



AVS Member Newsletter

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WELCOME TO OUR NEW COMMITTEE

At the Annual General Meeting on the 7th December, a new committee was elected. Welcome to incoming members *Dr Sarah Londrigan*, *Professor Barry Slobedman* and our first student representative, *Emma Harding*. Congratulations to *Associate Professor Rowena Bull* who was elected Vice President (President elect) of the AVS. The AVS would also like to extend our sincere thanks to outgoing committee members *Dr Kirsty Short* and *Professor Marilyn Hibma* for their valuable contributions to the society.

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THANK YOU TO OUR PAST PRESIDENT GILDA TACHEDJIAN



The AVS executive and all members of the Australasian Virology Society express their sincere thanks to our Past President Professor Gilda Tachedjian who completed four years as our President. Professor Tachedjian implemented a range of changes to the AVS including overseeing the appointment of Leishman's Associates as managers of the conference and society, updating and modernizing our website, structural changes to the AVS committee, implementation of policies on gender equity and diversity, and an AVS twitter account. Congratulations Gilda and welcome to the past president's club where she joins Professors Paul Young, Nigel McMillan and Damian Purcell.



TWITTER

The AVS twitter account has 2188 followers and has become one of our major communication forums within the AVS society, promotion of new research and current topics in virology. Remember to include the handle AusVirologySoc in your tweets and we will retweet your news. Our twitter feed also appears on the AVS website so is an easy way to amplify your message. [Click here to follow us on Twitter.](#)



In lieu of the regular biennial meeting due to COVID-19 restrictions, the AVS held a one day symposium honouring our rising stars on the 7th of December 2021. Feature talks were provided by Dr Sonja Best, Professor Richard Webby, Professor Tony Cunningham, General John Frewen, Professor Linfa Wang, A/Prof Rowena Bull, Dr Andy Poubourios, A/Prof Keith Chappell, and Dr Jody Hobson Peters. Congratulations and many thanks to our convenor A/Prof Lara Herrero and the organizing team for a wonderful day.

The 11th Annual AVS meeting will occur on the 5 December - 8 December 2022 at the JW Marriot on the Gold Coast. Registration is now open and early bird rates close on the 2nd August. Our program committee led by A/Prof Lara Herrero has assembled an exciting line up of National and International speakers including Professor Wendy Barclay, Imperial College London and Professor Jason McLellan, University of Texas at Austin. Please register today.

Abstract submission is open with all abstracts to be received by midnight AEST 13th September 2022.

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Our AVS membership currently stands at 241 members. Benefits of membership include a minimum 15% discount to publish in prominent journals including *Viruses*, *Retrovirology* and the *Journal of General Virology*. In addition, members can access reduced registration fees to attend AVS education opportunities, including the 11th AVS Meeting. As a member, you will be supporting the AVS to advocate for virology in Australia and New Zealand, make representations to the ICTV and contribute to policy development.

We ask you to encourage your colleagues to become AVS members and grow our society.

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In my first newsletter for the AVS, I would like to extend my sincere thanks for the opportunity to lead the society. I would also like to offer my thanks and congratulations to all Australasian Virologists for their outstanding research efforts during the pandemic, and their contributions to educating Australians and New Zealanders on SARS-CoV-2, vaccines and therapeutics which has no doubt contributed to the high uptake of vaccines and minimising the most severe effects of COVID-19.

With best wishes
Professor Heidi Drummer
President, AVS

JOURNAL PARTNERSHIPS



Journal of General Virology is the newly affiliated journal of the Australasian Virology Society. All AVS members can receive their 20% discount from the journal using the discount code on the [membership portal](#). You can enter this code through their payment system when you go to pay the APC.



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