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[Early career plant scientists! Your CV needs a Tansley Medal]

28 September 2017

Calling all early career plant scientists!



The New Phytologist Tansley Medal is awarded annually in recognition of an outstanding contribution to plant science by an early career researcher (student and post-doctoral researchers with up to five years' experience since gaining/defending their PhD are eligible). The winner will receive a prize of £2000 (GBP) and will author a Tansley insight review that will be published in *New Phytologist*, accompanied by an Editorial announcing the winner and finalists. **The application deadline for this year's competition is 1 November 2017**.

The Tansley Medal award is an opportunity to recognise an outstanding scientist in the early stages of their career, and supporting the next generation of plant scientists is one of the main activities of the New Phytologist Trust. Please support us in this endeavour by spreading the word to anyone you know who might be eligible to apply for the Tansley Medal award. If you have any queries regarding the medal or the submission process please do not hesitate to get in touch. More details on the Tansley Medal can be found at: https://www.newphytologist.org/tansleymedal.

[Register for Science meets Business and ASPS job board]

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Dear ASPS members,

We have a few new employment opportunities on our job board.

I am writing to let you know we do not currently have any Australian Society of Plant Scientists registered to attend Science meets Business.

We hope that some of our members, particularly those in NSW, will be able to make the most of this great opportunity to bring Science & Technology together with the Business community. Please find the registration link below for your convenience:

https://sta.eventsair.com/science-meets-business-2017/registration/Site/Register

Registrations will close Monday COB 30 October.

If you have any questions regarding Science meets Business please do not hesitate to email event organiser, Mitchell Piercey.

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Advice to members and agenda for 2017 AGM

25 September 2017

Dear ASPS members,

This is to confirm the ASPS AGM will be held in the Riverbank room 7/8 of the Adelaide Convention Centre at 1335 on Thursday 5th October during COMBIO.

Please see attached the draft adgenda, the minutes from last years meeting are up on the ASPS website.

We are looking for nominations for two student members (preferably close to Sydney as they are organising COMBIO 2018)

We are also looking for a new member of our Phytogen and comms team, so if you have an interest and a passion for Science communication please get in contact.

And finally we are still looking for two discipline reps:

1x Education

1x Global change biology: Ecophysiology and Environment

Please see our nomination form attached.

Please note the ASPS AGM clashes with poster session B which is less than ideal, apologies for this, but there was little flexibility in the program as this year COMBIO is a three day meeting.

Therefore, I would encourage all to make the most of poster session A and the other poster times prior to session B. I would also encourage people wanting to speak to those with a poster in session B to make every effort to contact those people before session B, before the AGM. Students from session B will be standing by their posters during Poster session A for award judging.

Please email matthew.gilliham@adelaide.edu.au if you have an agenda item or would like to send apologies.

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ComBio2017 programmed abstracts now available

08 September 2017

ComBio2017: 2 – 5 October 2017: Adelaide Convention Centre

We are pleased to advise that the programmed abstracts are now available at:http://www.combio.org.au/combio2017/abstracts.html

There are four separate files:

Plenary Abstracts
Symposium Abstracts
Poster Abstracts
Full Author Index

As previously advised, the final conference program and the final poster program can be accessed from:http://www.combio.org.au/combio2017/program.html
(the timetable and symposium schedule can also be accessed from this page).

The conference app should be available approximately one week out from the conference and we will let you know when it is available with details of how to access it. The conference app will include the entire program (including poster presentations)and will have each abstract linked into it. You will also be able to access details of all companies exhibiting and the list of registrants (less those that request privacy).

On site poster abstracts are still welcome and can be submitted at:http://www.combio.org.au/combio2017/abstracts.html

Registrations are also welcome and can be submitted at:https://www.combio.org.au/cgi-bin/combio-registration-form.cgi

Further information:
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Prestigious awards received by ASPS members

04 September 2017

Dear Colleagues,

I am writing to you to share some good news. Several of our esteemed colleagues and friends have received prestigious awards over the last few months. This includes

- Susanne von Caemmerer was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of London;
- John Evans was elected a Corresponding Member of the American Society of Plant Biologists;
- Graham Farquhar won a Kyoto Prize for his work on photosynthesis and water use efficiency.

The most recent news is that John Patrick (a Life Member of ASPS) was elected as a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Science. The summary of his research leading to this prestigious award is as follows:

John Patrick is internationally renowned for his theoretical and experimental advances in the regulation of nutrient transport and partitioning in plants. He has developed a novel theoretical framework that identifies control points for the regulation of nutrient transport through, and unloading from, the plant vascular network to fuel organ development. Patrick's innovative experimental approaches have shown how metabolic demand for nutrients is coordinated with vascular transport by phytohormones, cell turgor and nutrient pool sizes. These discoveries have laid a conceptual framework to further elucidate nutrient transport and partitioning mechanisms and to identify novel targets for improving crop yields to share.

Our congratulations also go to Anna Koltunow who was also elected as a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Science in 2016 and was formally inducted this year.