



Annual General Meeting Minutes

**Friday 6th October 2017, 12:40pm, University of Adelaide
Inkarni Wardli Building, Adelaide, SA 5005**

Welcome and Apologies – Dr Tina Bianco-Miotto

Welcome to the second AGM for the Epigenetics Consortium of South Australia Incorporated (EpiCSA).

Apologies: Michael Michael

Chairperson's Report – Dr Tina Bianco-Miotto

2017 has been a great year for EpiCSA. We have continued to work towards our objectives of bringing together epigenetic researchers in SA from diverse disciplines and continue to provide a forum for SA epigenetic researchers to showcase their work and form collaborations.

This year we saw some of our Committee Members step down. Earlier this year Karen Chiam stepped down as she moved interstate and Tod Fullston also stepped down due to changes in work circumstances. Shervi Lie from Flinders University was co-opted to help with Events and she was instrumental in putting together the Science in the Pub Event but she is also stepping down at the end of this AGM. Two of our Founding members Carlos Rodriguez Lopez and Hannah Brown are also stepping down after this meeting and I thank them for all their hard work and for agreeing from the very beginning that this Association was not just a crazy idea.

As the Chairperson for the last 2 years I have had the fortunate opportunity to work with such a great group of epigeneticists and our committee meetings have always been fun. I will be stepping down as Chairperson at the end of this meeting so I want to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of our past and present committee members for the last 2+ years. It has been an EpiC journey!

We requested nominations to fill in several vacancies in the Committee but did not receive any nominations so we have co-opted some new members for 2018. However, we still have a spot free on the committee so if you would like to be involved please talk to one of the committee members.

The 2018 EpiCSA Committee will be as follows:

- Chairperson: Bastien Llamas
- Deputy Chairperson: Penny Tricker
- Secretary: Jimmy Breen
- Treasurer: Maxime Francois
- Membership Communications and Newsletter: Jim Cakouros
- Social Media: Damon Tumes
- Website: Rakesh David
- Sponsorship: Michael Michael
- Scientific Convenor: Tina Bianco-Miotto



The Committee members all have the logo on their name badges so please talk to anyone of us. We are very keen to hear about what events you would like to see next year and what you thought of the events we held this year.

Lastly, I know this may happen several times throughout the meeting but I personally want to thank our sponsors. We have always been keen as a committee to keep membership free and as many of our events as possible to be free or at minimal cost and this is not possible without our generous sponsors. Thank you to the Robinson Research Institute for continuing to support EpiCSA as our Silver Sponsor. I also want to thank the following sponsors that have supported this meeting or some of our other events held throughout the year: Illumina, AGRF, ThermoFisher Scientific, Qiagen, Millenium Science, Genesearch and Healthy Development Adelaide. Also our generous Wine sponsors Berrigan and XO.

Secretary's Report – Dr Carlos Rodriguez Lopez

Membership

- 15% increase in membership between 2016 and 2017
- 47% Full members, 46% Students, 7% unknown
- 63% of members are from University of Adelaide, 14% from Flinders, 7% from University of South Australia, with <5% from SAHMRI, AGRF, CSIRO, SA Pathology and others

Treasurer's Report – Dr Maxime Francois

Income

Opening balance (From previous year)	\$2,009.76
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Interest Account Interest	\$3.11
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Events Sponsorship	\$4,650.00
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Annual meeting 2016 Registration	\$1,030.00
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Expenses

Annual meeting 2016 Program printing	\$82.40
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EpiCSA Website Domain Registration Renewal	\$33.00
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Annual meeting 2016 Keynote speaker dinner	\$500.00
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Annual meeting 2016 Keynote speaker gift	\$41.98
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Annual meeting 2016 Awards	\$1,350.00
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Annual meeting 2016 Catering	\$1,908.50
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Annual meeting 2016 Liquor Licenses	\$80.50
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Annual meeting 2016 Poster boards	\$655.00
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Annual Scientific Meeting Badges & Name tags & Velcro	\$157.34
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Total Income	\$7,692.87	Total Expense	\$4,808.72	Remaining	\$2,884.15
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Membership Communications: Damon Tumes and Jim Cakouros

Midyear Newsletter: June 21st 2017

Number of events updates: 10

Number of Members: June 21st : 132 October 6th : 139

Jim asked the question:



1. Is "email" the preferred members communication for events update?
2. Frequency of newsletters. Is it too little or too much?
3. Any suggestion to improve communication between members and the committee?

Media - Jimmy Breen

Twitter:

- 78 members of the Epigenetics Consortium of SA Facebook group
- Most popular post "Science in the Pub event" follow-up
 - Reached >600 people
 - 130 Post clicks & 19 likes

Facebook

- 653 Followers
- 9,432 tweets since March 2015
- 2,906 likes

Events – Jimmy Breen

Joint EpiCSA/Adelaide RNA Special Interest (SIG) monthly seminars

- a) Organised by: Jimmy Breen & Lachlan Jolly
- b) Started March 2017
- c) Originally MLS (North Terrace) and now switched to AHMS Building
- d) Sponsorship: ThermoFisher, QIAGEN & Millennium Science
- e) Science in the Pub Event
- f) Rob Roy Hotel (1st September, 2017)
- g) Presenters: Hannah Brown, Bastien Llamas & Carlos Rodriguez Lopez
- h) Thanks to Shervi Lie & Healthy Development Adelaide for co-sponsoring

Additional events:

- i) Dr Gavin Kelsey Lecture (Thursday, 2 November 2017)

Sponsorship – Tina Bianco-Miotto

We are extremely grateful for the generous sponsors:

1. EpiCSA and RNA seminar series (monthly):

- Thermo Fisher Scientific
- Millennium Science
- Qiagen

2. Science in the pub (1st September 2017):

- Joint event with Healthy Development Adelaide

3. Annual Meeting (Oct 2017):

- Robinson Research Institute (University of Adelaide)



- Genesearch
- Australian Genome Research Facility
- Qiagen
- Illumina
- Thermo Fisher Scientific
- Berrigan Wines and XO Wine Co.

Scientific Meeting Report – Bastien Llamas

Second EpiCSA Scientific Meeting at the University of Adelaide, Ingkarni Wardii Building, 6th of October 2017.

Over 50 online registrations, over 60 attendees.

18 talks and posters, with speakers from the state's major research institutions.

Keynote speaker: A/Prof Pilar Blancafort (Uni Western Australia).

Event kindly supported by The University of Adelaide, The Robinson Research Institute, ThermoFisher Scientific, Qiagen, Illumina, Genesearch, AGRF, Berrigan Wines and XO Wines Co.

\$1000 worth of money prizes:

- AGRF People's Choice Award
- RRI Award: Best Oral Presentation in Epigenetic Research in Reproduction
- RRI Award: Best Poster Talk in Epigenetic Research in Reproduction
- Best Oral Presentation Award
- Best Poster Talk Award

Other Business – Dr Tina Bianco-Miotto

No other business...