of Pharmacology, University of WA	1998	N Paczkowski	University of Queensland
1987	D Manallack	Clinical Pharmacology Unit, University of Melbourne	1999	D Hutchinson	Monash University
1988	C Sobey	Dept of Pharmacology, University of Melbourne	2000		
1989	J Haynes	Dept of Pharmacology, Monash University	2001	L Kaminskas	University of Adelaide
1990	C Kay and	Dept of Physiology and Pharmacology, University of Queensland	2002	A Donald	University of Melbourne
	R McKinnon	Dept of Clinical Pharmacology, Flinders Medical Centre	2003	S Sucic	University of Queensland
1991	P King	Dept of Clinical Pharmacology Therapeutics, Austin Hospital		B Purdue	University of Melbourne (Honourable mention)
1992	R O'Shea	Dept of Clinical Pharmacology & Therapeutics, Austin Hospital	2004	D Gardner- Stephen	Flinders University
				O Ryan	University of Melbourne
				P Tsoutsikos	Flinders University
			2005	C Oro	Baker Heart Research Institute
			2007	K Jackman	Monash University
			2008	A Edington	Sydney University

4.5 Whelan Prize

The Whelan Prize was established in memory of Professor R. F. Whelan, and it is awarded annually to a B.Sc. Honours or B.Med.Sci. or equivalent degree student for presentation of a poster at the Annual Scientific Meeting of ASCEPT.

1985	L McMartin	Dept of Pharmacology, Monash University	1991	M Maxwell and K Way	Dept of Pharmacology, University of WA, Dept of Pharmacology, University of Melbourne
1986	P McCourt	Dept of Clinical Pharmacology, Flinders University	1992	K Loke	Dept of Pharmacology, University of Melbourne
1987	GW Tierney	School of Physiology and Pharmacology, University of NSW	1993	J Strigas	Physiology & Pharmacology, University of NSW
1988	N Shackel	Dept of Clinical, Pharmacology and Toxicology, St Vincent's Hospital, Sydney	1994	LM Butler	Clinical & Experimental Pharmacology, University of Adelaide
1989	M-L La	Dept of Pharmacology, University of Melbourne	1995	PD O'Leary	Dept of Pharmacology, University of Melbourne
1990	P Kotsonis	Dept of Pharmacology, University of Melbourne	1996	J Berry	Clinical & Experimental Pharmacology, University of Adelaide
			1997	G Miric	

1998	L Quan	University of Melbourne	2005	F Shabanpoor	University of Melbourne
1999	S Alcock		2007	H Diep	Monash University
2000			2008	A Tan	University of Melbourne
2001	Thuy Dang	Howard Florey Institute			
2003	M Hashem	RMIT University			
2003	A Laskowski	Baker Heart Research Institute			

4.6 Neuropharmacology Award

The Neuropharmacology Award arose from a successful satellite meeting, "DOPAMINE '87", held in conjunction with the IUPHAR congress of Pharmacology held in Sydney. The organisers, Drs. Philip Beart and David Jackson, endowed the prize which was to be awarded to the best poster presented by a student at ASCEPT related to central and peripheral dopaminergic mechanisms. In 1993, upon an approach from ASCEPT Council, both Drs Beart and Jackson agreed, because of the small number of posters on dopamine entered in recent years, that the Prize be amended such that students (both Honours and Higher Degree) presenting a poster on any topic under the umbrella of Neuropharmacology should be eligible.

1988	D Cameron	Dept of Clinical Pharmacology, The Flinders University SA	1997	D Malone	Department of Pharmaceutical Biology & Pharmacology, Victorian College of Pharmacy, Monash University
1989	K Double	Dept of Clinical Pharmacology, The Flinders University SA			
1990	B Chieng	Dept of Pharmacology, University of Sydney	1998	M Montanaro	University of Melbourne
1991	P Foley	Dept of Clinical Pharmacology, Flinders Medical Centre	1999		
1992	S Sathananthan	Prince Henry's Institute of Medical Research	2000		
1993	CY Lee	Clinical Pharmacology, Flinders University	2001	B Hall	University of Sydney
1994	FY Carroll	Dept of Pharmacology, Monash University	2002	S Sucic	University of Queensland
1995	SB Mazzone	School of Applied Biomedical Science, University of Tasmania	2003	C Rodricks	Monash University
1996	K Hemsley	Dept of Clinical Pharmacology, Flinders University		HM Tan	University of Melbourne (Honorable Mention)
				B Hall	University of Sydney (Honorable Mention)
			2005	A Reid	University of Melbourne
			2007	K Gregory	Monash University

4.7 ASCEPT Oral Prize

The objective of this prize is to encourage the presentation of high quality oral communications by higher degree students.

1995	PG McLean	Department of Pharmaceutical Biology & Pharmacology, Victorian College of Pharmacy, Monash University
1996	M Ashworth-Preece	Department of Pharmacology, Monash University
1997	J Binko	
1998	T Jeffrey	University of Queensland
1999		
2000		
2001	R Park	University of Melbourne

2002	J Bonacci	University of Melbourne
2003	KA Slaviero	University of Sydney
	O Ryan	University of Melbourne (Honourable mention)
2005	M Halls	Monash University
2007	B Lewis	Flinders University
2008	T De Silva	Monash University

4.8 The RMIT Toxicology Award

To encourage the presentation of high quality oral communications by toxicology students at the Annual Scientific Meeting.

1995	B Mojarrabi	Department of Clinical Pharmacology, Flinders University of SA
1996	W Balcombe	Key Centre for Applied & Nutritional Toxicology, RMIT
1997	Q Wu	
1998	G Dow	Murdoch University
1999		
2000		
2001	R Ghaoui	University of Adelaide
2003	D Sevier	University of Queensland
	R Azzi	University of New South Wales (Honourable mention)
	L Kaminskis	University of Adelaide (Honourable mention)
	N Gopisetty Venkata	RMIT University (Honourable mention)
2005	K Winter	Monash University

4.9 ANZCCART Prize

The Australian and New Zealand Council for the Care of Animals in Research and Teaching (ANZCCART) provides leadership in developing community consensus on ethical, social and scientific issues relating to the use of animals in research and teaching. The objectives of ANZCCART are to promote (i) excellence in the care of animals in research and teaching, (ii) responsible scientific use of animals and (iii) informed discussion and debate within the community regarding these matters. As the use of animals in research and teaching is a highly emotive and contentious public issue, ANZCCART considers that it is very important that scientists commencing a career in animal-based research are aware of the issues, and understand the importance of ANZCCART and of achieving its objectives. The objective of this prize is to encourage young biological scientists to address the practical and ethical issues associated with the use of animals in research and teaching.

1997	D Malone	Department of Pharmaceutical Biology & Pharmacology, Victorian College of Pharmacy, Monash University
1998	J Paull	Monash University
1999	R Billing	University of Sydney
2000	H Culver	University of Queensland
2001	R Park	University of Melbourne
2002	R Wafai	University of Melbourne
2003	T Lewanowitsch	University of Adelaide
2005	D Phua	Monash University

4.10 TOXICOLOGY SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP PRIZE (renamed in 2008 formerly the Hypertox Clinical

Toxicology prize)

2001	N Chetty	Monash University
2003	C Balit	NSW Poisons Information Centre
2008	S O'Keefe	RMIT University

4.11 The Peter Meffin Prize in Drug Metabolism, Delivery and Pharmacokinetics

The Section Prize will be called the Peter Meffin Prize in Drug Metabolism, Delivery and Pharmacokinetics for the first time in 2003. Prior to that it was known as the Applied Biosystems Prize in Drug Metabolism, Delivery and Pharmacokinetics (it was only known as the PE Biosystems Prize for the first year of its life in 2000). The prize is given to the best poster presentation in the field of Drug Metabolism, Delivery and Pharmacokinetics by a higher degree or Honours student at the Annual Scientific Meeting.

2000	E Riley	University of Queensland
2001	M Sorch	Flinders University
2002	N Mardon	University of New South Wales
2003	P Tsoutsikos	Flinders University
2005	V Uchaipichat	Flinders University
2007	A Rowland	Flinders University
2008	A Bulmer	University of Queensland

4.12 CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY PRIZE

2000	N Cockayne	University of Sydney
2001	H Zahir	University of Sydney and RPA
2003	P Chan	University of Auckland
2005	J Hay	University of Adelaide
2007	J Maddison	Royal Adelaide Hospital

4.13 CARDIOVASCULAR SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP PRIZE

2008	L Howitt	University of New South Wales
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4.14 PHARMACOGENOMICS SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP PRIZE

2008	J Anderson	University of New South Wales
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4.15 THE DENIS WADE JOHNSON & JOHNSON NEW INVESTIGATORS

2001	I Sammut	University of Otago
	I Appleton	University of Otago
	M Glass	University of Auckland
	R O'Shea	University of Melbourne
2002	J Henderson	University of Sydney

	L Liu	University of NSW
	J Coller	University of Adelaide
	P Smith	Flinders University
	K Powell	University of Nottingham
2003	D Fernandes	University of Melbourne
	R Bathgate	Howard Florey Institute
	C Kirkpatrick	University of Queensland
2004	G Drummond	Monash University
	N Butcher	University of Queensland
	J Burgess	University of Sydney
	T Jenkins	University of Melbourne
2005	S Mazzone	Howard Florey Institute
	A Rosenkranz	The Queen Elizabeth Hospital
	S Selemidis	Monash University
	D Hay	University of Auckland
2006	M Sorich	University of South Australia
	A Miller	Monash University
	D Hutchinson	Monash University
	V Cogger	Concord Hospital
2007	J Favaloro	Monash University
	B Exintaris	Monash University
	R Ryan	University of Sydney
	S Gardiner	Christchurch School of Medicine
2008	S Hilmer	Royal North Shore Hospital
	F Jiang	University of Melbourne
	C Staatz	University of Queensland
	T Woodruff	University of Queensland

5. TRAVEL AWARDS AND GRANTS

5.1 ASCEPT International Travel Awards

The ASCEPT International Travel Awards (previously known as the New Investigator Travel Awards) are a competitive and prestigious award system implemented by ASCEPT Council as part of a continued commitment to encourage members in the pursuit of careers in pharmacology and toxicology.

The Awards will be judged by a small working group of Council consisting of the President, the Treasurer, the Secretary and Education Convenor. The working group will have access to the Convenors of the Interest Groups of ASCEPT if specialist advice on the relative merit of the proposed activity is required. In ranking Award applications the working group will consider a number of factors, including: research output and standing of the applicant; the quality of the proposed activity and the perceived benefit to the applicant; the activity of the applicant within ASCEPT (eg presentation at scientific meetings and workshops); and the applicant's academic activity.

The purpose of the ASCEPT International Travel Award is to assist eligible members to attend international conferences, Attend short courses and workshops, and/or work for short periods (<2 months) in overseas institutes (eg to learn new techniques etc).

Application forms and formal guidelines are available from the ASCEPT website or Secretariat.

- For travel commencing during April 1 – October 31, applications should be submitted by February 28.
- For travel commencing during November 1 – March 31, applications should be submitted by August 31.

5.2 IUPHAR / IUTOX / CPT Travel Grants

The purpose of the grants is to provide travel assistance to eligible members of ASCEPT to participate at the international congresses of pharmacology, toxicology and/or clinical pharmacology and toxicology. Grants are open, in priority allocation, to postdoctoral* personnel with no access to other funds, students who have just submitted their PhD and PhD students. Grants will be decided, on merit, by a review panel comprising of the ASCEPT Treasurer, President, Secretary and Convenor of the new Investigators Working Party.

Application forms and formal guidelines are available from the ASCEPT website or Secretariat. Applicants will be called for via electronic messages to the ASCEPT membership with appropriate closing dates clearly indicated.

5.3 Student Travel Grants

These grants are available to support student attendance of the Annual Scientific meeting of ASCEPT, and other ASCEPT – sponsored meetings which may be run from time to time. The amount available for allocation in any one year will be determined by Council. Students must be presenting an oral or poster communication at that meeting. Application for a student travel grant must be made at the time of abstract submission on the Presenting Author or associated form.