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WELCOME

It is with immense honour and joy that I extend a warm welcome to all participants in the XXIII International Congress of Genetics. I express my deepest gratitude to each one of you who is taking the time to join us at the Congress, which has been of paramount significance in the field of genetics since it was first held in 1899.

It is indeed a time to celebrate the return of in-person meetings that have not been possible for a significant portion of the five years since the last Congress held in 2018 in Brazil. The intervening years have been marked by profound sadness caused by the Covid-19 pandemic and have created challenges for the Organisers of the Congress. The Organising Committee has worked tirelessly to bring this Congress into being, driven by a shared passion to celebrate our understanding of genetics and its far-reaching implications.

The International Genetics Federation (IGF) has played a pivotal role in fostering the development of genetics on a global scale, collaborating with member societies across the world. Through its efforts, advances in genetics have been disseminated more widely. Countries with nascent research landscapes have been included, joining us all in contemplating how genetics can contribute to a more inclusive and equitable world. Representatives of IGF member societies will meet at the Congress to discuss how we can do more.

The Organisers take immense pride in presenting an inspiring scientific program, encompassing diverse themes within genetics and featuring eminent scientists who will share the latest advancements in their respective fields. The program has been created to embrace researchers from across the globe.

In addition to the exceptional scientific program, social events will enable truly unforgettable moments of connection. I urge you to attend a most creative Opening Ceremony and Reception and the Congress Social Evening – *Connection* will be unforgettable. On top of that there are several events designed to engage and inform the public, but they will be of equal interest to Congress delegates.

Surely, this Congress has been meticulously planned, with attention given to every detail. It is our genuine hope that the IGF will continue to inspire co-operation, foster scientific dialog, and emphasise the pivotal role of genetics in shaping a future that embodies equality among individuals, ensures health and food security, and equips us to face the pressing challenges posed by climate change and biodiversity loss with wisdom and efficacy.

Once again, I extend my warmest welcome and encourage you to make the most of the enriching days ahead.



Professor Marcia Margis-Pinheiro

President – International Genetic Federation

On behalf of the Organising Committee, I extend a warm welcome to all participants of the 2023 International Congress of Genetics in the vibrant city of Melbourne, Australia. We acknowledge with the deepest respect that this Congress will be held on the lands of local indigenous Australians, the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation. We pay our sincere respects to their elders past AND present, recognising their custodianship and faithful stewardship of the land on which we gather. We thank the International Genetics Federation for entrusting us as hosts of this Congress that has provided a global forum to discuss and celebrate advances in genetics since 1899.

We assemble in Melbourne to celebrate the remarkable progress made in genetics since the last Congress held in 2018 in Foz do Iguaçu Brazil. Over the last five years there have continued to be extraordinary technological advances in genomics and gene editing. The Congress theme, *Genetics and Genomics: Linking Life and Society* recognises that this meeting is being held at an important moment in history, a time when the tools are available to do exhilarating fundamental research, and to address major issues in health, agriculture and environmental care.

The scientific program created by the Local and International Program Committees is exciting. There will be a feast of great talks across the breadth of genetics, but the Congress also affords the opportunity for conversations - the sharing of insights and ideas and the formation of collaborations in planned and serendipitous encounters. In an era defined and, at times, confined by digital connectivity, the benefits of coming together, and the joy and energy of face to face meetings, have become even more pronounced. In planning this Congress we have strived to create an event that blends science, culture and connectivity - from the beginning of the opening ceremony to the end of the last talk.

We hope that you will have an experience in Melbourne that is deeply meaningful and memorable.



Professor Kathryn North AC

Congress President

HOST ORGANISATIONS

The City of Melbourne is honoured to welcome in excess of 1600 participants from 50 countries for the International Congress of Genetics, which returns here for the first time in 20 years.

Melbourne is a proud knowledge city with a leading scientific edge. We have several state-of-the-art institutes respected globally for their expertise in delivering clinical trials and major health outcomes.

As a city, we have cultivated a passion for education, collaboration, and innovation. We're home to two of the world's top 100 universities and the birthplace of historic scientific breakthroughs, such as the cochlear implant and frozen embryo.

All this makes Melbourne the perfect destination for your congress.

We look forward to welcoming you to our city – not only for the official programming, but also to marvel at Melbourne's world-famous sights.

Catch a match of Aussie Rules at the globally recognisable MCG, sip coffee in one of the world's most liveable cities and snap a selfie among the street art in one of our iconic laneways.

Our City Ambassadors will be onsite for the duration of the congress to help you discover all that Melbourne has to offer.

I wish you all the best for your time here with us.



Lord Mayor Sally Capp



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The International Genetics Federation (IGF) is an association of national genetics societies interested in promoting the advancement of the science of Genetics. It seeks to support the activities of national societies and foster cooperation between them. The IGF is the custodian of the International Congress of Genetics, an elite conference that is held once every five years in different cities around the world.

For more information visit:

www.geneticsfederation.com



The Australasian Genomic Technologies Association (AGTA) is dedicated to advancing and promoting the field of genomics and genomic technologies in Australasia. AGTA is the principal body for the promotion of genomics research in Australasia and it draws on the breath of genomics research and technology development across Australasia.

For more information visit:

www.agtagenomics.org.au



The Genetics Society of Australasia (GSA) is the professional organisation for scientific researchers and educators in the field of genetics in Australia, New Zealand and the Asia-Pacific region. The Society is dedicated to promoting research and education in genetics and facilitating communication among geneticists and the broader public.

For more information visit www.genetics.org.au



The Human Genetics Society of Australasia (HGSA) was formed in 1977 to provide a forum for the various disciplines collected under the title of Human Genetics. In our unified intent to support the genetic health of the Australian and New Zealand population HGSA members value communication with all our clinical and laboratory colleagues. The Society contributes to all major debates and advocates for the safe, ethical and effective use of genetic information in healthcare. The HGSA is regularly called upon as the expert body to contribute to national and international initiatives that involve human genetics.

For more information visit www.hgsa.org.au



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SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

A truly global forum as been developed to bring together the international genetics community to share ideas and the latest research under the overarching theme: **Genetics & Genomics: Linking Life & Society.**

Over the coming days, the Congress will cover the breadth of fundamental discoveries in genetics and genomics, the latest advances in technologies, and important and topical applications in areas such as health, agriculture and the conservation of species and the environment.

You will hear from 9 outstanding plenary speakers, including the recipients of the prestigious 2023 Gruber Prize and the MJD White Medal, from Nobel Laureates and over 100 invited speakers and abstract authors presenting across 54 symposia addressing the 6 key theme areas.

Our commitment to diversity has resulted in presentations from researchers from 50 different countries and across a full range of gender and career stages.

Poster sessions are an integral element of the scientific program designed to showcase the latest research and to foster discussion and dialogue about work undertaken across the 6 theme areas, through presentations over the extended lunch periods and digital formats available to view on the Congress App.

Sessions will be conducted in the following rooms, with each theme in a dedicated room for Symposia Sessions:

Plenary Sessions	Plenary Room 2 (Ground Floor)
Symposia Sessions	Level 2
Evolutionary Genetics	Room 203
Genetics & the Environment	Room 204
Genomics & Genomic Technologies	Room 210/211
Genetics & Human Health	Room 212/213
Molecular, Cellular & Developmental Genetics	Room 219
Agricultural & Plant Genetics	Room 220

The Scientific Program will be lead by the following outstanding Plenary speakers:



Professor Mark Blaxter
Wellcome Sanger Institute, UK



Professor Nancy Cox
Vanderbilt Brain Institute, USA



Professor Anne Ferguson-Smith
University of Cambridge, UK



Professor Neil Gemmell
University of Otago, New Zealand



Professor Eddie Holmes
University of Sydney, Australia



Professor Ruth Lehmann
Whitehead Institute for Biomedical Research, USA



Professor Nicola Mulder
University of Cape Town, South Africa



Professor Detlef Weigel
Max Planck Institute for Biology, Germany



Professor Allan Jacobson
University of Massachusetts, USA
2023 Gruber Genetic Prize Recipient



Professor Lynne Maquat
University of Rochester, USA
2023 Gruber Genetic Prize Recipient

PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY 16 JULY 2023

0900-1700	Optional Satellite Meeting - Biodiversity Genomics - A Global Perspective <i>Melbourne Convention & Exhibition Centre - ROOM 219</i>
	PUBLIC PROGRAM
1600-1630	Celebrating Science & Faith <i>St Paul's Cathedral</i>
1200-1930	Registration Open - FOYER
1700-1745	Congress tips for HDR Students and Early Career Researchers - MCEC - Hospitality Room 6 Upper Level
1800-2100	Opening Ceremony & Welcome Reception - PLenary HALL 2

MONDAY 17 JULY 2023

0730-1730	Registration Open - Foyer					
0830-0930	Plenary Session 1 - PLenary HALL 2					
	Mark Blaxter - Wellcome Sanger Institute, UK New biology from new genomes: The Tree of Life project <i>Chair: Jenny Graves, Australia</i>					
0930-1000	Morning Tea and Poster Viewing - Exhibition Hall					
1000-1200	SYMPOSIA SESSION A					
Theme	Evolutionary Genetics	Genetics & the Environment	Genomics & Genomic Technologies	Genetics & Human Health	Molecular, Cellular & Developmental Genetics	Agricultural & Plant Genetics
Symposia	A1: Genomes & Biodiversity	A2: Microbes & Microbiomes	A3: Indigenous Genomics in the Precision Medicine Era	A4: Rare Disease Genetics & Biology	A5: Atlases for Cell & Developmental Biology	A6: Plant Ecological & Conservation Genetics
	ROOM 203	ROOM 204	ROOM 210/211	ROOM 212/213	ROOM 219	ROOM 220
1200-1400	Lunch and Poster Session (odd number posters presented) - Exhibition					
1215-1345	Industry Lunch Sessions					
1400-1600	SYMPOSIA SESSION B					
Theme	Evolutionary Genetics	Genetics & the Environment	Genomics & Genomic Technologies	Genetics & Human Health	Molecular, Cellular & Developmental Genetics	Agricultural & Plant Genetics
Symposia	B3: Paleogenomics	B2: Population Genetics & Genomics	B5: Emerging Applications in 'Omics Technologies - Filling the Gaps	B4: Ethical, Legal & Social Issues in Genomic Medicine	B6: Cell Signalling & Regeneration	B1: Plant Biotechnology & Genome Editing
	ROOM 203	ROOM 204	ROOM 210/211	ROOM 212/213	ROOM 219	ROOM 220
1600-1630	Afternoon Tea and Poster Viewing - Exhibition Hall					
1630-1730	Plenary Session 2 - PLenary HALL 2					
	Nicola Mulder - University of Cape Town, South Africa Leveraging bioinformatics capacity to implement African genomics for health <i>Chair: Alex Brown Australia</i>					
	PUBLIC PROGRAM					
1800-1930	Women in Science - Unique journeys to different peaks <i>Melbourne Convention & Exhibition Centre - ROOM 210</i>					

TUESDAY 18 JULY 2023

0700-0815	Industry Breakfast Session					
0730-1730	Registration Open - FOYER					
0830-0930	Plenary Session 3 - PLENARY HALL 2					
	Ruth Lehmann, Whitehead Institute for Biomedical Research, USA 'Seeing' translation - in germ granules <i>Chair: Hongyan Wang, Singapore</i>					
0930-1000	Morning Tea and Poster Viewing - EXHIBITION HALL					
1000-1200	SYMPOSIA SESSION C					
Theme	Evolutionary Genetics	Genetics & the Environment	Genomics & Genomic Technologies	Genetics & Human Health	Molecular, Cellular & Developmental Genetics	Agricultural & Plant Genetics
Symposia	C1: Host/Pathogen Interactions	C2: Conservation Genetics	C3: Equity & Diversity in the Application of Human Genomics	C4: Disease Gene Identification & Functional Genomics Using Animal Models	C5: Gene Regulation & RNA Biology	C6: Plant Breeding & Food Security
	ROOM 203	ROOM 204	ROOM 210/211	ROOM 212/213	ROOM 219	ROOM 220
1200-1400	Lunch and Poster Session (even number posters presented) - Exhibition					
1215-1345	Industry Lunch Sessions					
1400-1600	SYMPOSIA SESSION D					
Theme	Evolutionary Genetics	Genetics & the Environment	Genomics & Genomic Technologies	Genetics & Human Health	Molecular, Cellular & Developmental Genetics	Agricultural & Plant Genetics
Symposia	D1: Evolution & Development	D2: Ecological Epigenetics	D3: Bioinformatics & Computational Biology	D4: Genomic Therapies & Precision Medicine	D5: Neurogenetics of Behaviour	D6: Plant interactions with Other Organisms
	ROOM 203	ROOM 204	ROOM 210/211	ROOM 212/213	ROOM 219	ROOM 220
1600-1630	Afternoon Tea and Poster Viewing - Exhibition Hall					
1630-1730	Plenary Session 4 - PLENARY HALL 2					
	Neil Gemmell, University of Otago, New Zealand Fishing for insights in sex determination, differentiation and reproductive biology <i>Chair: Peter Dearden, New Zealand</i>					
	PUBLIC PROGRAM					
1930	Oratorio - Origins of the Universe, of Life, of Species, of Humanity Melbourne Recital Centre					

PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

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WEDNESDAY 19 JULY 2023

0700-0815	Industry Breakfast Session					
0730-1730	Registration Open - FOYER					
0830-0930	Plenary Session 5 – Gruber Genetics Prize 2023 Recipients - PLENARY HALL 2					
	Allan Jacobson, University of Massachusetts, USA NMD, translation termination, and readthrough therapy: consequences and suppression of genetic nonsense Lynne Macquat, University of Rochester, USA Nonsense-mediated mRNA decay in human health and disease Chair: Allan Spradling, USA					
0930-1000	Morning Tea and Poster Viewing – EXHIBITION HALL					
1000-1200	SYMPOSIA SESSION E					
Theme	Evolutionary Genetics	Genetics & the Environment	Genomics & Genomic Technologies	Genetics & Human Health	Molecular, Cellular & Developmental Genetics	Agricultural & Plant Genetics
Symposia	E1: Genetic Strategies to Control Pests & Disease Vectors ROOM 203	E2: Climate Change Genetics ROOM 204	E3: Tandem-Repeat Genomics Informing Polygenic Human Disorders & Traits ROOM 210/211	E4: Counselling, Communication & Consent in Human Genetics Contexts Across The Lifetime ROOM 212/213	E5: Cell & Organoid Models for Human Disease Mechanisms ROOM 219	E6: Agricultural & Horticultural Genetics ROOM 220
1200-1400	Poster Viewing – Exhibition (exhibition closes at 1430)					
	Afternoon Speciality Sessions					
1200-1530	Genetic Society of Australasia (GSA) Program – ROOM 210 GSA AGM GSA Award Presentations					
1300-1615	Human Genetics Society of Australasia (HGSA) Program – ROOM 212 HGSA Sutherland Lecture HGSA AGM HGSA Oration					
1630-1730	Meet the Editor – ROOM 203					
	PUBLIC PROGRAM					
1730-1830	Genetics vs Sport - Are super athletes born or made? Melbourne Conversations held at Melbourne Convention & Exhibition Centre - Room 210					
1830-1930	Future Forums: The genetic rescue of our fantastic beasts Melbourne Museum					

THURSDAY 20 JULY 2023

0700-0815	Industry Breakfast Session					
0730-1730	Registration Open - FOYER					
0830-0930	Plenary Session 6 - PLENARY HALL 2					
	Detlef Weigel - Max Planck Institute, Germany Paranoid Plants: Genetic Conflict in the Immune System <i>Chair: Suresh Balasubramanian, Australia</i>					
0930-1000	Morning Tea and Poster Viewing - EXHIBITION HALL					
1000-1200	SYMPOSIA SESSION F					
Theme	Evolutionary Genetics	Genetics & the Environment	Genomics & Genomic Technologies	Genetics & Human Health	Molecular, Cellular & Developmental Genetics	Agricultural & Plant Genetics
Symposia	F1: Evolutionary Genetics Theory ROOM 203	F2: Environmental Genomics ROOM 204	F3: Cell-free DNA Technologies: Challenges & Opportunities ROOM 210/211	F4: Identifying Functional Target Genes at GWAS Loci ROOM 212/213	F5: New Experimental Model Organisms for Genetics Research ROOM 219	F6: Plant Cell & Developmental Biology ROOM 220
1200-1400	Lunch and Poster Session (odd number posters presented) - Exhibition					
1215-1345	Industry Lunch Sessions					
1400-1600	SYMPOSIA SESSION G					
Theme	Evolutionary Genetics	Genetics & the Environment	Genomics & Genomic Technologies	Genetics & Human Health	Molecular, Cellular & Developmental Genetics	Agricultural & Plant Genetics
Symposia	G1: Genetics & Epigenetics of Sex ROOM 203	G2: Invasion Genetics ROOM 204	G3: Accelerating Genomics ROOM 210/211	G4: Genetics of Complex Disease & Quantitative Traits ROOM 212/213	G5: Advanced Imaging in Cellular & Developmental Genetics ROOM 219	G6: Genetics & Genomics of Plant Evolution ROOM 220
1600-1630	Afternoon Tea and Poster Viewing - EXHIBITION HALL					
1630-1730	Plenary Session 7 - PLENARY HALL 2					
	Nancy Cox - Vanderbilt Brain Institute, USA How heritability of everyday laboratory values leads to big health disparities <i>Chair: Kathryn Burdon, Australia</i>					
	PUBLIC PROGRAM					
1800-1900	Population DNA Screening for Disease Risk Melbourne Convention & Exhibition Centre - Room 210					
	Optional Social Event					
1900-2100	Connect - The Lume Melbourne Convention & Exhibition Centre					

PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

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FRIDAY 21 JULY 2023

0730-1730	Registration Open - FOYER					
0830-0930	Plenary Session 8 - PLENARY HALL 2					
	Anne Ferguson-Smith, University of Cambridge, UK The genetics of epigenetic variation <i>Chair: Marieke Oudelaar, Germany</i>					
0930-1000	Morning Tea and Poster Viewing - Exhibition Hall					
1000-1200	SYMPOSIA SESSION H					
Theme	Evolutionary Genetics	Genetics & the Environment	Genomics & Genomic Technologies	Special Symposium	Molecular, Cellular & Developmental Genetics	Agricultural & Plant Genetics
Symposia	H1: Systematics & Phylogeography	H2: The Genetics of Local Adaptation	H3: Genomics-driven Healthcare	H4: Early Career Researcher Showcase	H5: Epigenetic Mechanisms & Chromatin Biology	H6: From Genebanks to Fields: Leveraging Genomics Innovations for Characterising Genetic Diversity
	ROOM 203	ROOM 204	ROOM 210/211	ROOM 212/213	ROOM 219	ROOM 220
1200-1330	Lunch and Poster Session (even number posters presented) - EXHIBITION					
1330-1530	SYMPOSIA SESSION I					
Theme	Evolutionary Genetics	Genetics & the Environment	Genomics & Genomic Technologies	Genetics & Human Health	Molecular, Cellular & Developmental Genetics	Agricultural & Plant Genetics
Symposia	I1: Molecular Evolution	I2: Genetics of Wildlife Disease & Responses to Infection	I3: Genetics & Genomics of Pandemic, Endemic & Emerging Infectious Organisms	I4: Pharmacogenomics in Drug Discovery & Development	I5: Genetics & Biology of Ageing	I6: Plant Response to Environmental Change
	ROOM 203	ROOM 204	ROOM 210/211	ROOM 212/213	ROOM 219	ROOM 220
1530-1600	Afternoon Tea - FOYER					
1600-1700	Plenary Session 9 - PLENARY HALL 2					
	Eddie Holmes, University of Sydney, Australia (GSA - MJD White Award Recipient) Redefining the virosphere <i>Chair: Peter Doherty, Australia</i>					
1700-1730	Congress Closing (including Award Presentations)					

This program is subject to change.

DAILY PROGRAM

SUNDAY 16 JULY 2023

0900-1700	Optional Satellite Meeting
Room 219	Biodiversity Genomics - A Global Perspective Melbourne Convention & Exhibition Centre
1700 - 1745	Optional Meeting
Hospitality Room 6 Upper Level	Congress tips for HDR students and early career researchers
1200-1930	Registration Open Melbourne Convention & Exhibition Centre Foyer
1800-2100 Plenary Room 2	Opening Ceremony & Welcome Reception Melbourne Convention & Exhibition Centre

MONDAY 17 JULY 2023

0700-1730	Registration Open Melbourne Convention & Exhibition Centre Foyer
0830-0930	Plenary Session 1
Plenary Room 2	Mark Blaxter - Wellcome Sanger Institute, UK New biology from new genomes: The Tree of Life project <i>Chair: Jenny Graves, Australia</i> <i>Session supported by BGI/MGI</i>
1000-1200	SYMPOSIA SESSIONS A
Room 203	A1: Genomes & Biodiversity (Evolutionary Genetics) <i>Session supported by Bioplatforms Australia</i>
Convenors	<i>Tammy Steeves, New Zealand & Claire Mérot, France</i>
1000-1030	Claire Mérot, CNRS ECOBIO / Université de Rennes, France The role of structural genomic variants in the evolution of biodiversity
1030-1100	Carolina Pardo-Díaz, Universidad del Rosario, Colombia Drivers of diversification in a neotropical biodiversity hotspot: lessons from spiders, birds, and butterflies
1100-1115	Scott Edwards, Harvard University, USA Pangenomes of North American Scrub-Jays (<i>Aphelocoma</i>) reveal abundant structural variation and rapid shifts in genome size
1115-1130	Jonathan Sandoval Castillo, Flinders University, Australia Genomic basis of body miniaturization in Southern pygmy perch (<i>Nannoperca australis</i> ; Teleostei)
1130-1145	Carolyn Hogg, University of Sydney, Australia Integrating genomics, conservation, and Indigenous knowledge to protect a unique marsupial
1145-1200	Philipp Schiffer, University of Cologne, Germany Biodiversity genomics of asexual and anhydrobiotic nematodes in extreme environments

This program is subject to change.

Room 204	A2: Microbes & Microbiomes (Genetics & the Environment)
Convenors	<i>Belinda Ferrari, Australia & Claudia Coleine, Italy</i>
1000-1030	Claudia Coleine, Tuscia University, Italy Microbiomes from extreme environments: challenges to thrive in the most prohibitive conditions
1030-1100	Alison Murray, Desert Research Institute, USA Decoding microbiome genomes at the bottom of the world to uncover Antarctic natural products
1100-1115	Lucas Huggins, University of Melbourne, Australia Nanopore sequencing using the full length 16s rRNA gene is a promising veterinary diagnostic tool for the detection of blood-borne bacterial pathogens
1115-1130	Andrew Wallace, Livestock Improvement Corporation, New Zealand Large scale shotgun metagenomic sequencing study of the New Zealand dairy cow milk microbiome
1130-1145	Rebecca Grimwood, University of Otago, New Zealand Host specificity shapes fish viromes across lakes on an isolated remote island
1145-1200	Gabriel Moreno-Hagelsieb, Wilfrid Laurier University, Canada Fast delimitation of enterobacterales species
Room 210/211	A3: Indigenous Genomics in the Precision Medicine Era (Genomics & Genomic Technologies) <i>Session supported by the University of Melbourne</i>
Convenors	<i>Phillip Wilcox, New Zealand & Azure Hermes, Australia</i>
1000-1030	Phillip Wilcox, University of Otago, New Zealand Study designs for enhancing indigenous Māori participation in medical genomics: one size does not fit all
1030-1100	Karen Miga, University of California, USA Expanding studies of global genomic diversity with complete, telomere-to-telomere (T2T) assemblies
1100-1115	Jaye Moors, Variant Bio, USA Making genomic research results meaningful: lessons learned from community engagement
1115-1130	Isabela Alvim, University of Melbourne, Australia Addressing the claim for genomic studies in neglected populations: pharmacogenetics actionable genotypes in Andean and Amazonian native Americans
1130-1145	Jordon Lima, University of Otago, New Zealand Māu tēnā kiwai o te kete, māku tēnei: the equitable application of circulating tumour DNA to the Māori population in Aotearoa New Zealand
1145-1200	Simone Cree, University of Otago, New Zealand Investigating the genetic modulators of cardiac biomarkers among Pasifika
Room 212/213	A4: Rare Disease Genetics & Biology (Genetics & Human Health) <i>Session supported by Illumina</i>
Convenors	<i>Stephen Robertson, New Zealand & Evan Eichler, USA</i>
1000-1030	Evan Eichler, University of Washington, USA Long-read sequencing and assembly of patient genomes
1030-1100	Heather Mefford, St Jude Children's Research Hospital, USA The genetic landscape of rare pediatric epilepsies: from etiology to precision medicine
1100-1115	Michael Silk, Centre for Population Genomics, Australia Measuring constraint to missense variation in the context of three-dimensional protein structure
1115-1130	Haloom Rafehi, Walter & Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research, Australia Genetic discovery and diagnosis of ataxia in an Australian hereditary ataxia cohort
1130-1145	Shokouh Shahrokhi Sabzevar, Murdoch Children's Research Institute, Australia Defining cell-type specific transcriptome signatures and pathways dysregulated in prefrontal cortex of individuals with Prader-Willi syndrome
1145-1200	Clare van Eyk, University of Adelaide, Australia Defining the genetic etiology of cerebral palsy: Systematic reanalysis of genomic data from the Australian Cerebral Palsy Biobank cohort

Room 219	A5: Atlases for Cell & Developmental Biology (Molecular, Cellular & Developmental Genetics)
Convenors	<i>Christine Wells, Australia & Leonie Quinn, Australia</i>
1000-1030	Muzlifah Haniffa, Wellcome Sanger Institute, UK (virtual presentation) Decoding the developing human immune system
1030-1100	Nathan Palpant, University of Queensland, Australia A conserved genome-wide epigenetic repressive signature underpins cell identity
1100-1115	Carolyn de Graaf, Walter & Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research, Australia Comparison of gene expression and transcriptional regulation of haematopoietic cells across vertebrates
1115-1130	Jovana Maksimovic, Peter McCallum Cancer Centre, Australia Single-cell atlas of the paediatric airway
1130-1145	Drew Neavin, Garvan Institute of Medical Research, Australia Ancestry annotation from single-cell data identifies underrepresented ethnic groups in single-cell consortia
1145-1200	Christine Wells, University of Melbourne, Australia In silico modelling to improve stem cell sources of human myeloid cells
Room 220	A6: Plant Ecological & Conservation Genetics (Agricultural & Plant Genetics)
Convenors	<i>Daniel Ortiz-Barrientos, Australia & Victoria Sork, USA</i>
1000-1030	Victoria Sork, University of California, USA DNA methylation as a possible driver of phenotypic variation in oaks
1030-1100	Yalong Guo, Chinese Academy of Science, China Forces driving transposable element load variation during <i>Arabidopsis</i> range expansion
1100-1115	Jason Bragg, Royal Botanic Garden Sydney, Australia Adapted and adaptable plant populations for conservation
1115-1130	Thais Ribeiro Pfeilsticker, University of Tasmania, Australia Will hybridisation contribute to climate change adaptation in Australian eucalypts?
1130-1145	Tara Hopley, Royal Botanic Gardens Victoria, Australia A genomic perspective helps guide conservation of an endangered orchid from south-eastern Australia
1145-1200	Colin Ahrens, Cesar Australia, Australia Reality bites: on the misinterpretation of genetic offset models

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1400-1600	SYMPOSIA SESSIONS B
Room 203	B1: Paleogenomics (Evolutionary Genetics)
Convenors	<i>Lisa Matisoo-Smith, New Zealand & Michael Knapp, New Zealand</i>
1400-1430	Maria Nieves-Colón, University of Minnesota, USA (virtual presentation) Pilot ancient DNA study of a historic Afro-diasporic population in Peru
1430-1500	Nicolas Rawlence, University of Otago, New Zealand Palaeogenomic insights into prehistoric New Zealand from top to bottom
1500-1515	Michael Knapp, University of Otago, New Zealand From dwarfs to giants – the evolution of New Zealand's giant birds
1515-1530	Pascale Lubbe, University of Otago, New Zealand Responses of New Zealand birds to Pleistocene climate change
1530-1545	Catherine Collins, University of Otago, New Zealand Piecing together the settlement of the Pacific with Pacific rat genomics
1545-1600	Anna Gosling, University of Otago, New Zealand First ancient genome from Papua New Guinea

Room 204	B2: Population Genetics & Genomics (Genetics & the Environment)
Convenors	<i>Sally Potter, Australia & Maren Wellenreuther, New Zealand</i>
1400-1430	Maren Wellenreuther, Plant & Food Research, New Zealand Going beyond SNPs: structural variants as facilitators of eco-evolutionary change
1430-1500	Josefa Gonzalez, Institute of Evolutionary Biology, Spain Adaptation to natural and urban environments: a transposable element perspective
1500-1515	Soleille Miller, University of New South Wales, Australia <i>Recipient of the GSA Smith-White Travel Award</i> Genetic and phenotypic consequences of local losses of sexual reproduction in the wild
1515-1530	Emily Roycroft, Australian National University, Australia The genomic impact of island isolation in Australian mammals
1530-1545	David Field, Macquarie University, Australia The maintenance of alternative fitness peaks in the face of gene flow
1545-1600	Lightning Presentations Anna Santure, Auckland University, New Zealand Sex differences in the recombination landscape for a threatened passerine with high levels of sexual conflict Beilei Bian, University of Queensland Extensive antagonistic variants across the human genome Minami Imamoto, Tokyo Institute of Technology, Japan Did egg-eater lose the ecological competition? Strong population bottleneck in matumbi hunter the paedophage Simon Baxter, University of Melbourne, Australia The rapid spread of a recessive insecticide resistance mutation across Australia Natalie Forsdick, Manaaki Whenua - Landcare Research, New Zealand Conservation genomics of Kuaka Whenua Hou/Codfish Island diving petrel
Room 210/211	B3: Emerging Applications in 'Omics Technologies' - Filling the Gaps (Genomics & Genomic Technologies) <i>Session supported by Illumina</i>
Convenors	<i>Ruby Lin, Australia & Fernando Rossello, Australia</i>
1400-1430	Dr Hieu Nim, Murdoch Children's Research Institute, Australia VR-omics: exploration of spatial transcriptomes in 3D and in virtual reality
1430-1500	Braden Tierney, Weill-Cornell Medical College, USA A multi-omic perspective on the adaptation of life to humanity's greatest frontiers: the oceans and space
1500-1515	Teresa Zhao, Murdoch Children's Research Institute, Australia High throughput functional genomics – the next big hit
1515-1530	Matthew Ritchie, Walter & Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research, Australia Benchmarking long-read RNA-sequencing analysis tools using <i>in silico</i> mixtures
1530-1545	Liang Wu, BGI Research / BGI Shenzhen, China Spatially-resolved transcriptomics analyses of solid tumors
1545-1600	Sriharsa Pradhan, New England Biolabs Inc., USA Genome wide integrative spatio-functional genomics using novel bifunctional nicking enzyme
Room 212/213	B4: Ethical, Legal & Social Issues in Genomic Medicine (Genetics & Human Health)
Convenors	<i>Ainsley Newson, Australia & Erisa Sabakaki Mwaka, Uganda</i>
1400-1430	Erisa Sabakaki Mwaka, Makerere University, Uganda Feedback of results of genetic and genomic research: How prepared is sub-Saharan Africa?
1430-1500	Krystal Tsosie, Arizona State University, USA Catch-22: perils, promises, and profit from indigenous peoples' DNA
1500-1515	Fiona Lynch, University of Melbourne, Australia Ethical, implementation and practical issues associated with automated genomic reanalysis: genomic workforce perspectives
1515-1530	Vaishnavi Nathan, University of Queensland, Australia Genetic counsellors' attitudes towards disability and prenatal testing: survey findings from the Australasian workforce
1530-1545	Stephanie Best, Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre, Australia Reflecting the complexity of implementing genomic medicine research
1545-1600	Jane Tiller, Monash University, Australia The Australian public's views regarding direct notification of at-risk relatives (with patient consent) by health professionals

Room 219	B5: Cell Signalling & Regeneration (Molecular, Cellular & Developmental Genetics) <i>Session supported by Australian Regenerative Medicine Institute</i>
Convenors	<i>Peter Currie, Australia & Yoshiko Takahashi, Japan</i>
1400-1430	Yoshiko Takahashi, Kyoto University, Japan Gut peristaltic movements: studies with optogenetics and contractile organoids
1430-1500	Eldad Tzahor, Weizmann Institute of Science, Israel Advancing cardiac therapeutics
1500-1515	Maja Adamska, Australian National University, Australia Sponges' spectacular regeneration abilities: cells, genes and clues to the origin of animals
1515-1530	Marek Mlodzik, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, USA Intraflagellar transport complex a (IFT-A) and Kinesin-2 are required for nuclear translocation of beta-catenin upon Wnt-signaling activation
1530-1545	Lachlan Wallace, University of Melbourne, Australia Netrins are involved in the epithelial wound response in <i>Drosophila</i> and Zebrafish
1545-1600	Shanika Amarasinghe, Monash University, Australia ResTORing bone growth - Investigating mTORC1 activation during perinatal catch-up growth of mouse limbs
Room 220	B6: Plant Biotechnology & Genome Editing (Agricultural & Plant Genetics)
Convenors	<i>Peter Waterhouse, Australia & Kan Wang, USA</i>
1400-1430	Kan Wang, Iowa State University, USA A quick and simplified maize transformation and genome editing protocol using Agrobacterium ternary vector system
1430-1500	Jochen Kumlehn, Leibniz Institute of Plant Genetics and Crop Plant Research, Germany Cas endonuclease technology in cereals: from site-directed mutagenesis towards more precise genome editing
1500-1515	Sareena Sahab, Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action, Australia Transgene-free genome editing in canola
1515-1530	Peter Waterhouse, Queensland University of Technology, Australia Gene editing in <i>Nicotiana benthamiana</i> : transient silencing and homology-directed repair
1530-1545	Jessica Hyles, CSIRO, Australia A functional genomics platform to deliver adapted wheat
1545-1600	Matthew Mayo-Smith, University of Auckland, New Zealand Analysis of the inhibitor of growth (ING) genes in flowering and development in the model legume <i>Medicago truncatula</i>
1630-1730	Plenary Session 2
Plenary Room 2	Nicola Mulder, University of Cape Town, South Africa Leveraging bioinformatics capacity to implement African genomics for health Chair: Alex Brown, Australia <i>Session supported by Illumina</i>
1800 - 1930	Public Program
Room 210	Women in Science - Unique journeys to different peaks Professor Doctor Christiane Nüsslein-Volhard, Germany, Professor Anne Muigai, Kenya & Valda Vinson, USA Melbourne Convention & Exhibition Centre

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0700-1730	Registration Open Melbourne Convention & Exhibition Centre Foyer
0830-0930	Plenary Session 3
Plenary Room 2	Ruth Lehmann, Whitehead Institute for Biomedical Research, USA 'Seeing' translation - in germ granules <i>Chair: Hongyan Wang, Singapore</i>
1000-1200	SYMPOSIA SESSIONS C
Room 203	C1: Host/Pathogen Interactions (Evolutionary Genetics)
Convenors	<i>Michelle Wille, Australia & Anjana Karawita, Australia</i>
1000-1030	Lucie Etienne, Centre International de Recherche en Infectiologie, France Genomic and functional diversification of the bat immune responses to viral infections
1030-1100	Helena Westerthal, Lund University, Sweden The expressed MHC genetic diversity in songbirds matters in host-pathogen interactions
1100-1115	Emily Remnant, University of Sydney, Australia Virus specificity and spillover between host and parasite
1115-1130	Mun Hua Tan, University of Melbourne, Australia Conservation of <i>Plasmodium falciparum</i> var DBL α types through time and space in Africa
1130-1145	Nynke Raven, Deakin University, Australia Immune responses to biotic and abiotic factors in Tasmanian devils
1145-1200	Anjana Karawita, CSIRO, Australia Assembly and analysis of the native Australian ibis genomes to understand the species' competency to host infectious diseases
Room 204	C2: Conservation Genetics (Genetics & the Environment)
Convenors	<i>Catherine Grueber, Australia & Rebecca Jordan, Australia</i>
1000-1030	Uma Ramakrishnan, National Centre for Biological Sciences, India How genetics can inform tiger conservation
1030-1100	Sally Aitken, University of British Columbia, Canada How can genomic data inform conservation decision making for new climates? Lessons from widespread tree species
1100-1115	Kym Ottewell, Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions, Australia Genetic mixing in conservation translocations recovers diversity of a keystone threatened species, <i>Bettongia lesueur</i>
1115-1130	Jana Wold, University of Canterbury, New Zealand What's in the cryobank? An argument for a more holistic view of genome-wide diversity
1130-1145	William Sherwin, University of New South Wales, Australia Fragmentation by major dams and implications for the future viability of platypus populations
1145-1200	Lightning Presentations Mathew Lott, The Australian Museum Research Institute, Australia Genomic insights into the contemporary and historical population dynamics of the koala <i>Phascolarctos cinereus</i> Richard Frankham, Macquarie University, Australia Large effects of different sized X or Z sex chromosomes on susceptibility to inbreeding depression for total fitness Anna MacDonald, Australian Antarctic Division, Australia Developing molecular tools to resolve uncertainties in seabird bycatch from longline fisheries Joao Filipe, Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions, Australia Signatures of natural selection in a foundation tree along Mediterranean climatic gradients

Room 210/211	C3: Equity & Diversity in the Application of Human Genomics (Genomics & Genomic Technologies) <i>Session is supported by Illumina</i>
Convenors	Alex Brown, Australia & Nadine Caron, Canada
1000-1030	Nadine Caron, University of British Columbia, Canada Working towards equity in biobanking: an ongoing Canadian experience
1030-1100	Ann McCartney, University of California Santa Cruz, USA Equitable approaches to diversifying reference genomes
1100-1115	Weerachai Jaratlerdsiri, University of Sydney, Australia African indigenous genomics reveals lifestyle-relevant adaptation in human health
1115-1130	Ira Deveson, Genomic Technologies Group, Australia The landscape of genomic structural variation in Indigenous Australians
1130-1145	Stephen Leslie, University of Melbourne, Australia Indigenous Australian genomic variation reveals deep population structure
1145-1200	Open Discussion
Room 212/213	C4: Disease Gene Identification & Functional Genomics Using Animal Models (Genetics & Human Health) <i>Session supported by Australian Functional Genomics Network</i>
Convenors	Sally Dunwoodie, Australia & Hugo Bellen, USA
1000-1030	Hugo Bellen, Baylor College of Medicine, USA Using <i>Drosophila</i> to help in the diagnosis of undiagnosed diseases
1030-1100	Corinne Houart, Kings College London, UK A <i>FoxG1</i> transformation tunes local decisions in neurons
1100-1115	Justin Szot, Victor Chang Cardiac Research Institute, Australia Congenital NAD deficiency disorder: causes and possible prevention
1115-1130	Rudrarup Bhattacharjee, University of Adelaide, Australia Genetic, molecular and mouse model investigations of broad neurodevelopmental impact of deleterious variants of the TREX mRNA export complex subunits
1130-1145	Michael Hildebrand, University of Melbourne, Australia Mutation of <i>cyclophilin-40</i> molecular chaperone causes persistent stuttering
1145-1200	Rita Serrano, Monash University, Australia Mitochondrial degeneration is the initial cellular pathology in <i>uba5</i> deficiency and indicates a role for ufmylation in mitochondrial homeostasis
Room 219	C5: Gene Regulation & RNA Biology (Molecular, Cellular & Developmental Genetics)
Convenors	Thomas Preiss, Australia & Minna-Liisa Änkö, Finland
1000-1030	Minna-Liisa Änkö, Tampere University, Finland RNA structures shape cellular functions
1030-1100	Gracjan Michlewski, International Institute of Molecular and Cell Biology in Warsaw, Poland Sequence specificity of RIG-I/IFN signaling
1100-1115	Tim Moser, University of Otago, New Zealand Ribosomal DNA heterogeneity is essential for female differentiation in zebrafish
1115-1130	Felipe De Felippes, Queensland University of Technology, Australia Read-through and silencing suppressor (RTSS) domain: a new element in plant terminators and its role in the regulation of gene expression
1130-1145	Alexandre Cristino, Griffith Institute for Drug Discovery, Australia The functional role of an introgressed neanderthal single nucleotide polymorphism within the schizophrenia-associated locus <i>microRNA-137</i>
1145-1200	Paul Waters, University of New South Wales, Australia Functional coherence of long non-coding RNAs that mediate X chromosome inactivation

Room 220	C6: Plant Breeding & Food Security (Agricultural & Plant Genetics) <i>Session supported by ARC Centre of Excellence for Plant Success in Nature & Agriculture</i>
Convenors	<i>Jessica Hyles, Australia & Inez H Slamet-Loedin, Philippines</i>
1000-1030	Inez H. Slamet-Loedin, International Rice Research Institute, Philippines Precision genetic technologies in rice for lasting positive impact in sustainable agriculture
1030-1100	Jose Barrero Sanchez, CSIRO, Australia GM crops for food security: the case of an insect-resistant cowpea in Nigeria
1100-1115	Scott Boden, University of Adelaide, Australia Harnessing the genetic variation of wild accessions to improve the performance of cultivated barley
1115-1130	Josquin Tibbits, Department of Environment and Primary Industries, Australia Taming genotype-by-environment interaction (GxE) for genomic prediction using cluster analysis – a case study in commercial barley breeding program
1130-1145	Madeleine Post, AbacusBio Limited, New Zealand Utilizing selection indexes to maximize benefits in plant breeding.
1145-1200	Bettina Lado, Universidad de la República, Uruguay Impact of breeding on wheat and barley genetic diversity

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1400-1600	SYMPOSIA SESSIONS D
Room 203	D1: Evolution & Development (Evolutionary Genetics)
Convenors	<i>Peter Dearden, New Zealand & Christiane Nüsslein-Volhard, Germany</i>
1400-1430	Christiane Nüsslein-Volhard, Max Planck Institute for Biology, Germany Animal beauty: function and evolution of biological aesthetics
1430-1500	Peter Currie, Australian Regenerative Medicine Institute, Australia Evolution of muscle stem cell systems across the vertebrate phylogeny
1500-1515	Camilla Whittington, University of Sydney, Australia Evolution of the vertebrate placenta
1515-1530	Donna Bond, University of Otago, New Zealand Novel marsupial imprinting, germline epigenetic erasure and metabolic reprogramming in brushtail possum
1530-1545	Oliver Griffith, Macquarie University, Australia Taming inflammation is key to the extension of pregnancy in mammals
1545-1600	Eduardo Flores-Sandoval, Monash University, Australia Auxin response minima mediated by a single B-Class AUXIN RESPONSE FACTOR is essential to maintain totipotency in liverworts
Room 204	D2: Ecological Epigenetics (Genetics & the Environment) <i>Session supported by Bioplatforms Australia</i>
Convenors	<i>Alyson Ashe, Australia & Kees van Oers, The Netherlands</i>
1400-1430	Kees van Oers, Netherlands Institute of Ecology (NIOO-KNAW), The Netherlands The origin and temporal stability of DNA methylation in wild vertebrates
1430-1500	Andrea Liebl, University of South Dakota, USA The effect of group size on epigenetic marks in the cooperatively breeding chestnut-crowned babbler
1500-1515	Livia Gerber, CSIRO, Australia How social variables affect the rate of ageing in a natural population of bottlenose dolphins
1515-1530	Clare Holleley, CSIRO, Australia An atlas of vertebrate chromatin accessibility - mapped through space and time
1530-1545	Anna Miltiadous, Deakin University, Australia From DNA to zebra finch: avian maternal corticosterone affects offspring global DNA methylation
1545-1600	Coralina Collar Fernandez, Florey Institute of Neurosciences and Mental Health, Australia Whole genome nanopore DNA analysis shows that chronic corticosterone supplementation in mice results in altered sperm DNA methylation and hydroxymethylation in exposed animals and their offspring

Room 210/211	D3: Bioinformatics & Computational Biology (Genomics & Genomic Technologies)
Convenors	<i>Quin Wills, UK & Denis Bauer, Australia</i>
1400-1430	Quin Wills, Ochre Bio, UK Humans as the model: "Organ ICUs" and the deep genomic phenotyping of living human organs
1430-1500	Kim-Anh Le Cao, University of Melbourne, Australia Multivariate integration of multi-omics data
1500-1515	Mark Cowley, Children's Cancer Institute, Australia The zero childhood cancer cloud: a digital ecosystem for national-scale precision medicine
1515-1530	Nikeisha Caruana, University of Melbourne, Australia RDMassSpec Explorer: An online platform for the interrogation of rare disease functional data
1530-1545	Michael Hall, Peter Doherty Institute for Infection and Immunity, Australia Drug resistance prediction with reference graphs
1545-1600	Lightning Presentations Nozhat Hassan, University of Adelaide, Australia The R2 retrotransposon discovery and activity prediction workflow Adrian Salavaty, Children's Cancer Institute, Australia Incrimp: A versatile computational model for the integrative analysis of multi-omics data Gulrez Chahal, Murdoch Children's Research Institute, Australia Caravan: prioritising pathogenic cardiac variants in the non-coding genome using boosting algorithm Zhen Qiao, Garvan Institute of Medical Institute, Australia Population-scale single-cell transcriptomics of clonal haematopoiesis Rotem Aharon, Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre, Australia cDNA and direct RNA long-read sequencing result in reads that are significantly different



Room 212/213	D4: Genomic Therapies & Precision Medicine (Genetics & Human Health)
Convenors	<i>Sue Fletcher, Australia & Lori Isom, USA</i>
1400-1430	Noam Shomron, Tel Aviv University, Israel AI aiding medical decisions
1430-1500	Lori Isom, University of Michigan, USA Dancing to a different tune: tango provides hope for Dravet syndrome
1500-1515	Jayshen Arudkumar, University of Adelaide, Australia Genome editing: bridging the gap for a stronger future in Duchenne muscular dystrophy (DMD)
1515-1530	Anne Klein, CSIRO, Australia <i>In silico</i> design of new capsids for AAV therapeutic applications
1530-1545	Raman Sharma, University of Adelaide, Australia Humanized preclinical mouse model of <i>TIMMDC1</i> deep intronic poison exon activating splice-variant causing a fatal childhood neurodegenerative dignatisorder
1545-1600	Amanda Spurdle, QIMR Berghofer Medical Research Institute, Australia The ClinGen enigma <i>BRCA1/2</i> expert panel: a dynamic framework for evidence-based recommendations to improve classification criteria for variants in <i>BRCA1</i> and <i>BRCA2</i>
Room 219	D5: Neurogenetics of Behaviour (Molecular, Cellular & Developmental Genetics)
Convenors	<i>Barry Dickson, Australia & Elissa Hallem, USA</i>
1400-1430	Elissa Hallem, University of California Los Angeles, USA Neural mechanisms of skin penetration in a human-infective worm
1430-1500	Claude Desplan, New York University, USA The generation of neuronal diversity and its evolution
1500-1515	Kenneth Blum, Ariel University, USA Neurogenetic evidence in support of early identification of pre addiction using the genetic addiction risk severity (GARS) assessment
1515-1530	Yong Q Zhang, Chinese Academy of Sciences, China <i>CHD8</i> mutations increase gliogenesis to enlarge brain size in non-human primate
1530-1545	Josie Gleeson, University of Melbourne, Australia Nanopore direct RNA sequencing reveals insight into the transcriptome and epitranscriptome of human brain
1545-1600	Tien Nguyen, Macquarie University, Australia An investigation of visual lateralization in birds
Room 220	D6: Plant interactions with Other Organisms (Agricultural & Plant Genetics)
Convenors	<i>Michael Udvardi, Australia & Pamela Ronald, USA</i>
1400-1430	Pamela Ronald, University of California Davis, USA Genome editing of a rice CDP-DAG synthase confers broad-spectrum resistance
1430-1500	Dugald Reid, La Trobe University, Australia Zinc as second messenger in posttranslational control of environmental responses in plants
1500-1515	Fatima Naim, Curtin University, Australia Spatiotemporal analysis of tan spot in wheat using transcriptome and high-resolution elemental imaging
1515-1530	Gerhad Braus, University of Goettingen, Germany <i>Verticillium dahliae</i> VTA3 promotes <i>ELV1</i> virulence factor gene expression in xylem sap, but tames <i>Mtfl</i> -mediated late stages of fungus-plant interactions and microsclerotia formation
1530-1545	Ashley Jones, Australian National University, Australia Exploring post-transcriptional modifications during myrtle rust pathogen-plant interactions
1545-1600	Mathew Lewsey, La Trobe University, Australia Transcription factor dynamics in cross-regulation of plant hormone signaling pathways
1630-1730	Plenary Session 4
Plenary Room 2	Neil Gemmell, University of Otago, New Zealand Fishing for insights in sex determination, differentiation and reproductive biology Chair: Peter Dearden, New Zealand <i>Session supported by Bioplatforms Australia</i>
1930	Public Program
	Oratorio - Origins of the Universe, of Life, of Species, of Humanity Melbourne Recital Centre

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0700-1730

Registration Open
Melbourne Convention & Exhibition Centre Foyer

0830-0930

Plenary Session 5

Plenary Room 2

Gruber Genetics 2023 Prize Recipients
Allan Jacobson, University of Massachusetts, USA
 NMD, translation termination, and readthrough therapy: consequences and suppression of genetic nonsense
Lynne Maquat, University of Rochester, USA
 Nonsense-mediated mRNA decay in human health and disease
Chair: Allan Spradling, USA

1000-1200

SYMPOSIA SESSIONS E

Room 203

E1: Genetic Strategies to Control Pests & Disease Vectors (Evolutionary Genetics)
Session supported by University of Melbourne

Convenors

Charles Robin, Australia & Jackson Champer, China

1000-1030

Kimberley Cooper, University of California San Diego, USA
 Meiotic Cas9 expression mediates gene conversion in the male and female mouse germline

1030-1100

Austin Burt, Imperial College London, UK
 Prospects for genetic biocontrol

1100-1115

Xuejiao Xu, Peking University, China
 Design and construction of an improved homing suppression drive type with a higher genetic load

1115-1130

Fatemeh Kargarfard, CSIRO, Australia
 Identification of natural gene drives in rabbit populations

1130-1145

Max Scott, North Carolina State University, USA
 Male-only and split homing gene drive strains for genetic biocontrol of the global fruit crop pest *Drosophila suzuki*

1145-1200

Luke Gierus, University of Adelaide, Australia
 Leveraging a natural murine meiotic drive to suppress invasive populations

Room 204

E2: Climate Change Genetics (Genetics & the Environment)

Convenors

Belinda van Heerwaarden, Australia & Vanessa Kellerman, Australia

1000-1030

Jon Bridle, University College London, UK
 Understanding the potential for adaptation to novel climates: hidden genetic variation in plasticity increases fitness in novel ways at the ecological margin in senecio daisies

1030-1100

Kay Hodgins, Monash University, Australia
 Structural variants underlie rapid climate adaptation in a globally invasive species

1100-1115

Rebecca Jordan, CSIRO, Australia
 Can trees keep pace with climate change? Investigating rates of genomic change and adaptability in *Eucalyptus pauciflora*

1115-1130

Paul Rymer, Western Sydney University, Australia
 Quantifying adaptive capacity and vulnerability to novel environments

1130-1145

Shannon Duffy, University of Western Australia, Australia
 Genomic regions associated with coral larvae survival following acute heat stress

1145-1200

Luciano Beheregaray, Flinders University, Australia
 The adaptive capacity to climate change of Australian rainbowfishes

Room 210/211	E3: Tandem-Repeat Genomics Informing Polygenic Human Disorders & Traits (Genomics & Genomic Technologies)
Convenors	<i>Melanie Bahlo, Australia & Anthony Hannan, Australia</i>
1000-1030	Melissa Gymrek, University of California San Diego, USA Polymorphic short tandem repeats make widespread contributions to blood and serum traits
1030-1100	Egor Dolzhenko, Pacific Biosciences, USA Resolving the unsolved: Comprehensive assessment of tandem repeats at scale
1100-1115	Harriett Dashnow, University of Utah, USA Don't forget the repeats! The power of short tandem repeat calling algorithms to diagnose Mendelian disease
1115-1130	Paul Lockhart, Murdoch Children's Research Institute, Australia New tools for diagnosis and discovery of pathogenic repeat expansions
1130-1145	Mark Bennet, Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research, Australia A novel complex repeat expansion associated with progressive myoclonic epilepsy
1145-1200	Sridevi Sureshkumar, Monash University, Australia Plants to humans: mechanisms of trinucleotide repeat expansions
Room 212/213	E4: Counselling, Communication & Consent in Human Genetics Contexts Across the Lifetime (Genetics & Human Health)
Convenors	<i>Lyndon Gallacher, Australia & Gemma Chandratillake, UK</i>
1000-1030	Kirsten Boggs, Australian Genomics, Australia Beyond traditional genetic counselling: from preconception to childhood
1030-1100	Gemma Chandratillake, NHS East Genomics, UK From cradle to grave; systemic adoption of genomics in a national health service
1100-1115	Samantha Croy, Centre for Population Genomics, Australia Developing genomics research participant information materials for Australian ancestry groups underrepresented in genomic research and datasets
1115-1130	Lucas Mitchell, Garvan Medical Research Institute, Australia My research results: returning clinically actionable genomic findings to research participants
1130-1145	Kathy Wu, St Vincent's Clinical Genomics, Australia The psychosocial impact and health outcomes of genetics consultations and testing in Australia: a multicentre patient survey
1145-1200	Aideen McInerney-Leo, University of Queensland, Australia Evaluating a protocol for communicating melanoma personalised risk scores: A pilot study
Room 219	E5: Cell & Organoid Models for Human Disease Mechanisms (Molecular, Cellular & Developmental Genetics) <i>Session supported by Australian Functional Genomics Network</i>
Convenors	<i>Andrew Sinclair, Australia & Hongyan Wang, Singapore</i>
1000-1030	Hongyan Wang, Duke-NUS Medical School, Singapore Golgi-dependent reactivation and regeneration of quiescent neural stem cells
1030-1100	Alan Rubin, Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research, Australia Enabling clinical translation of high-throughput mutagenesis data
1100-1115	James McNamara, Murdoch Children's Research Institute, Australia Human pluripotent stem cell models reveal the mechanism of <i>alpk3</i> -induced cardiomyopathy
1115-1130	Helen Abud, Monash Biomedicine Discovery Institute, Australia Role of <i>NRG1</i> in mediating plasticity of stem cells during intestinal regeneration
1130-1145	Stefka Tasheva, University of Adelaide, Australia Impaired synaptic connectivity and disrupted cell adhesion interactions in in vitro models of PCDH19-Clustering Epilepsy
1145-1200	Vanessa Fear, Telethon Kids Institute, Australia High efficiency CRISPR homology directed repair, cardiac disease modelling and functional genomics: a pipeline for congenital heart disease genetic variant analysis

Room 220	E6: Agricultural & Horticultural Genetics (Agricultural & Plant Genetics)
Convenors	<i>Ian Godwin, Australia & Alison Van Eenennaam, USA</i>
1000-1030	Alison Van Eenennaam, University of California, USA Genetic improvement of the sheep's back
1030-1100	Jacqueline Batley, University of Western Australia, Australia Using pan genomics to identify disease resistance genes in brassica species
1100-1115	Zhixi Tian, Institute of Genetics and Developmental Biology / Chinese Academy of Sciences, China Soybean Pan-genome and Pan-3D-genome
1115-1130	Weibo Xie, Huazhong Agricultural University, China The post-GWAS era of crops: from genetic variants to function
1130-1145	Rebecca Clarke, AgResearch, New Zealand Determining structural variation in the sheep genome utilising HD-SNP chip data
1145-1200	Vasileios Papatotiropoulos, University of Patras, Greece Whole genome resequencing of selected strawberry genotypes and expression of key genes influencing aroma and flavor

Room 210	Genetic Society of Australasia (GSA) Program
1200-1315	Annual General Meeting (light lunch served at 1200)
1315-1345	Catcheside Prize Presentation (virtual presentation) Sarah Whitely, University of Canberra, Australia Gene-environment interactions in thermally sensitive sex determination systems
1345-1415	Alan Wilton Award Presentation Charles Foster, University of New South Wales, Australia Does convergent gene recruitment underpin convergent evolution of pregnancy and the placenta?
1415-1445	GSA Education Presentation Masha Smallhorn, Flinders University, Australia Flipped approach transforms the genetics classroom leading to improved engagement and learning outcomes
1445-1515	Ross Crozier Award Presentation Bastien Llamas, University of Adelaide, Australia Conducting respectful and sustainable paleogenomic research: examples from Australia and Indonesia
1515-1530	Announcement of other GSA Awardees and Closing
1800	GSA Social Event – Melbourne Public, Southwharf (separate tickets must be purchased in advance with GSA)

Room 212	Human Genetics Society of Australasia (HGSA) Program
1300-1345	HGSA Sutherland Lecture (light lunch served at 1245) Zornitza Stark, Murdoch Children's Research Institute, Australia Accelerating rare disease diagnosis
1345-1445	HGSA Annual General Meeting
1445-1450	InGeNA Kathy Campbell
1445-1500	HGSA ASM 2024 & Information Session
1500-1530	Afternoon Tea
1530-1615	HGSA Oration Lecture James Pitt, University of Melbourne, Australia Puzzles in biochemical genetics

Room 203	Meet the Editor
1630-1730	Valda Vinson, Executive Editor, SCIENCE

	Public Program
1730- 1830	Genetics vs Sport - Are super athletes born or made? Melbourne Conversations held at Melbourne Convention & Exhibition Centre
Room 210	
1830-1930	Future Forums: The genetic rescue of our fantastic beasts Melbourne Museum

THURSDAY 20 JULY 2023

0700-1730	Registration Open Melbourne Convention & Exhibition Centre Foyer
0830-0930	Plenary Session 6
Plenary Room 2	Detlef Weigel, Max Planck Institute, Germany Paranoid plants: Genetic conflict in the immune system <i>Chair: Suresh Balasubramanian, Australia</i>
1000-1200	SYMPOSIA SESSIONS F
Room 203	F1: Evolutionary Genetics Theory (Evolutionary Genetics)
Convenors	<i>Hamish Spencer, New Zealand & Anna Santure, New Zealand</i>
1000-1030	Ailene MacPherson, Simon Fraser University, Canada Eco-evolutionary implications of allele surfing
1030-1100	Tim Connallon, Monash University, Australia Effects of population size change on the genetics of adaptation
1100-1115	Nicholas O'Brien, University of Queensland, Australia The evolutionary systems genetics of adaptation
1115-1130	Luis Mijangos, University of Canberra, Australia Unexpected genetic resilience of small populations is produced by selection against deleterious alleles of linked genes
1130-1145	Mark Tanaka, University of New South Wales, Australia How can large asexual populations go extinct?
1145-1200	Ekta Ekta, Monash University, Australia The relative contribution of mito-nuclear interactions to male reproductive success at different temperatures
Room 204	F2: Environmental Genomics (Genetics & the Environment)
Convenors	<i>Elise Furlan, Australia & Toshifumi Minamoto, Japan</i>
1000-1030	Toshifumi Minamoto, Kobe University, Japan Environmental DNA analysis of macroorganisms: recent trends and future prospects in Japan and worldwide
1030-1100	Matthew Barnes, Texas Tech University, USA Understanding communities out of thin air: progress using airborne environmental DNA to study terrestrial plants and animals
1100-1115	Gert-Jan Jeunen, University of Otago, New Zealand Molecular time-capsules – reconstructing Antarctica's marine ecosystem using historical and contemporary eDNA from marine sponge specimens.
1115-1130	Bruce Deagle, CSIRO, Australia Using DNA metabarcoding to better understand marine trophic interactions: case studies and future directions
1130-1145	Linda Neaves, Australian National University, Australia Using genomic tools to understand trophic interactions and enhance conservation and restoration in sanctuaries
1145-1200	Tahlia Perry, University of Adelaide, Australia Combining genomics with citizen science produces continent-scale information on an iconic egg-laying mammal: lessons from EchidnaCSI
Room 210/211	F3: T Cell-free DNA Technologies: Challenges & Opportunities (Genomics & Genomic Technologies)
Convenors	<i>Ignatia Van den Veyver, USA & Cristin Print, New Zealand</i>
1000-1030	Ignatia Van den Veyver, Baylor College of Medicine, USA New developments in prenatal cfDNA screening for chromosomal and single-gene disorders, and in cell-based non-invasive prenatal testing
1030-1100	Sarah-Jane Dawson, Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre, Australia Circulating tumour DNA: Concepts, challenges and future opportunities
1100-1115	Bernard Pope, University of Melbourne, Australia Ultra-sensitive detection of circulating tumour DNA enriches for patients with higher risk disease in clinically localised prostate cancer
1115-1130	Zimeng Ye, University of Melbourne, Australia CSF cell-free DNA liquid biopsy for detecting somatic mosaicism in brain
1130-1145	Russell Diefenbach, Macquarie University, Australia Sensitive detection of methylated circulating tumor DNA in melanoma patients using a custom next generation sequencing panel
1145-1200	Katrina Scarff, Victorian Clinical Genetics Services, Australia Cytogenetic and pregnancy outcomes for women with an increased risk trisomy 14 or trisomy 15 cfDNA screening result

Room 212/213	F4: Identifying Functional Target Genes at GWAS Loci (Genetics & Human Health)
Convenors	<i>Jonathon Beesley, Australia & Maya Ghoussaini, UK</i>
1000-1030	Anna Gloyn, Stanford University, USA Unravelling mechanisms for islet-cell dysfunction in diabetes using multi-omic data
1030-1100	Maya Ghoussaini, Regeneron Pharmaceuticals, UK Open targets genetics: an atlas of GWAS-associated loci to systematically guide causal gene assignment and target prioritization
1100-1115	Jonathan Beesley, QIMR Berghofer Medical Research Institute, Australia Multiple phenotypic screens identify novel breast cancer susceptibility genes
1115-1130	Hamish King, Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research, Australia Integrated single-cell genomics to predict cellular etiology of autoimmune risk loci
1130-1145	Jubao Duan, University of Chicago, USA Chromatin accessibility mapping in hiPSC informs functional GWAS risk variants and target genes for neuropsychiatric disorders and Alzheimer's disease
1145-1200	Yan Guo, Xi'an Jiaotong University, China The enhancer variants at 2P14 can regulate <i>Spred2</i> and <i>Acrt2</i> to protect against rheumatoid arthritis
Room 219	F5: New Experimental Model Organisms for Genetics Research (Molecular, Cellular & Developmental Genetics)
Convenors	<i>Maja Adamska, Australia & Ralf Sommer, Germany</i>
1000-1030	Ralf Sommer, Max Planck Institute for Biology, Germany Novel mechanisms of transgenerational inheritance: lessons from unbiased forward genetics in a novel nematode model system
1030-1100	Avnika Ruparelia, University of Melbourne, Australia Does skeletal muscle stop ageing physiologically?
1100-1115	Trent Newman, University of Melbourne, Australia <i>PRKACB</i> : a new imprinted gene in a marsupial
1115-1130	Stephen Frankenberg, University of Melbourne, Australia Pluripotency in marsupial stem cells and embryos
1130-1145	Gary Hime, University of Melbourne, Australia The adult <i>Drosophila</i> salivary gland exhibits an unusual mode of cell division
1145-1200	Amanda Austin, University of Otago, New Zealand Mechanisms of segmentation in the honeybee
Room 220	F6: Plant Cell & Developmental Biology (Agricultural & Plant Genetics)
Convenors	<i>Marcus Heisler, Australia & Cristina Ferrandiz, Spain</i>
1000-1030	Cristina Ferrandiz, Instituto de Biología Molecular y Celular de Plantas / CSIC-UPV, Spain Time to stop: the end of reproduction in annual plants
1030-1100	Utpal Nath, Indian Institute of Science Bengaluru, India Active suppression of leaflet emergence as a mechanism of simple leaf development
1100-1115	Tom Fisher, Monash University, Australia PIN-FORMED supports meristem formation in <i>Marchantia polymorpha</i>
1115-1130	Joanna Putterill, University of Auckland, New Zealand Three duplicated <i>Medicago soc1</i> genes and their key roles in growth and flowering
1130-1145	John Golz, University of Melbourne, Australia Groucho/TUP1-like co-repressors Leunig and Leunig homolog redundantly control apical cell identity in <i>Arabidopsis</i> embryos through physical interactions with WOX transcription factors
1145-1200	Marta Peirats-Llobet, La Trobe University, Australia Barley spatial transcriptomics, unravelling germination one spot at a time
1230-1330 Exhibition	Poster Session (odd number posters presented)

1400-1600	SYMPOSIA SESSIONS G
Room 203	G1: Genetics & Epigenetics of Sex (Evolutionary Genetics)
Convenors	<i>Arthur Georges, Australia & Qi Zhou, China</i>
1400-1430	Qi Zhou, Zhejiang University, China The rise of genomic diversity of animal sex chromosomes
1430-1500	Asato Kuroiwa, Hokkaido University, Japan Turnover of mammal sex chromosomes in the SRY-deficient species, amami spiny rat
1500-1515	Changwei Shao, Yellow Sea Fisheries Research Institute / Chinese Academy of Fishery Sciences, China Epigenetic regulation of sex determination and differentiation in fish: the interaction between genes and the environment
1515-1530	Francesc Piferrer, Institut de Ciències del Mar (ICM-CSIC), Spain Types, causes and consequences of sex reversal in natural populations
1530-1545	Craig Smith, Monash University, Australia The power of two: how does <i>dmrt1</i> gene dosage regulate avian gonadal sex determination?
1545-1600	Florian Devloo-Delva, CSIRO, Australia Are sharks caught in an X/Y sex chromosome trap? Evolutionary stability of the sex-chromosome systems of 21 shark and ray species through sex-linked markers
Room 204	G2: Invasion Genetics (Genetics & the Environment)
Convenors	<i>Katarina Stuart, Australia & Katrina Dlugosch, USA</i>
1400-1430	Katrina Dlugosch, University of Arizona, USA Ecological and evolutionary contributions to species invasions
1430-1500	Cristina Vieira, Claude Bernard Lyon 1 University, France Transposable elements and the success of invasive species
1500-1515	Leslie Hutchins, University of California Berkeley, USA Arthropods are kin: operationalizing indigenous data sovereignty to respectfully utilize genomic data from indigenous lands
1515-1530	Kristen Fernandes, University of Otago, New Zealand Expanding the applicability of eDNA metabarcoding through data reuse: insights for landscape-scale ecology and invasive species monitoring
1530-1545	Manpreet Dhani, Manaaki Whenua - Landcare Research, New Zealand Predicting biological invasions in the age of genomics
1545-1600	Harrison Eyck, University of New South Wales, Australia Opening a can of worms: The secrets of a cryptic invader
Room 210/211	G3: Accelerating Genomics (Genomics & Genomic Technologies)
Convenors	<i>Marco Herold, Australia & Elizabeth Worthey, USA</i>
1400-1430	Elizabeth Worthey, University of Alabama, USA Application of 'omics in rare diseases: from MDx to precision medicine
1430-1500	Irina Voineagu, University of New South Wales, Australia Functional characterisation of active enhancers in human astrocytes using CRISPRi screening
1500-1515	Susan Tousi, Illumina Inc., USA Enabling the genome era
1515-1530	Callum MacPhillamy, University of Adelaide, Australia Cross-species prediction of enhancers with machine learning
1530-1545	Hasindu Gamaarachchi, Garvan Institute of Medical Research, Australia An ecosystem for scalable and computationally efficient nanopore data processing
1545-1600	Lara Parata, University of Western Australia, Australia How low can you go? Using low-coverage draft genomes to inform high-quality reference genome projects

Room 212/213	G4: Genetics of Complex Disease & Quantitative Traits (Genetics & Human Health)
Convenors	<i>Sarah Medland, Australia & David Evans, Australia</i>
1400-1430	Benjamin Neale, Massachusetts General Hospital, USA Human genetics at scale
1430-1500	David Evans, University of Queensland, Australia Using Mendelian randomization to investigate potential causal relationships in large-scale observational epidemiological studies
1500-1515	Victoria Jackson, Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research, Australia AI-Phenotyping allows spatial examination of the genetic drivers of retinal thickness
1515-1530	Clara Albiñana, Aarhus University, Denmark Multi-PGS enhances polygenic prediction - weighting 937 polygenic scores
1530-1545	Daniel Chin, University of Leicester, UK Improved genomic coverage and sample size for fine-mapping and gene discovery for idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis
1545-1600	Jian Zeng, University of Queensland, Australia Leveraging functional genomic annotations and genome coverage to improve polygenic prediction of complex traits within and between ancestries
Room 219	G5: Advanced Imaging in Cellular & Developmental Genetics (Molecular, Cellular & Developmental Genetics)
Convenors	<i>Jennifer Stow, Australia & Denise Montell, USA</i>
1400-1430	Donna Whelan, La Trobe University, Australia Super-resolution mapping of resection and recombination complexes at broken replication forks
1430-1500	Denise Montell, University of California, USA Live imaging of controlled cellular cannibalism to enhance CAR-M cancer therapy
1500-1515	Jieqiong Lou, University of Melbourne, Australia Histone FRET microscopy reveals that genome architecture is differentially regulated by a HP1α monomer to dimer transition
1515-1530	Jennifer Zenker, Monash University, Australia Microtubules direct early embryonic cell fate decisions by differential RNA localisation and translation
1530-1545	Gavin Chapman, Victor Chang Cardiac Research Institute, Australia Automated embryo phenotyping reveals congenital anomalies in a mouse model of WBP11 haploinsufficiency
1545-1600	Jesse Kennedy, University of Adelaide, Australia Progress towards highly efficient, programmable, and specific whole gene insertion via dual-peg prime editing + Bxb1 integrase for genome editing applications
Room 220	G6: Genetics & Genomics of Plant Evolution (Agricultural & Plant Genetics)
Convenors	<i>John Bowman, Australia & Junko Kyoizuka, Japan</i>
1400-1430	Junko Kyoizuka, Tohoku University, Japan Step-by-step evolution of strigolactone function as a phytohormone
1430-1500	Kevin Davies, Plant and Food Research, New Zealand The evolution of flavonoid biosynthesis
1500-1515	Facundo Romani, University of Cambridge, UK Systematic analysis of transcription factor promoter activity in the liverwort <i>Marchantia polymorpha</i>
1515-1530	Zoe Broad, University of Queensland, Australia Gene network divergence drives adaptive trait evolution in an Australian wildflower
1530-1545	Jonathan Levins, Monash University, Australia bHLH subclass II, a key regulator in the ancestral function of spore wall deposition in land plants
1545-1600	Kasey Pham, University of Florida, USA Functional or fluke? Genome-wide identification of introgressed genes in naturally occurring eucalyptus hybrids
1630- 1730	Plenary Session 7
Plenary Room 2	Nancy Cox, Vanderbilt Brain Institute, USA How heritability of everyday laboratory values leads to big health disparities <i>Chair: Kathryn Burdon, Australia</i> <i>Session supported by Amazon Web Services</i>
1730-1830	Public Program
Room 210	Population DNA Screening for Disease Risk Melbourne Convention & Exhibition Centre
1900-2100	Congress Social Event
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FRIDAY 21 JULY 2023

0700-1730	Registration Open Melbourne Convention & Exhibition Centre Foyer
0830-0930	Plenary Session 8
Plenary Room 2	Anne Ferguson-Smith, University of Cambridge, UK The genetics of epigenetic variation <i>Chair: Marieke Oudelaar, Germany</i> Session supported by the British High Commission
1000-1200	SYMPOSIA SESSIONS H
Room 203	H1: Systematics & Phylogeography (Evolutionary Genetics)
Convenors	<i>Craig Moritz, Australia & Sonal Singhal, USA</i>
1000-1030	Sonal Singhal, California State University, USA The demography of speciation: a case study from Sphenomorphine skinks
1030-1100	Daniel Cadena, Universidad de los Andes, Columbia Mountains, genetics and the origin of a tropical biodiversity hotspot
1100-1115	Alexander Myburg, University of Pretoria, South Africa Species, pan-genome and population level analysis of the iconic eucalypts of Australia
1115-1130	Sally Potter, Macquarie University, Australia The role of extensive chromosomal rearrangements in speciation of rock-wallabies
1130-1145	Bai-Wei Lo, Max Planck Institute Molecular Genetics, Germany Genomic analyses revealed complex gene flow history among bowhead and right whales
1145-1200	Rose Andrew, University of New England, Australia Composition and timing of introgression in woodland eucalypts
Room 204	H2: The Genetics of Local Adaptation (Genetics & the Environment)
Convenors	<i>Collin Ahrens, Australia & Rose Andrew, Australia</i>
1000-1030	Tanja Pyhäjärvi, University of Helsinki, Finland Mystery of local adaptation in Scots pine: now you see it, now you don't
1030-1100	Marco Todesco, University of British Columbia, Canada Now you see me, now you don't: adaptive colour variation in wild sunflowers
1100-1115	Melissa Ilardo, University of Utah, USA Adaptations to diving in the Haenyeo divers of Jeju, Korea
1115-1130	Katie Gates, Flinders University, Australia Environmental selection, rather than neutral processes, best explain regional patterns of diversity in a tropical rainforest fish
1130-1145	Katarina Stuart, University of Auckland, New Zealand A whole genome perspective on genetic variation and rapid adaptation
1145-1200	Candice Bywater, University of Queensland, Australia The genetic basis of adaptation in <i>Senecio latus</i>
Room 210/211	H3: Genomics-driven Healthcare (Genomics & Genomic Technologies) <i>Session is supported by Bioplatforms Australia</i>
Convenors	<i>Richard Gibbs, USA & Sean Grimmond, Australia</i>
1000-1030	Richard Gibbs, Baylor College of Medicine, USA Clan genomics in the clinic
1030-1100	David Thomas, Garvan Institute of Medical Research, Australia Precision oncology: a paradigm shift in cancer management
1100-1115	Katherine Howell, Murdoch Children's Research Institute, Australia Shifting the paradigm of genetic diagnosis: an international multi-centre pilot study of rapid genome sequencing in infantile epilepsy
1115-1130	Hamish Scott, Centre for Cancer Biology, Australia Maximizing diagnostic yield of genomic autopsies in pregnancy loss and perinatal death
1130-1145	Simon Bodek, Austin Health Clinical Genetics Service, Australia Experience of the first adult-focused undiagnosed disease program in Australia (AHA-UDP)
1145-1200	John Christodoulou, Murdoch Children's Research Institute, Australia The Australian genomic health alliance mitochondrial flagship: a national program delivering mitochondrial diagnoses

Room 212/213	H4: Early Career Researcher Showcase Supported by University of Melbourne
Convenors	<i>Leonie Quinn, Australia & Damian Dowling, Australia</i>
1000-1015	Mariano Hernandez, University of Tasmania, Australia Insights into the evolution of genes responsible for the synthesis of cuticular wax compounds in eucalypts
1015-1030	Fei Yang, University of Queensland, Australia Dynamic transcriptomic changes in endometrial tissue and its association with endometriosis and related infertility
1030-1045	Benjamín Duran-Vinet, University of Otago, New Zealand CRISPR-based detection for marine biomonitoring: deep learning modelling as a novel tool for smart CRISPR RNA designs
1045-1100	Carol Li, Peking University, China Harnessing Wolbachia cytoplasmic incompatibility alleles for confined gene drive
1100-1115	Andreas Bachler, Australian National University, Australia Unraveling a dynamic genome: the first pan-genome assessment of the global mega-pest, cotton bollworm (<i>Helicoverpa armigera</i>)
1115-1130	Georgia Cullen, University of Otago, New Zealand Predetermining the germline: how larval development supports the reproductive needs of the adult honeybee queen
1130-1145	Avneet Kaur, University of Queensland, Australia The genetic architecture of adaptive evolution in contrasting environments
1145-1200	Zelia Soo, 23strands, Australia Identification of endometriosis gene lists: an example of revolutionising women's health using genomics
Room 219	H5: Epigenetic Mechanisms & Chromatin Biology (Molecular, Cellular & Developmental Genetics)
Convenors	<i>Marnie Blewitt, Australia & Anne Ferguson-Smith, UK</i>
1000-1030	Ryan Lister, University of Western Australia, Australia Learning to forget: erasing somatic epigenetic memory in human cell reprogramming
1030-1100	Marieke Oudelaar, Max Planck Institute for Multidisciplinary Sciences, Germany Regulation of gene expression in the three-dimensional genome
1100-1115	Alyson Ashe, University of Sydney, Australia Set-domain proteins in epigenetic inheritance: hidden depths
1115-1130	Cassandra Glanfield, University of Otago, New Zealand Understanding active DNA demethylation specificity and transcriptional consequences in stem cells
1130-1145	Patrick Western, Hudson Institute of Medical Research, Australia PRC2 establishes H3K27me3 at developmental genes in growing oocytes and regulates offspring development
1145-1200	Tie-Lin Yang, Xi'an Jiaotong University, China Dynamic rearrangement of chromatin loops and epigenomic features during adipocytes commitment
Room 220	H6: From Genebanks to Fields: Leveraging Genomics Innovations for Characterising Genetic Diversity (Agricultural & Plant Genetics)
Convenors	<i>Sally Norton, Australia & Vania Azevedo, Peru</i>
1000-1030	Vania Azevedo, International Potato Centre, Peru Genetic and genomic diversity for conservation and use of genetic resources at the international potato center genebank
1030-1100	Carolina Sansaloni, International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center, Mexico Genomic for genebanks: unlocking the genetic diversity of the CIMMYT wheat collection
1100-1115	Gabriel Keeble-Gagnere, Agriculture Victoria, Australia From gene banks to varieties: unlocking the potential of plant genetic resources for breeding
1115-1130	Maurizio Rossetto, Royal Botanic Garden Sydney, Australia Establishing genomic 'knowledge infrastructure' to support restoration and management strategies
1130-1145	Kerrie Forrest, Agriculture Victoria, Australia Maximizing the value of genetic and genomic datasets with Pretzel to accelerate crop research and breeding
1145-1200	Lightning Presentations Vito Butardo, Swinburne University of Technology, Australia Philippine rice diversity panel: a local genetic platform for novel gene discovery Shimna Sudheesh, Agriculture Victoria, Australia Integrating past, present and future genomic and genetic resources in field pea through pretzel Richard Campbell, Diversity Arrays Technology, Australia Universal Test Bench – an extensible testing platform for genomic prediction algorithms, with non-linear predictor feature selection

1230-1315 Exhibition	Poster Session (even number posters presented)
1330-1530	SYMPOSIA SESSIONS I
Room 203	I1: Molecular Evolution (Evolutionary Genetics)
Convenors	<i>Simon Ho, Australia & Sandra Alvarez-Carretero, UK</i>
1330-1400	Sandra Álvarez-Carretero, University of Bristol, UK Bayesian phylogenomic dating: reproducibility and accessibility challenges
1400-1430	Dahiana Arcila, Scripps Institution of Oceanography, USA Decoding the diversity of fishes
1430-1445	Kavitha Uthamallian, University of Melbourne, Australia Genome-wide patterns of selection-drift variation strongly associate with organismal traits across the green plant lineage (Viridiplantae)
1445-1500	Steven Cooper, University of Adelaide, Australia Evolution of sensory systems in the dark biosphere: the dynamic evolution of chemosensory genes in subterranean water beetles
1500-1515	Gabrielle Genty, Flinders University, Australia Into the blue: evolutionary adaptations associated with the diversification of baleen whales
1515-1530	Tatsuki Nagasawa, Tokyo Institute of Technology, Japan Molecular evolution of the OMP genes after the whole genome duplication in teleost fish
Room 204	I2: Genetics of Wildlife Disease & Responses to Infection (Genetics & the Environment)
Convenors	<i>Beata Ujvari, Australia & Lee Rollins, Australia</i>
1330-1400	Michelle Wille, University of Sydney, Australia Evolutionary ecology and genetics of avian influenza virus in wild bird hosts
1400-1430	Hannah Siddle, University of Queensland – QAAFI, Australia The evolution of immune escape in an emerging transmissible cancer in the Tasmanian devil
1430-1445	Paige Haffener, University of Utah, USA Genetic variation, phylogenetics and host-specificity in malaria-like parasites (hepatocystis spp.) infecting wild non-human primates
1445-1500	Adam Miller, Deakin University, Australia Whole genome resequencing reveals signatures of rapid selection in a virus-affected commercial fishery
1500-1515	Beata Ujvari, Deakin University, Australia Telomeres, the loop tying cancer to organismal life -histories
1515-1530	Lightning Presentations Maria Jenckel, CSIRO, Australia Meta-transcriptomic identification of novel <i>Sylvilagus hepaciviruses</i> via pathogen profiling in North American Lagomorphs Kimberley Batley, University of Sydney, Australia Less is more: MHC gene copy number variation linked to anti-DFTD immune responses of Tasmanian devils Heather McDonald-Haynes, University of Sydney, Australia Establishing whole-genome CRISPR-Cas9 knockout screen feasibility in Tasmanian devil facial tumour cells Grace Day, Deakin University, Australia Deep dive into dolphin immune genes Tian Du, University of Sydney, Australia Uncovering convergent mechanisms for venom action through whole genome CRISPR screening
Room 210/211	I3: Genetics & Genomics of Pandemic, Endemic & Emerging Infectious Organisms (Genomics & Genomic Technologies)
Convenors	<i>Eddie Holmes, Australia & Rebeca Carballar-Lejarazu, USA</i>
1330-1400	Yukinori Okada, University of Tokyo, Japan Statistical genetics elucidates host genetics of COVID-19
1400-1430	Rebeca Carballar-Lejarazú, University of California Irvine, USA Mosquito population modification and the malaria eradication agenda
1430-1445	Matthew Adeleke, University of Kwazulu-Natal, South Africa Computational identification of transmission block vaccine candidate based on fused antigens of pre- and post-fertilization gametocytes against <i>Plasmodium falciparum</i>
1445-1500	Carol Lee, CSIRO, Australia Data-driven analysis of pathogen genomes
1500-1515	Kirsty McCann, Deakin University, Australia Malaria parasite transmission and drug resistance in Cambodia
1515-1530	Matthew Waller, University of Sydney, Australia Fibroblast-expressed <i>Irrc15</i> is a receptor for SARS-COV-2 spike and controls antiviral and antifibrotic transcriptional programs

Room 212/213	I4: Pharmacogenomics in Drug Discovery & Development (Genetics & Human Health)
Convenors	<i>Sonia Shah, Australia & Chiara Fabbri, UK</i>
1330-1400	Chiara Fabbri, University of Bologna, Italy Pharmacogenomics in depression: moving from cytochrome genes to the whole genome in big data
1400-1430	William Reay, University of Newcastle, Australia Genetics to enhance target identification and enable precision medicine in common, chronic disorders
1430-1445	Aya Taki, University of Melbourne, Australia Genomic-guided discovery of an orphan target of an anthelmintic by thermal proteome profiling
1445-1500	Constance Li, National Cancer Centre, Singapore Pairing patient-derived cell lines with source tissue data to improve predictive biomarker development in head & neck cancer
1500-1515	Toshinori Endo, Hokkaido University, Japan A new approach to drug repurposing with two-stage prediction, machine learning, and unsupervised clustering of gene expression
1515-1530	Paul Lacaze, Monash University, Australia Aspirin for primary prevention of cardiovascular events in relation to lipoprotein(a) genotypes
Room 219	I5: Genetics & Biology of Ageing (Molecular, Cellular & Developmental Genetics)
Convenors	<i>Linda Partridge, UK & Andrew Pask, Australia</i>
1330-1400	Linda Partridge, University College London, UK Targeting the nutrient-sensing network for healthier ageing
1400-1430	Mark Febbraio, Monash University, Australia Role of organ-cross talk in aging: Importance of extracellular vesicles
1430-1500	Matthew Piper, Monash University, Australia The role of GCN2 in sustaining lifespan under amino acid deprivation
1500-1515	Thiruma Arumugam, La Trobe University, Australia The impact of intermittent fasting on the epigenetic signatures
1515-1530	Vanessa Higham, Monash University, Australia Mother's curse and mitonuclear genetic effects on lifespan are consistent across diets with variable amino acid constitution
Room 220	I6: Plant Response to Environmental Change (Agricultural & Plant Genetics)
Convenors	<i>Megan Shelden, Australia & Jian-Kang Zhu, China</i>
1330-1400	Jian-Kang Zhu, Southern University of Science and Technology, China (virtual presentation) Balancing plant growth and stress resistance through coordinated genetic engineering and chemical intervention
1400-1430	Frances Sussmilch, University of Tasmania, Australia An open or shut case? Investigating the evolution of molecular mechanisms underpinning stomatal movements in land plants
1430-1445	Samarth Kulshrestha, The New Zealand Institute for Plant and Food Research, New Zealand Do hornworts have a stress-induced flavonoid pathway?
1445-1500	Amanda Johnson, Queensland University of Technology, Australia Functional characterisation of flowering genes to improve breeding time in tree crops
1500-1515	Samuel Andrew, CSIRO, Australia Transcriptomic temperature stress responses can help describe the adaptive strategies of non-model species
1515-1530	Ramanathan Sowdhamini, National Centre for Biological Sciences, India Computational studies of plant stress management
1600- 1700	Plenary Session 9
Plenary Room 2	Eddie Holmes, University of Sydney, Australia (GSA – MJD White Award Recipient) Redefining the virosphere Chair: Peter Doherty, Australia Session supported by CSL
1700-1730	Congress Close & Award Presentation

INVITED SPEAKERS

An outstanding selection of invited speakers will lead the Symposia discussions. Each symposium offers two invited speakers and oral presentations from abstract authors.

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	ORGANISATION	COUNTRY
Sally	Aitken	University of British Columbia	Canada
Sandra	Álvarez-Carretero	University of Bristol	UK
Minna-Liisa	Änkö	Tampere University	Finland
Dahiana	Arcila	Scripps Institution of Oceanography	USA
Vania	Azevedo	International Potato Centre	Peru
Matthew	Barnes	Texas Tech University	USA
Jose	Barrero Sanchez	CSIRO	Australia
Jacqueline	Batley	University of Western Australia	Australia
Hugo	Bellen	Baylor College of Medicine	USA
Kirsten	Boggs	Australian Genomics	Australia
Jon	Bridle	University College London	UK
Austin	Burt	Imperial College London	UK
Daniel	Cadena	Universidad de los Andes	Colombia
Rebeca	Carballar-Lejarazú	University of California Irvine	USA
Nadine	Caron	University of British Columbia	Canada
Gemma	Chandratillake	NHS East Genomics	UK
Claudia	Coleine	Tuscia University	Italy
Tim	Connallon	Monash University	Australia
Kimberly	Cooper	University of California San Diego	USA
Peter	Currie	Australian Regenerative Medicine Institute	Australia
Kevin	Davies	Plant & Food Research	New Zealand
Sarah-Jane	Dawson	Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre	Australia
Claude	Desplan	New York University	USA
Katrina	Dlugosch	University of Arizona	USA
Egor	Dolzhenko	Pacific Biosciences	USA
Evan	Eichler	University of Washington	USA
Lucie	Etienne	CIRI, Centre International de Recherche en Infectiologie	France
David	Evans	University of Queensland	Australia
Chiara	Fabbri	University of Bologna	Italy
Mark	Febbraio	Monash University	Australia
Cristina	Ferrandiz	Instituto de Biología Molecular y Celular de Plantas	Spain
Maya	Ghoussaini	Regeneron Pharmaceuticals	UK
Richard	Gibbs	Baylor College of Medicine	USA
Anna	Gloyn	Stanford University	USA
Josefa	Gonzalez	Institute of Evolutionary Biology	Spain
Yalong	Guo	Chinese Academy of Sciences	China
Melissa	Gymrek	University of California San Diego	USA
Elissa	Hallem	University of California Los Angeles	USA
Muzlifah	Haniffa	Wellcome Sanger Institute	UK
Kathryn	Hodgins	Monash University	Australia
Corinne	Houart	King's College London	UK
Lori	Isom	University of Michigan	USA
Jochen	Kumlehn	Leibniz Institute of Plant Genetics and Crop Plant Research	Germany
Asato	Kuroiwa	Hokkaido University	Japan
Junko	Kyozuka	Tohoku University	Japan
Kim-Anh	Le Cao	University of Melbourne	Australia
Andrea	Liebl	University of South Dakota	USA
Ryan	Lister	The University of Western Australia	Australia
Ailene	MacPherson	Simon Fraser University	Canada
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SATURDAY 15 JULY 0930-1600 Room 213 - MCEC	GENOMICS UPDATE: NEW TECHNOLOGIES AND CLINICAL CASES
Sunday 16 July 0900-1700 Room 219 -MCEC	BIODIVERSITY GENOMICS - A GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE

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Advance bookings are required so please contact the Congress Office to secure your tickets:

Opening Ceremony & Welcome Reception

Sunday 16 July 1800-2100hrs MCEC - Plenary Hall 2

Cost: Tickets are included for full registrations. Additional tickets may be purchased for \$88 inc GST.

The Opening Ceremony will take you on a journey, intertwining glimpses of great moments of discovery in genetics and the history of this Congress, with its beginnings in 1899 before the re-discovery of Mendel's principles of inheritance. There will be fabulous imagery and music ranging the sounds of the didgeridoo to a performance from a star of the stage, Nigel Huckle. There will be a formal welcome and vignettes that point to some of the highlights of the 2023 Congress.

At the Reception that follows you can meet your peers from around the world while enjoying canapes and drinks. Do not miss your opportunity to attend this wonderful event that has been created for your enjoyment!

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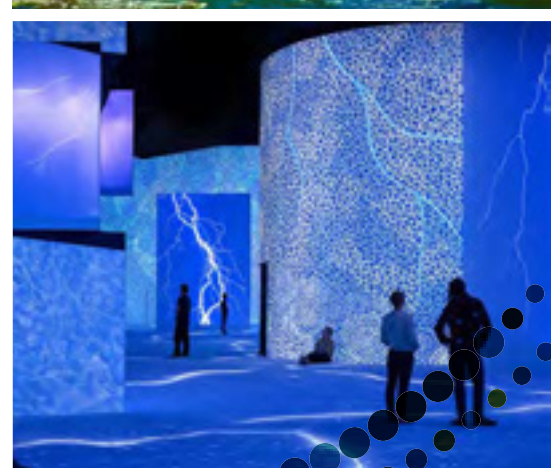
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App

Be sure to download the App in advance to take advantage of the most current information available – the scientific program, the social events, the public program, information about our partners and exhibitors, connect with colleagues and receive push notifications throughout the week. You will be sent an email with the download and log in details. Your personalised password to access the App will be printed on the reverse side of your name badge.

Catering

Morning and afternoon tea and lunch will be served in the Exhibition from Monday-Friday allowing you the chance to enjoy refreshments, meet with exhibitors and view the poster gallery.

The exception is on Wednesday. Morning tea will be served however lunch is not as the Exhibition is closing at 1430, allowing you the opportunity to participate in additional sessions or take some time out to discover what Melbourne has to offer. Lunch is available to purchase from the MCEC Goldfields Café.

For those attending the GSA and HGSA Programs, a light lunch will be served.

The lunch menus offer selections inclusive of vegetarian, vegan and gluten free options. A dedicated dietary buffet will be offered for those who have advised us in advance of dietary requirements other than these.

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Congress Office

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Melbourne truly is a city of contrasts – there are laneways, museums, galleries and foodie precincts to be explored. And if you are arriving early or staying a day or two longer, explore a little further and discover the winery regions of the Yarra Valley or Mornington Peninsula, the rugged coastline of the Great Ocean Road, visit the much-loved fairy penguins at Phillip Island or our native animals at Healesville and take in the beauty of the Dandenong Ranges. There is so much to see and do.

Visit the City of Melbourne Tour Desk in the Exhibition to assist with any recommendations or suggestions.

Exhibition

Visit the Congress Exhibition located on the Ground Floor, to learn about the latest products and services available for genetics and genomic research. A great meeting place to connect with our valued partners and exhibitors, to enjoy refreshments, grab a coffee or take seat and catch up with colleagues.

The exhibition will be open the following hours:

Monday/Tuesday/Thursday	0800-1730hrs
Wednesday	0800-1430hrs
Friday	0800-1330hrs

Family Room

The Family Room (Courtyard Room 2) is an area where you can bring young children and watch a live feed of the plenary and select sessions throughout the week in comfort for you and/or carers.

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Our commitment to diversity has resulted in presentations from researchers from 50 different countries and across a full range of gender and career stages.

The Congress offers a safe, respectful and inclusive environment for all participants and we thank you in advance for supporting this throughout the Congress.

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Within the Exhibition area is a dedicated Meet the Speakers Lounge where we encourage Plenary and Invited speakers to spend some time to meet with delegates following their presentations.

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Posters will be on display for the entire Congress with dedicated sessions held over the extended lunch breaks on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Authors will be at their posters from 1230-1330hrs and from 1230-1315 on Friday to discuss their work.

Odd poster numbers are allocated to sessions on Monday and Thursday, even poster numbers are board numbers allocated to Tuesday and Friday poster sessions.

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Registration

The Registration Desk will be open the following times to enable you to collect your name badge on arrival which must be worn at all times to gain access to the Congress Sessions, Social Events and Exhibition. The Registration team are available to provide any assistance throughout the Congress.

Sunday	1200-1900hrs
Monday - Friday	0700-1730hrs

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Speakers Preparation Room

The Speakers Preparation Room (Room 206) will be open the following times to enable speakers to upload their presentation in advance:

Sunday	1330-1730hrs
Monday, Tuesday & Thursday	0800-1630hrs
Wednesday & Friday	0800-1400hrs

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MONDAY 17 JULY 1800-1930 Room 210 - MCEC	WOMEN IN SCIENCE: UNIQUE JOURNEYS TO DIFFERENT PEAKS <p>Discussion featuring Professor Doctor Christiane Nüsslein-Volhard, (Germany) Nobel Laureate, Professor Anne Muigai (Kenya) and Valda Vinson, (USA) Editor of Science</p>	WEDNESDAY 19 JULY 1830-1930 Melbourne Museum	FUTURE FORUMS - THE GENETIC RESCUE OF OUR FANTASTIC BEASTS <p>Hear from experts leading ground-breaking advancements in genetics to save critically endangered species from extinction. Join the conversation to explore cutting-edge research into genetics and genomics, and learn how these innovations can preserve genetic diversity, restore populations of endangered animals and protect the precious biodiversity of our planet. See the Fantastic Beasts exhibition before the conversation and we encourage you to arrive earlier and view all the Museum has to offer.</p>
TUESDAY 18 JULY 1930 Melbourne Recital Centre	Origins - of the Universe, of life, of Species, of Humanity <p>The world premiere of the new musical work, <i>Origins - of the Universe, of life, of Species, of Humanity</i> was written to be part of the Congress social program, using beautiful language and images of cosmology, molecular biology, evolution, ecology and anthropology. It highlights many all-Australian examples (fossilizing stromatolites, sexually selecting lyrebirds, speciating rock wallabies, extinct thylacines). It will be performed by a 100-voice choir, a 60-piece orchestra and four well known soloists, with visuals by award winning animator/videographer, Drew Berry.</p> <p>The beautiful Melbourne Recital Centre is our city's premiere music venue and is in walking distance from the MCEC. It is likely to be a sell-out, so book your tickets now.</p>	THURSDAY 20 JULY 1800-1900hrs Room 210 - MCEC	POPULATION DNA SCREENING FOR DISEASE RISK IS COMING - WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW <p>DNA screening for risk of disease that can be prevented or treated (like some cancers or heart disease) is being offered to 10,000 Australians (18-40yo) through the DNA Screen pilot study. This testing could save lives, but there are many ethical and societal issues to consider. Are Australians ready for this kind of testing? Would you take the test? What are the benefits? What are the drawbacks? How does this compare to international approaches?</p> <p>Join this exciting event to learn about cutting-edge research, informing the future of population DNA screening. Join the expert panel Associate Professor Paul Lacaze (Monash University), Dr Jane Tiller (Monash University) and Professor Nancy Cox (Vanderbilt University) for the discussion hosted by ABC Radio presenter, Natasha Mitchell.</p>
WEDNESDAY 19 JULY 1730-1830 Room 210 - MCEC	GENETICS VS SPORT - ARE SUPER ATHLETES BORN OR MADE? <p>Join us as our panel of experts takes on the nature vs nurture debate in sport. Panelists include Professor Kathryn North a global leader in research on human genetics, the Director of the Murdoch Childrens Research Institute and leads the national body Australian Genomics; Darcy Moore, an extraordinarily talented and widely respected AFL footballer, Captain of the Collingwood Football Club. The discussion will be moderated by Tracey Holmes, one of Australia's very best sports journalists. This forum is part of the City of Melbourne Conversation Series.</p>	<p><i>The Public Events Program is supported by</i></p> <div>    </div>	






INDUSTRY SESSIONS

Industry hosted breakfast and lunch events will be held throughout the Congress. Advance bookings are required and spaces are limited so please see the Registration Desk if you require any assistance.

BREAKFAST SESSIONS

TUESDAY 18 JULY 0700-0800hrs Room 208 – Level 2	THE NEW FACE OF FABRY DISEASE: UPDATED AUSTRALIAN GUIDELINES AND LONG TERM DATA Hosted by: 
WEDNESDAY 19 JULY 0700-0800hrs Room 208 – Level 2	ENHANCING THE UNDERSTANDING OF DISEASE GENOMES THROUGH OPTICAL GENOME MAPPING AND, INTRODUCING VIA - A COMPLETE GENOMIC DATA ANALYSIS PLATFORM FOR CLINICAL RESEARCH Hosted by: 
THURSDAY 20 JULY 0700-0800hrs Room 208 – Level 2	MISSED CONNECTIONS: WHY GENOMICS AND DIGITAL HEALTH AREN'T GETTING ALONG Hosted by: 

LUNCH SESSIONS

MONDAY 17 JULY 1215-1330hrs Eureka Room - Ground Floor	ILLUMINA INNOVATION SYMPOSIUM: NAVIGATING THE FUTURE OF GENOMICS AND MULTIOMICS Hosted by: 
MONDAY 17 JULY 1215-1330hrs Hospitality Room 6& 7 - Upper Level	UNLOCK THE POWER OF GENOMICS WITH AWS Hosted by: 
MONDAY 17 JULY 1230-1345hrs Room 208 - Level 2	RECENT ADVANCES IN ACHONDROPLASIA Hosted by: 
TUESDAY 18 JULY 1215-1330hrs Eureka Room - Ground Floor	GENOMICS FOR ALL: ADDRESSING DISPARITIES IN ACCESS AND DIVERSITY FOR BETTER HEALTH OUTCOMES Hosted by: 
TUESDAY 18 JULY 1215-1330hrs Room 208 – Level 2	LATTICE IMAGING TECHNOLOGIES WITH ZEISS LATTICE LIGHTSHEET 7 Hosted by: 
TUESDAY 18 JULY 1215-1330hrs Hospitality Room 6& 7 - Upper Level	OXFORD NANOPORE TECHNOLOGIES: RESEARCHERS LEADING THE WAY Hosted by: 
THURSDAY 20 JULY 1215-1330hrs Room 208 – Level 2	CAPACITY BUILDING - MOVING BEYOND FORMAL GENOMICS EDUCATION AND TRAINING Hosted by: 
THURSDAY 20 JULY 1215-1330hrs Hospitality 6 – Upper Level	Next Generation Newborn Screening from Idea to Implementation Hosted by: 

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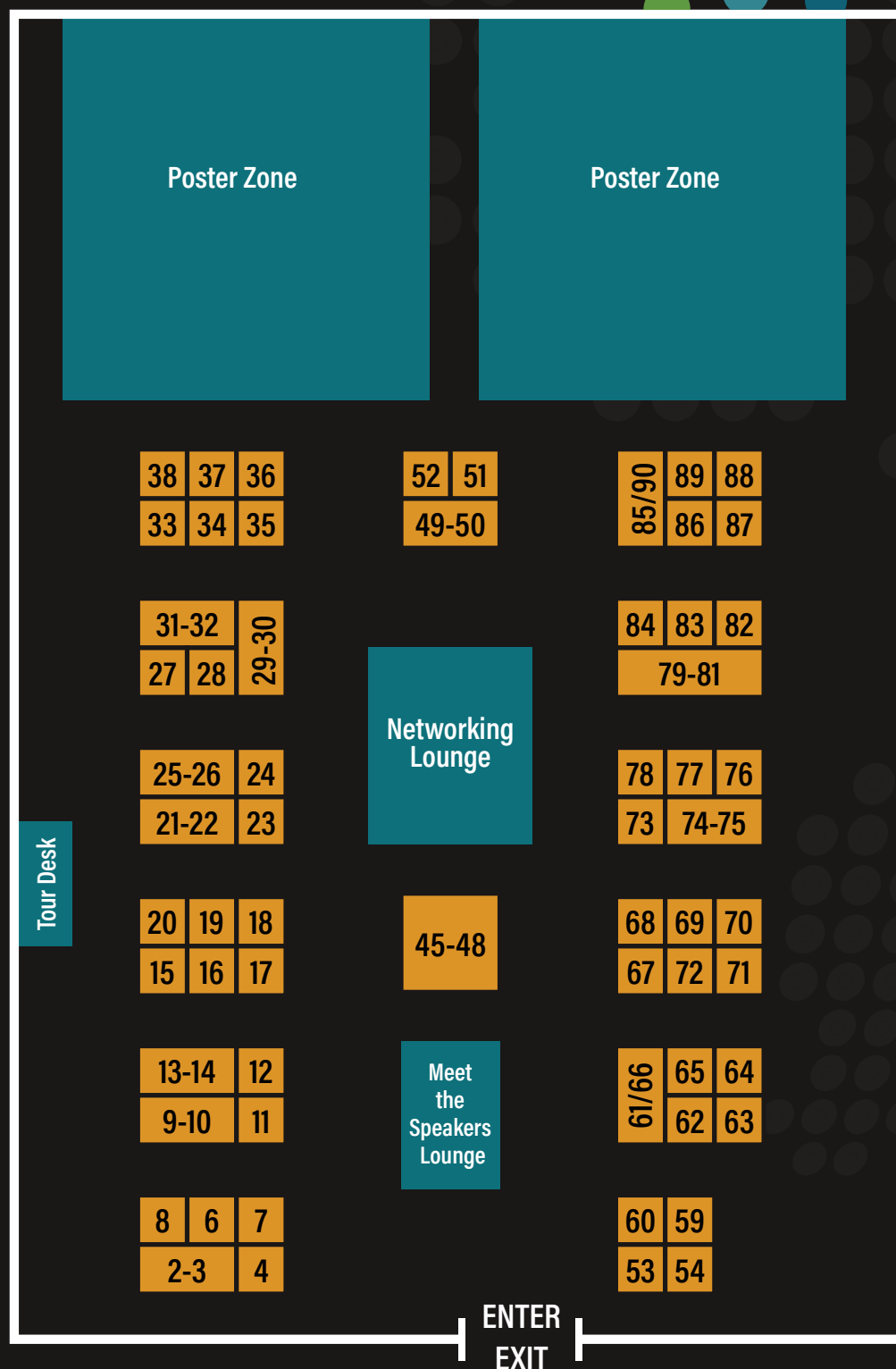
The exhibition is located on the Ground Floor and will be open the following hours:

Monday/Tuesday/Thursday 0800-1730hrs

Wednesday 0800-1430hrs

Friday 0800-1330hrs


Exhibitor Floorplan



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