



15-17 February Mantra Erskine



### **International Speakers:**

Christine Biron, USA Christian Doerig, Switzerland Chihiro Sasakawa, Japan Jost Enninga, France Reuben Harris, USA Jean Langhorne, UK Trevor Lawley, UK

Luke O'Neill, Ireland Cameron Simmons, Vietnam Vanessa Sperandio, USA Hong Tang, China

**Deadlines:** 

**Poster Abstract** Submission

**Extended Until:** 9/01/12

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## AAHL Collaborative Biosecurity Research Facility

The recently opened Collaborative Biosecurity Research Facility (ACBRF) at CSIRO's Australian Animal Health Laboratory (AAHL) in Geelong will provide researchers from Australia and overseas with access to PC3 and PC4 laboratories. The ACBRF currently offers access to advanced microscopy equipment within the PC4 environment, an insectproof large animal room and insectary within the PC3 environment, small animal facilities



and an insectary within the PC4 space and a dedicated PC3/PC4 training area. Researchers can choose to either work at the laboratory themselves or contract AAHL staff to undertake work for them.

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## VIIN Young Investigator Symposium



Over 170 registrants turned out to Bio21 in September for the 2011 VIIN Young Investigator Symposium. Keynote Speaker Professor Leann Tilley (pictured left) from The University of Melbourne began the day presenting her work on Imaging the Malaria Parasite: Food, Sex and Drugs, along with some insights in to careers in research. The rest of the day was left over to young infection and immunity students and researchers to present their work to one another in an informal but stimulating forum.

#### Prize winners:

Best Oral Presentation - \$300 from Biota Brendon Chua, University of Melbourne

Second Best Oral Presentation - \$200 from VIIN Rebecca Piganis, Monash Institute of Medical Research

Best Science Bite - \$300 from Life Technologies Linda Wiltzer, Monash University

Best Poster Presentation - \$300 from Micromon Jackie Cheung, Monash University

Second Best Poster Presentation - \$200 from VIIN

Sebastian Stifter, Monash Institute of Medical Research (pictured above receiving his award from Peter Revill, VIIN Executive Committee Member)

As well as his monetary prize, Brendon Chua was offered an invitation to speak at the upcoming Lorne Infection and Immunity Conference in February 2012.

Thank you to trade display sponsors BD, Sapphire Bioscience, Miltenyi Biotec and Olympus, session sponsor University of Melbourne Infection and Immunity Domain, chairs, prize judges and all presenters on the day.

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## Infection and Immunity Researcher Accolades



PhD student **Jaclyn Pearson** (pictured left at the 2011 VIIN Young Investigator Symposium) from University of Melbourne, Department of Microbiology and Immunology, has received one of only six 2011 Victoria Fellowships. The award will allow Jaclyn to travel to Institut Pasteur to further her studies on Enteropathogenic *E. coli* interactions with the host gut.

Niamh Mangan, postdoctoral researcher at the Centre for Innate Immunity and Infectious Diseases, Monash Institute of Medical Research, won the Journal of Biological Chemistry (JBC) / Herbert Tabor Young Investigator Award 2011 at the recent AGM of the International Cytokine Society (ICS) and the International Society for Interferon and Cytokine Research (ISICR). Niamh is pictured right receiving the award for her work on the role of the novel IFNε in the immune response.





**Nicole La Gruta** has received the Sylvia and Charles Viertel Senior Medical Research Fellowship for her research in to the T cell response to influenza virus infection. The five year fellowship will allow Nicole to further establish her laboratory at University of Melbourne, Department of Microbiology and Immunology.

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## Infection and Immunity Funding Opportunities

#### **Urgent Call for Research - Hendra Virus**

National Health and Medical Research Council

Through this urgent call, the National Health and Medical Research Council will provide funding to go towards better understanding the Hendra virus in terms of its impact on human health, animal health and environmental biodiversity.

Deadline: 18/01/2012

http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/grants/apply-funding/urgent-call-research-hendra-virus

#### **Julia Bodmer Young Scientist Award**

European Federation for Immunogenetics

The award is associated with an oral presentation in a plenary session at the annual EFI meeting. This award is given to a young scientist in recognition of his or her outstanding work in the field of immunogenetics.

Deadline: 19/03/2012

http://www.efiweb.eu/index.php?id=68

#### Junior Researcher Support Awards in HIV and Hepatitis

Australasian Society for HIV Medicine, Inc.

ASHM offers a number of competitive Support Awards to foster research interests in HIV and viral hepatitis. The Junior Researcher Support Awards are given for quality research reflecting national priority action areas.

Deadline: 30/03/2012

http://www.ashm.org.au/images/2012 jrsa brochure.pdf

#### **Long-Term EMBO Fellowships**

European Molecular Biology Organisation

The sponsor provides support for long term visits (12 to 24 months) and particularly, for advanced training through research. The fellowships are in the area of molecular biology.

Deadline: 15/02/2012

http://www.embo.org/fellowships/long\_term.html

#### **Robert Feulgen Prize**

Society for Histochemistry

A prize is to be awarded for an outstanding achievement in the field of histochemistry. The contributions may be either towards the development of new histochemical and cytochemical techniques or in the application of existing technology towards solving important problems in biology and/or medicine.

Deadline: 31/01/2012

http://www.histochemistry.eu/feulgen\_prize.html



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