



AUSTRALASIAN VIROLOGY SOCIETY

AVS2021 Symposium

Reflections from AVS President Professor Gilda Tachedjian





AVG1 2001 Fraser Island (K'gari) the Beginning

Planes, buses and catamarans...but its worth the trip!





2001 - 2019: 10 x AVG/AVS Meetings so Far
Just Getting Started...

AVS Past Presidents - Hall of Fame 2001 - 2017

AVS Expert Advisory Committee (2019 -)



Paul Young
AVG Founder
Inaugural AVS President
2001 - 2012



Damian Purcell
AVS President
2012 - 2015



Nigel McMillan
AVS President
2015 - 2017

2013 AVS Queenstown LOC - New Initiatives



Gilda Tachedjian



Jillian Carr



Maree Overall

Gender Equity on the Agenda

Women In Virology Forum

Process to promote diversity

in invited national and international speakers

Formalise Awards Eligibility
and Application Process

AVS Joins Social Media in Dec 2016

Dec 2021 - >2000 followers



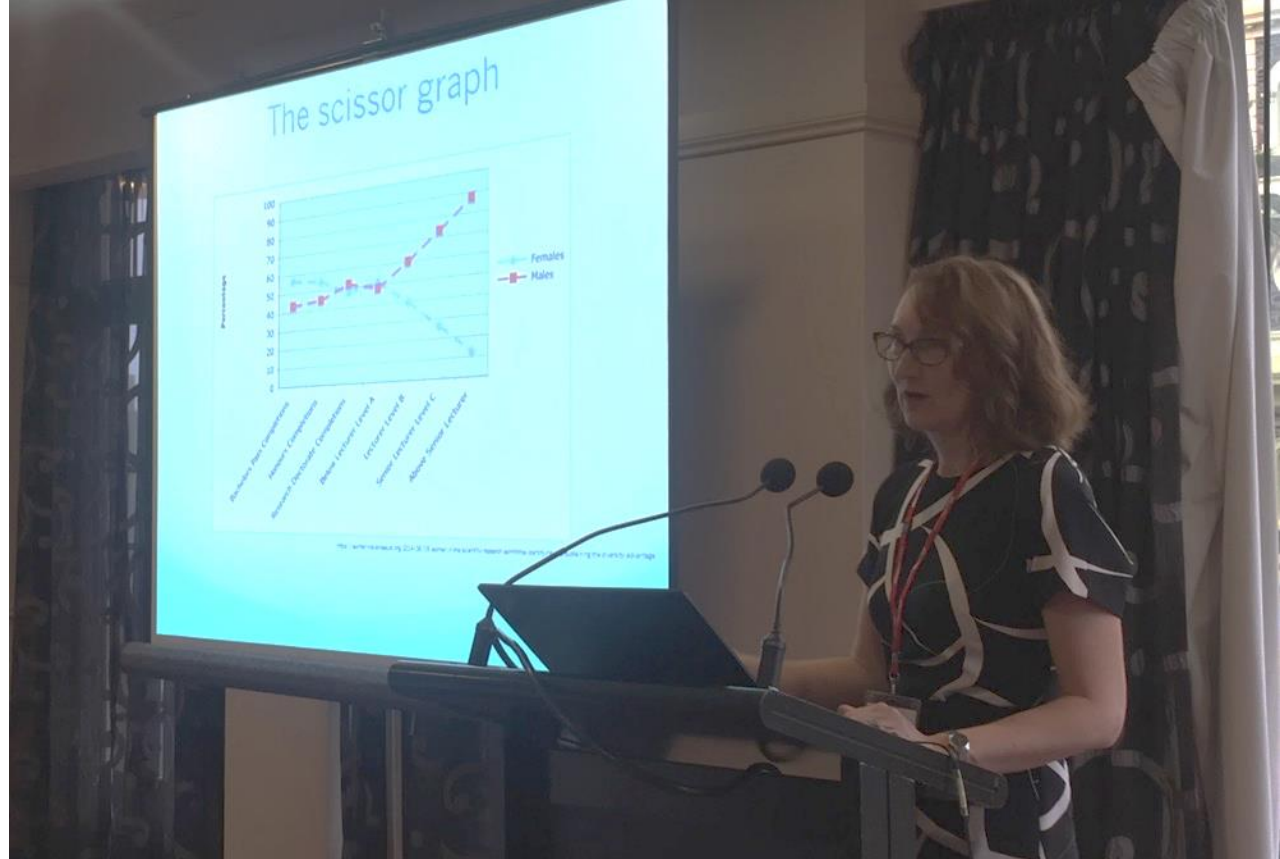
- ▶ Gilda Tachedjian
- ▶ AVS Vice President

- ▶ Twitter handler



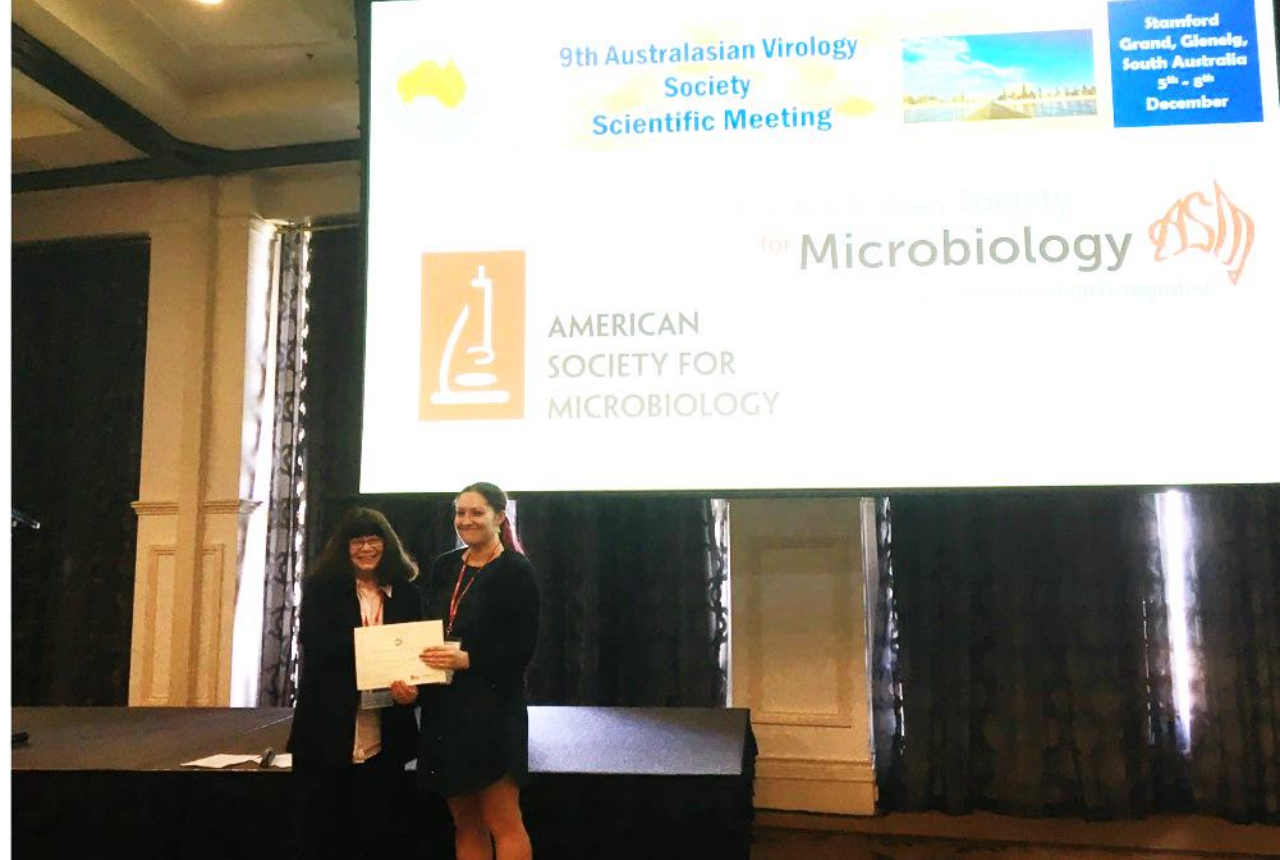


9th Australasian Virology
Society Meeting -
Glenelg SA
8th Dec 2017 -
a new dawn



AVS9 - First Career Development Session

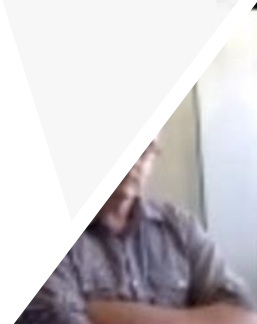
The Ubiquitous Scissor Graph....



Presenting Awards -
First Task as AVS President - AVS9 Dec 2017

2018 - AVS Meetings Entering the 21st Century From Audio to Video (Zoom)

▶ Sorry cant hear you?





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Australasian Virology Society aims to promote, encourage, support and advocate for the discipline of virology in the Australasian region.

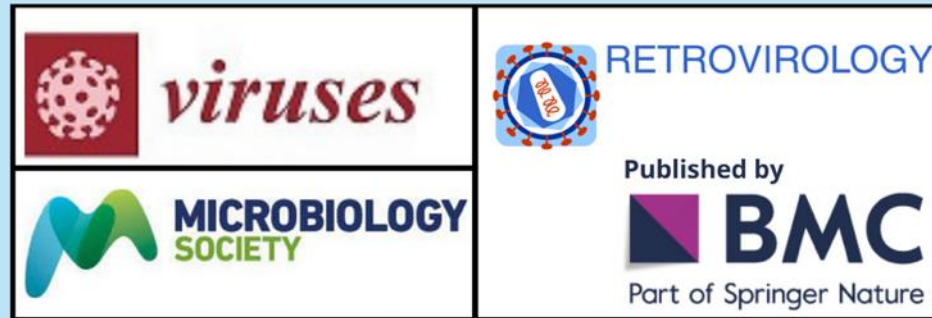
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<p>VIROLOGY IN AUSTRALASIA</p>	<p>ADVOCACY</p>	<p>MEMBERSHIP</p>	<p>JOBS AND SCHOLARSHIPS</p>
<p>VIROLOGY AND EDUCATION RESOURCES</p>	<p>AVS MEETINGS</p>	<p>UPCOMING VIROLOGY MEETINGS</p>	<p>COVID-19 RESOURCES</p>

Launched New AVS Website in 2018

AVS is associated with the following Journals

AVS members receive a discount for article processing fees. To take advantage of this discount, log in to the [Members Only](#) page to retrieve the journal password.



Introducing Discounts for Journal Article Processing Fees for AVS Members

AVS10 - Back to
Spectacular
Queenstown NZ!





AVS2017-2019 Committee and AVS10 LOC



AVS10 - Opening Session Packed House

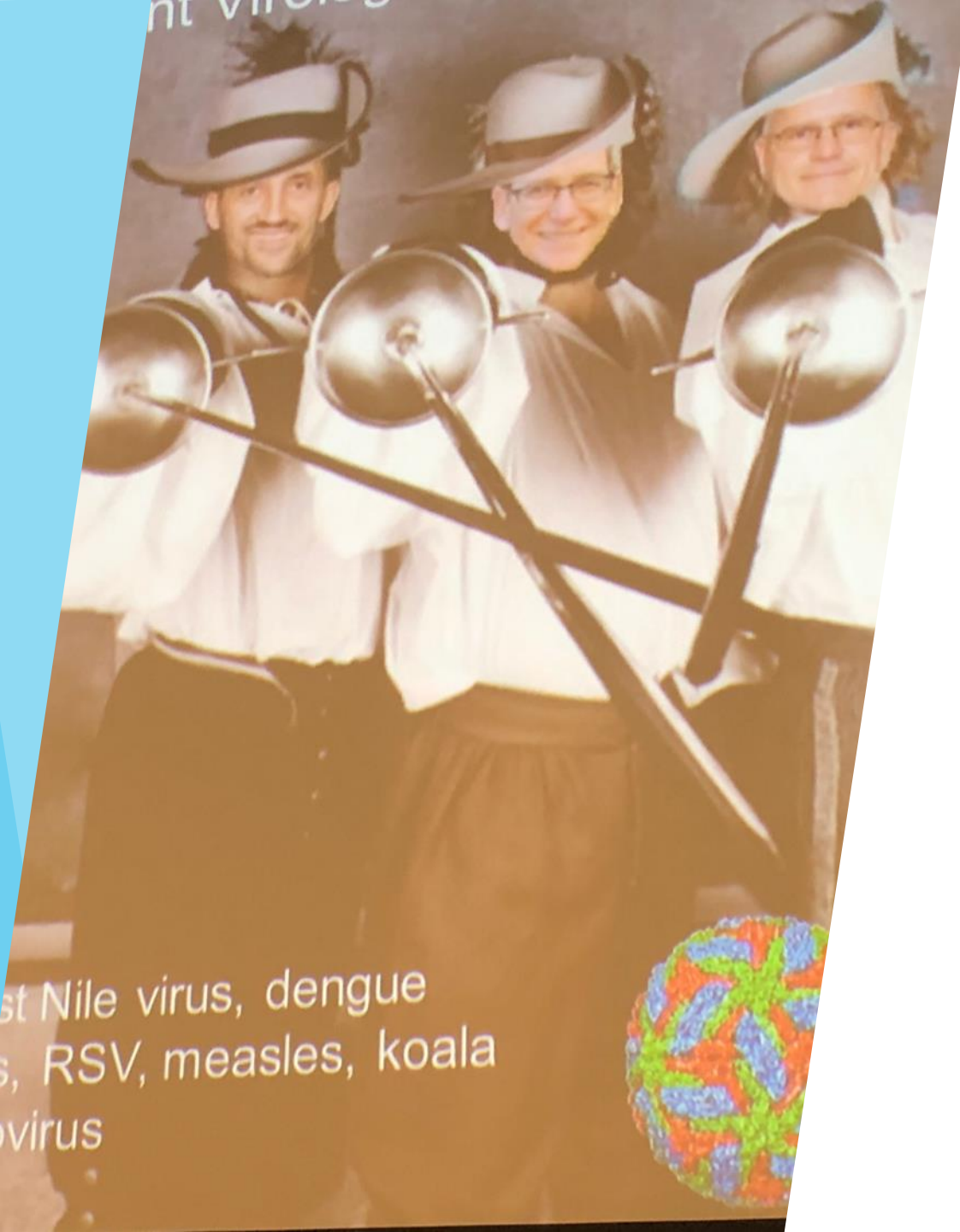


AVS10- Networking



AVS10- I have
no words...





AVS10 - The Three Musketeers?

st Nile virus, dengue
s, RSV, measles, koala
virus



AVS10 - Celebrating Achievements
of Women Trailblazers in
Australasian Virology

AVS10- Another Amazing Photo of Queenstown





AVS10 Innovations Catchbox Roving Microphone





AVS10 - Commanding the stage

AVS New Policies and Initiatives

- towards a mature society....

Gender Equity Policy

Harassment Policy

Social Media Policy

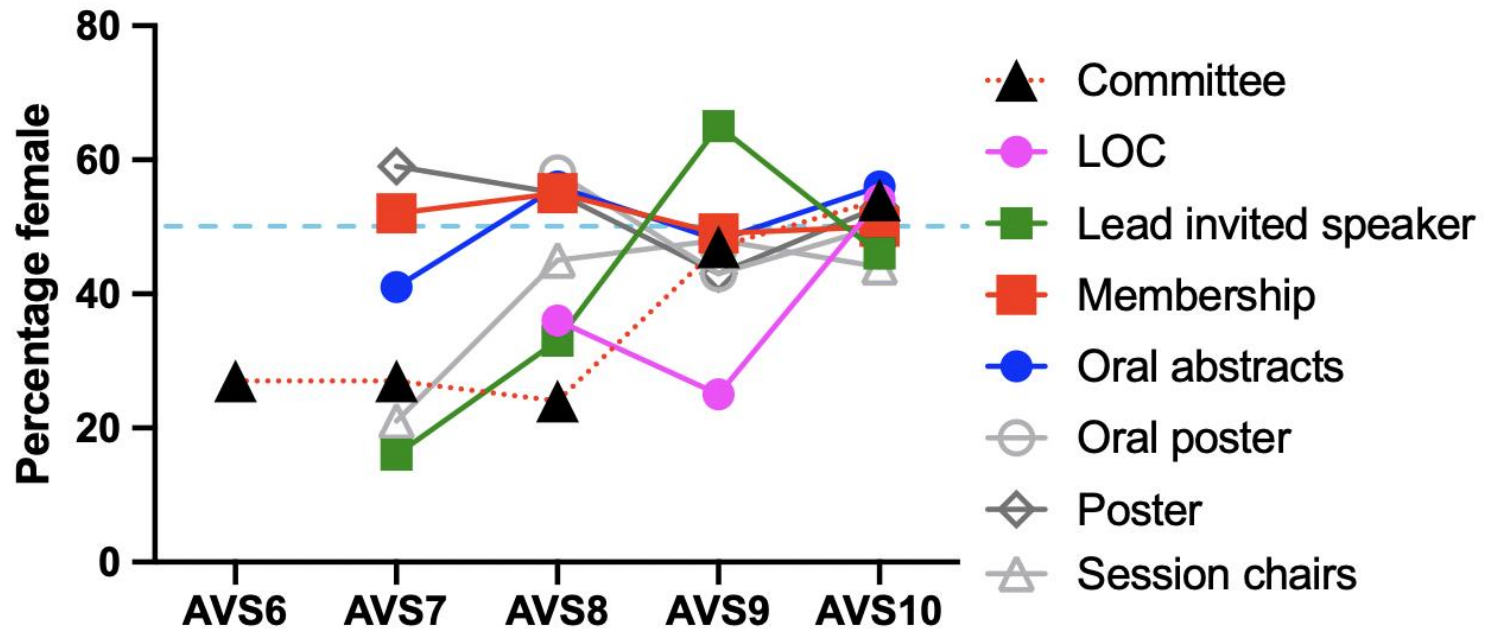
Parent Room for AVS10





AVS10 - Career Development Session

Successfully Transitioning from Postdoc to Lab Head



AVS Gender Equity Policy - Achieving Targets



AVS10 Inaugural Indigenous Virology Session Speakers



AVS10 - Poster Video Award Winner



AVS-10
Presenting
More awards!



Conference Report

Tenth Scientific Biennial Meeting of the Australasian Virology Society—AVS10 2019

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**First AVS Published Conference Report
- It Takes a Village...**

AVS10 - Party
like its
1999.....



AVS 2019 - 2021 Committee of Management



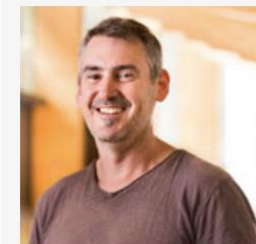
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Committee Member



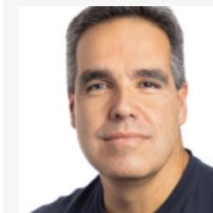
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Miguel Quinones-
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COVID-19.....Life as we know it has changed

Lockdowns

Social distancing

Home schooling

Border closures

Aerosol transmission

Contact tracing

QR codes

Face masks

Hotel quarantine (leaks)

Vaccine certificates

Hand hygiene

Jan 2020 - SARS-CoV-2 Pandemic - Virologists in the Media

FOUR CORNERS

**Professor Paul Young discusses the search
for a coronavirus vaccine**

Posted Thu 9 Apr 2020, 8:27pm Updated Fri 10 Apr 2020, 11:59am

Injection of Hope: The hunt for a COVID-19 vaccine

Posted Mon 8 Jun 2020, 9:09pm Updated Fri 17 Jul 2020, 4:42pm

**Brent Talks with Professor Nigel
McMillan on the spread of the
Coronavirus**

SCIENCE

Growing the virus responsible for COVID-19

**How does coronavirus compare to Spanish flu?
COVID-19 has important differences to the 1918
outbreak**



Cosmos Magazine ✓ @CosmosMagazine · Nov 30

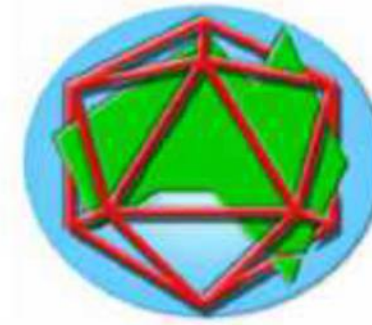
Some experts hypothesise that mutations might happen more frequently in immunosuppressed people, and is one possible origin of the recent omicron variant. But how does this happen?

@GildaTachedjian @BurnetInstitute @AusVirologySoc

NEWS | 30 July 2020

Should virus-naming rules change during a pandemic? The question divides virologists

Researchers say now is bad time to introduce a system for naming viral species, when scientists are focused on the coronavirus outbreak.



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AVS - building virology

Executive Committee of the International Committee on Taxonomy of Viruses (ICTV).

International nomenclature for virus species: a consultation.

AVS - Advocacy

AVS Advocacy



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AVS - building virology connections

Australasian Virology Society Position Statement on SARS-CoV-2 Vaccination in Australia

Aug 2021 COVID-19 pandemic and need for investment in medical research/ Pandemic preparedness

The panic and neglect cycle of funding that characterizes Australia's response to health crises in the past, cannot continue if we are to avoid a potentially greater toll from the emergence of the next Disease X pandemic.



ASMR NEWSLETTER · MAY 2020

Vital role of the Australian HMR Sector Response to the COVID-19

Professor Gilda Tachedjian

light is the mobilisation of the health and medicine research (HMR) sector in an unprecedented global effort to generate epidemiological data and develop

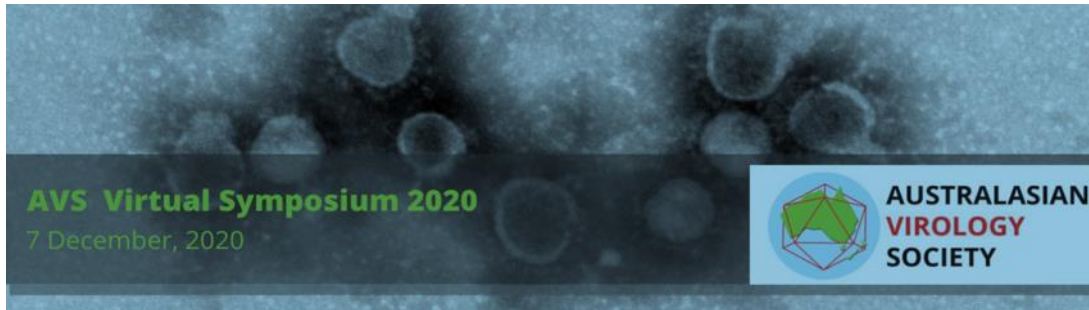
We are experiencing an unprecedented one in

AVS Recognized as the peak body representing virologists

Contacted by media for comment

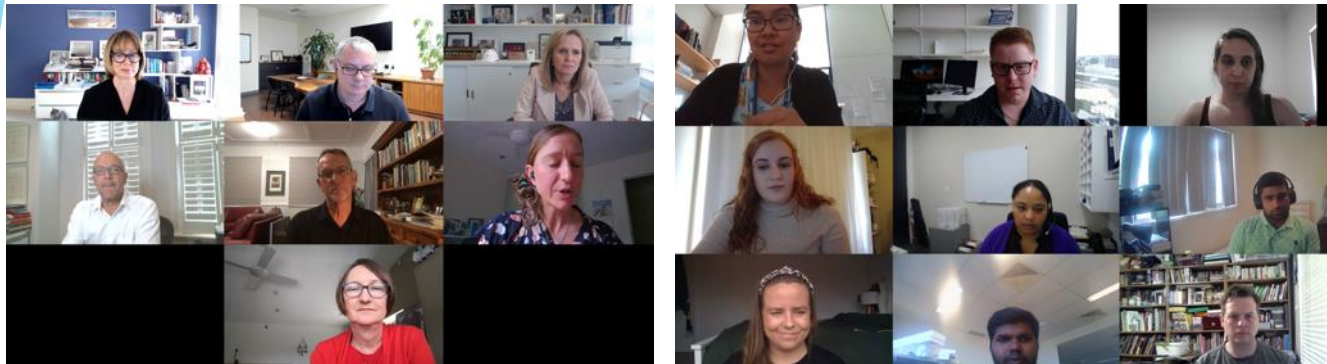
Representation on the influential forums

Contacted by organisations and government bodies for input relevant to discipline



Inaugural AVS Virtual Symposium 2020

COVID-19 and Emerging Viral Pathogens



JOIN TO BECOME A MEMBER TODAY

AVS Membership is open to Australian, New Zealand and International Researchers.

AVS Membership Benefits

Benefits of the Australasian Virology Society

- › Advocacy
- › Strong commitment towards promoting gender equity and diversity including indigenous Australians and Maori
- › Initiatives to promote members with young children to attend AVS meetings
- › Affiliation with the Australian Society for Medical Research, which represents health and medical research societies in Australia
- › Making representations to the International Committee on the Taxonomy of Viruses
- › Interact with peers via the growing Twitter community: followed by journalists and media

AVS Launched New Subscription Membership Model in 2020

2020: Generous Donation to AVS Thanks Prof Peter White



Join us in 2022

AVS11 Meeting

5-8 December 2022, Queensland

REGISTRATION

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Venue: JW Marriott, Gold Coast, Queensland

Celebrating 21 Years of virology in Australasia; Past, Present and Future