



Annual Conference of the Genetics Society of Australasia with the NZ Society for Biochemistry & Molecular Biology

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Call for Papers and Abstract Guidelines

Annual Conference of the Genetics Society of Australasia with the NZ Society for Biochemistry & Molecular Biology “Diverse Pathways, Wide Horizons”

Dunedin NZ 2-6 July 2017

Submission Deadline: 20 March 2017

The Organising Committee is pleased to call for papers covering the full diversity of genetics research, and biochemistry and molecular biology research of related interest, for the 2017 annual conference of the GSA, to be held with the NZSBMB in Dunedin 2-6 July 2017.

The 2017 Dunedin Conference will include sessions on ancient DNA, biochemistry, bioinformatics, evolution and development, genomics, law and ethics, microbial, model organisms (development and health) and genetics teaching and public outreach. Sessions will also focus on application in agriculture, ecology and conservation, heritage and medicine.

Formats

The Committee invites you to submit abstracts for consideration as an oral or poster presentation. All submissions will be subject to a selection process by the Committee. The Committee will allocate abstracts to the program taking into account the quality of each abstract and the balance of the programme.

A limited number of poster presenters may have opportunities for short oral presentations during a poster session. There will be a question in the Abstract Submission Form where participation can be indicated.

Oral Presentations

Oral Presentations will be allocated 10 minutes presentation time with additional 5 minutes for Q&A (total 15 minutes). Presenters are advised to include sufficient time within the 15 minutes for questions and discussion from the audience.

Guidelines for Submission:

- All abstracts are to be submitted via the on-line submission process on the conference website <http://gen2017.w.events4you.currinda.com/>. Submission by email, fax or post will not be accepted
- Abstracts must be no more than 250 words in length
- Title must not exceed 125 Characters (including spaces)
- Authors and Affiliation information must not exceed 275 Characters (including spaces)
- Only one presenting author may be selected
- Do NOT include symbols, tables, pictures or diagrams within the abstract

The receipt of all abstracts will be confirmed by an acknowledging email. All applicants will be notified of the success or otherwise of their application within the time needed to register within the Early Bird Registration phase. Submissions which are not accepted as an oral presentation may be offered a place as a poster.

Please note that the space available for presentations is limited and preference will be given to papers of the highest quality as judged by the Programme Committee. Authors may only present one oral presentation and unlimited poster presentations.

Prepare your abstract

Abstracts are cut and pasted directly in the Currinda Abstract Management System. You will need:

- A descriptive presentation title of a up to 125 characters including spaces. Use sentence case
- The names, organisations, states and email addresses (optional) for each author (limited to 275 characters including spaces).
- The presentation abstract of no more than 250 words.

Online Abstract Submission

Abstract submission is via the Currinda Event Management System. If you do not already have a profile you will need to create one in the system before submission. Please see the [Vimeo Video](#) which demonstrates the abstract submission process on Currinda.

Do not include references on your abstract.

Select either poster or oral presentation (if your abstract is not accepted for an oral presentation, it may be accepted for a poster).

Select a category which best describes your abstract – you may only choose one option, however you if there is not a category that best fits your abstract choose 'Other' and provide some keywords in the box below to help the Committee categorise your abstract.

Add your title (up to 125 characters including spaces). Titles should be all lowercase do not capitalise any words.

Add the authors and affiliations. There is a space restriction of 275 characters (including spaces) for publishing purposes.

Abstract Text: Abstracts should include the following sub-headings: Background/Aims, Methods, Results, Conclusions and Funding Source(s) unless the nature of the paper dictates otherwise. The abstract text should not exceed 250 words and can be cut and pasted into the abstract text box.

Conflict of interest:

Please state any conflict of interest you may have.

Member Students:

Travel awards for the Dunedin Conference are available via the GSA Website:

<http://www.genetics.org.au/awards/#Under>

Review/Submission:

Please ensure that you press 'Submit' once you have completed your abstract. Authors will be able to change their submission online up until 20th March 2017. After that date the abstract will be locked and authors will not have access. Authors will be advised by email of outcome on 30 March 2017.

Audiovisual Equipment

Each lecture room will be equipped for the presentation of Power Point slides and include a data projector, computer (with external speakers), lectern and microphone. Multimedia clips should be embedded in your slides. Other audiovisual aids, such as Overhead Projectors, are not available.

Presenters will take their Power Point slides and associated media files to the conference on a memory stick, where an audiovisual technician will load the presentation. All slides will be run from a central presentation computer. However, if you have a complex presentation, which includes multiple media files, we suggest you bring your own laptop as a backup in case of difficulties loading your presentation.

Presenter Registration

All presenters will be required to register for the conference by 5pm 15th May 2017 and pay the appropriate registration fee. Presenters also need to meet their own travel and accommodation costs (student members may be eligible for a travel grant)