Australasian Society for Human Biology

27th Annual Conference, 8th to 11th December 2013
Sydney, Australia

Understanding Humans and Other Primates in a Changing World

Keynote Speakers:

Professor Hanna Kokko
Australian National University

Emeritus Professor Charles Oxnard
University of Western Australia

Associate Professor Simon Carlile
University of Sydney

The Australasian Society for Human Biology’s annual conference welcomes oral and poster presentations concerning a wide range of subjects linked to human biology, including anthropology (physical, forensic and social), medicine, evolutionary biology, primatology, bioarchaeology, and comparative anatomy. Student presenters are welcomed and encouraged.

Conference Location

Our venue for the 27th annual ASHB conference is The University of Sydney (Camperdown Campus). All sessions will be held at The Women’s College within the University of Sydney, as will the conference dinner. Accommodation is conveniently available on site, at special ASHB conference delegate rates (starting at AUD $72 per night). There will also be a short tour of the University of Sydney’s anatomical and biological museums.

Important Dates

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http://www.thewomenscollege.com.au
Conference Schedule

8 Dec  Welcome reception from 5:30pm-7.00pm
Common Room, Anderson Stuart Building (Building F13), University of Sydney

9 Dec  Conference sessions all day followed
by the ASHB AGM. 9.00am start.

10 Dec  Conference sessions morning and after lunch.
Afternoon: Short tour of University of Sydney’s
anatomical and biological museums.
Evening: Conference dinner from 6.30pm.

11 Dec  Conference sessions until mid-afternoon.

Call for Abstracts

Abstracts for posters and presentations are due by **30 September, 2013**.
All submissions for presentations, oral and poster, must be completed on the
Presentation Submission Form (page 8) and emailed to Nicholas Malone:
n.malone@auckland.ac.nz

Presentations should be no longer than 15 minutes to allow time for questions after the
talk. Late submissions will only be considered if sessions are not full.

Conference Registration

Early Bird registrations close on **30 September, 2013** with final registrations open
until 8th November. Registration includes arrival tea, morning tea, lunch and afternoon
tea each day, welcome reception on Sunday 8th December, and a short tour of
University of Sydney museums on Tuesday 10th December.

** This year, we have incorporated your annual membership/subscription dues into the
cost of registration i.e. if you register for the conference as an Annual Member, the
price you pay will include your membership dues as well as your member’s discount to
the conference. **

Please complete the **Conference Registration Form** (page 6 of this pack) and
forward to Sarah Croker scroker@anatomy.usyd.edu.au. Please pay using the separate
**Payment Form** found on the ASHB home page http://school.anhb.uwa.edu.au/ashb/
and choosing the appropriate payment from the drop-down menus.
**Conference rates 2013:**
All prices are in AUD

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### Membership Subscription/Renewal

ASHB annual membership subscriptions and renewals are due. This year, we have incorporated your membership dues into the cost of registration *i.e.* if you register for the conference as an Annual Member, the price you pay will include your membership dues as well as your member’s discount to the conference. If you are a **current member** and your details have changed recently, please update these on the Membership Subscription form, and forward the form to Sarah Croker scroker@anatomy.usyd.edu.au. (If your details are unchanged, there is no need to complete this form.)

If you would like to join as a **NEW member** of the Australasian Society for Human Biology, please simply register as an Annual Member, and also complete the Membership Subscription form on page 7. The current membership rates are as follows:

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Please send completed subscription forms to Sarah Croker scroker@anatomy.usyd.edu.au who will collate them for forwarding to the ASHB secretary, Kate Domett.

For enquiries concerning membership, please contact Dr Kate Domett (ASHB Secretary and Treasurer) at kate.domett@jcu.edu.au
Conference Dinner

The conference dinner will be held from 6:30pm to 9:00pm on the evening of Tuesday 10th December in the Dining Hall at The Women’s College, University of Sydney. A three-course plated dinner and drinks package will be included. Dinner tickets may also be purchased for your guests.

Accommodation

Accommodation will be available at the conference venue, The Women’s College within the University of Sydney.

The Women's College offers accommodation at special ASHB Conference 2013 delegate rates. Rates for single rooms with shared bathrooms (individual change and shower cubicles), breakfast included, are $72 (including GST) per night. A limited number of twin rooms may also be available, at $118 including GST and breakfast. There are also some single ensuite rooms with one bathroom situated between two rooms of the same gender and lockable from both sides; rates for these rooms are $102 per night including GST and breakfast.

Breakfast consists of an extensive continental breakfast, including salad bar cold cuts and cold boiled eggs, cereals, yoghurts, juices and various breads and crackers.

Please make your accommodation booking directly with the college using the Accommodation Booking Form provided on our website at http://school.anhb.uwa.edu.au/ashb/. Using this form will ensure you will receive the discounted rate for our conference. For further information please view The Women’s College website http://thewomenscollege.com.au, contact Reception at office@thewomenscollege.com.au or call +61 2 9517 5000.

Alternative accommodation is available nearby; The Women’s College is situated towards the Newtown side of the campus, on Carillon Avenue. The following list is a selection of options within easy walking distance. More options are available a short bus ride away, particularly around Railway Square towards the city.

Rydges Camperdown
http://www.rydges.com/accommodation/sydney-nsw/camperdown/

Quest Camperdown Serviced Apartments (two locations, one on Missenden Road, slightly closer to the venue, and one on Parramatta Road, a few minutes’ walk further) http://www.questapartments.com.au/Accommodation/37/australia/sydney_cbd_fringe/quest_camperdown/welcome.aspx

Billabong Gardens (backpackers)
http://www.billabonggardens.com.au

Transport: Taxis from the airport to the venue cost approximately $30-$40, and take around 20-30 minutes depending on traffic. Trains from the airport to Central station cost approximately $15 one way; it is a short bus or taxi ride from Central Station. Street address: 15 Carillon Avenue, between Missenden and City Roads.
Student Prizes

There are 3 types of student* prizes available this year.

**Conference Travel Awards:** Students who wish to enter their papers for the Conference Travel Awards must submit all documentation before close of business on 30th September 2013. Late student submissions may still be able to present but will not be eligible for Travel Awards. Award value will be up to AU$500.

Please email application form to Nicholas Malone: n.malone@auckland.ac.nz

**Student Presentation Prizes:** Prizes will be given for 1st ($150), 2nd ($100) and 3rd ($50) place in each of the following categories.

- **Oral Presentation:** The best oral presentation from an honours or post-graduate student.
- **Poster Presentation:** The best poster presentation from an honours or post-graduate student.

*Students must be bona fide honours or post-graduate students in 2013 in order to be eligible for prizes. Please read the entry requirements and guidelines (page 9) before completing the form and submitting papers.

Useful Contacts and Websites

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Conference registration form

Please complete all the following fields and return the conference registration form to Sarah Croker scroker@anatomy.usyd.edu.au

Name: __________________________
Given name __________________________
Family name __________________________
Institution/affiliation: __________________________

Contact details
Address __________________________________________
________________________________________
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Phone __________________________________________
Email __________________________________________

Conference registration Please mark how you would like to register:

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Are you attending the conference dinner? Yes [ ] $80 No [ ]
Are you bringing any guests to the conference dinner? ___ guests @ $80 each

Please list any dietary requirements: __________________________

Please use the Payment Form to make your registration payment, found on the homepage of our website:

http://school.anhb.uwa.edu.au/ashb/

Are you submitting an abstract? No [ ] Yes [ ] - Please complete the Presentation Submission form and forward it to Nicholas Malone: n.malone@auckland.ac.nz

Are you applying for a Student Travel Award? No [ ] Yes [ ] - Please complete the Student Travel Award application form and forward it, with accompanying requirements, to Nicholas Malone: n.malone@auckland.ac.nz
ASHB Membership Subscription/Renewal Form

Title

Family Name ___________________________ Given Names ___________________________

New Applicant [ ] Renewing Membership [ ]

Please fill in details below

No need to fill in details below, unless they have changed

Home Address

Street Number ___________________________
Street Name ___________________________
Suburb ___________________________
State/Region ___________________________
Country ___________________________
Post Code ___________________________

Department ___________________________
Institute ___________________________
Street Number ___________________________
Street Name ___________________________
Suburb ___________________________
State/Region ___________________________
Country ___________________________
Post Code ___________________________

Home Phone ___________________________

Work Phone ___________________________

Email Address ___________________________

Note: your name and email address will be placed on the ASHB membership list on the website unless you indicate that you do not consent to this by checking this box [ ]

Professional Details

Qualifications ___________________________

Current Position ___________________________

Areas of human biology interest

1: ___________________________
2: ___________________________
3: ___________________________

Proposers To be completed by new applicants only

Name ___________________________ Email Address ___________________________

Name ___________________________ Email Address ___________________________

Membership Requested NB: Fees (in AUD) have been incorporated into conference registration costs

Full - $40pa [ ] Associate - $15pa [ ]
Student - $15pa [ ] Life - $325 [ ]
Presentation Submission Form

Details

Name: ____________________________    Position: ____________________________

Institution: ____________________________    Email: ____________________________

Phone: ____________________________

Please select whether you prefer to present an oral podium presentation or poster presentation*

Poster Presentation [ ]    Oral Podium Presentation [ ]

*The conference selection panel will make the final decision on whether a paper will be presented as an oral podium presentation or poster presentation.

Title

Paper/Poster Title: ____________________________________________

Author(s): Enter all authors below and select which author is presenting the paper/poster.

Surname    First Name    Initials    Affiliation/Organisation    Presenting

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Abstract: Enter your abstract below (maximum 250 words). Use minimal formatting (no capitals, bold, underline, italics, superscripts, paragraph formatting etc) unless required by convention (eg acronyms, species names etc). Email completed form along with any other required documents as attachments to: n.malone@auckland.ac.nz
Student prizes (Postgraduate and honours students only)

Please select which, if any, of the student prizes you wish to be considered for. You must provide an attestation from your supervisor of your eligibility.

Conference Travel Award [ ] Student Presentation Prize [ ]

Supervisor details and attestation:

Name: __________________________ Position: __________________________

Institution: __________________________ Email: __________________________

Phone: __________________________

Attestation: I attest that __________________________ is currently an honours/postgraduate student under my supervision.

Student details:

Supervisor Signature: __________________________ Date: __________________________

Student Declaration:

I declare that I will be attending the 2013 Annual Conference of the Australasian Society for Human Biology and that I will be presenting this paper as an oral presentation.

Student Signature: __________________________ Date: __________________________

ASHB conference travel award guidelines

1. The intention of the awards is to provide assistance for students to travel to the annual ASHB Scientific Conference to present an oral research paper.

2. The value of each award is up to $500. The Scholarship committee may reduce the value of an award to below $500 if the cost of return travel to the conference is less than $500.

3. The Society will provide up to $3,500 for awards in any one year.

4. Applicants must be a bona fide Postgraduate or Honours student.

5. The deadline for submissions is the 30th September 2013.

6. Awardees must attend and make an oral presentation of their paper at the Conference.

7. Decisions of the selection panel will be emailed to students and supervisors within one month of the due date.

Travel award applications

A Travel Award application consists of:

a) A short written paper describing the research that will be presented at the forthcoming meeting. The paper should be concise and of a length consistent with a 10-15 minute presentation. It would not normally be more than 6 pages, including all text, figures, tables and references. It must be on A4 paper with a margin of at least 2cm, single spaced in at least 10 point font. Your paper should be emailed as an attachment to Nicholas Malone (n.malone@auckland.ac.nz) along with this form.

b) An abstract in the form requested by the meeting organisers.

c) A declaration from the student that they will attend the meeting and present their paper as an oral presentation.

d) An attestation from the Supervisor of the applicant's eligibility.
Oral Presentation Guidelines*

**General Comment:** good oral presentations should:

1. define the problem or state the central question being addressed;
2. indicate its importance;
3. tell what was done;
4. state what was found; and
5. consider the broader implications of the findings.

It is not possible to cite all previous work, provide detailed descriptions or methods, or include all the data obtained in a 10-15 minute talk. A good presenter seeks to make a single point, and to make it simply, clearly, and concisely. Oral presentations are greatly enhanced by the use of good visual material. Good visuals convey the essential material of the talk, including key points and research results. They allow the listener to both see and hear; this enhances understanding. To maximize the effectiveness of your oral presentation, please consider the following guidelines.

**Specific Suggestions**

*Clear purpose:* Effective visuals and talks make a single main point and tell a unified, coherent story. Organize your talk around a central theme. Develop a clear train of thought that does not get bogged down in detail. Provide a conclusion that summarizes the main points, and raises the important issues posed by the material you presented.

*Freedom from non-essential information:* Unless the purpose of the talk is to present research methods or techniques, omit all but the key methodological details. Save non-essential information for responding to questions during the discussion period.

*Graphs, diagrams, and tables:* Study results are best presented in graphic form. Diagrams can be used to present research design or study hypotheses. Avoid tables, especially those with more than a few rows and columns. Simplify your presentation so that you do not have to tell your audience “I know you can’t read the table in this slide but ...” Keep graphs and diagrams simple. Avoid gratuitous three-dimensional graphs that provide no more information than their two-dimensional equivalents.

*Projection of presentations:* A Windows PC will be available at the podium for projection of PowerPoint or Adobe Acrobat presentations. Do not bring a personal laptop to the podium! Please bring your presentation on a USB device. Macintosh users must add the “.ppt” extension to the end of the filename. Use common fonts such as Times Roman, Arial, and Helvetica. Please virus check your entire USB device. A final word to the wise: Always check your presentation on a Windows PC other than the one on which you prepared the presentation. This is the easiest way to detect compatibility “issues” before heading to the airport/podium.

*Audio-visual equipment:* We will provide equipment for computer projection. Overhead and traditional slide projectors will not be available.

*Guidelines based on the American Association of Physical Anthropologists Guidelines for Poster and Oral Presentations.*
Poster Presentation Guidelines*

General Comment: poster presentations provide more opportunities for discussion with interested viewers – several hours instead of the 15 minutes that are available for podium presentations. An oral presentation can be heard at one and only one time; a poster presentation is available for several hours, and thus its viewing can be tailored to fit the interested person’s schedule. Therefore, the opportunities for reaching a large audience, receiving useful feedback, and discussing your research are at least as great for a poster as they are for an oral presentation. Good oral and poster presentations entail equal effort.

Specific Suggestions

Dimensions: The maximum poster size is A0 or 84.1 by 118.9 centimetres. Minimum poster size is A1 or 59.4 by 84.1 centimetres. Bring your own pushpins or thumbtacks.

Single page posters: Effective posters can be prepared using software such as Powerpoint. It is recommended that posters be rolled with the text to the outside for transport. However, be careful to protect the ink from being scratched. If you prepare your poster with a graphics program, the background of the poster should be a solid colour, not a pattern or a distracting photographic image.

Organization: Make an initial sketch of your poster presentation, allocating space for Introduction, Materials and Methods, Results, Summary and Conclusion. Focus attention on a few important points. Try different styles of presentation to achieve clarity and simplicity. Graphs and diagrams provide a clearer statement of your research results than tables. Use limited text to convey the essential information concerning the problem under investigation, methods, results and salient concluding points.

Legibility: The title should be legible 2.5 meters away; viewers should be able to easily read the remaining words from 1.5 meters away. Poster legibility suffers greatly when the type you use is too small. The letter size should be at least 18 point, with 20-24 even better. Smaller point size is strongly discouraged. Headings (e.g., Materials, Methods, and Results) should be bold type. Heading letter size should be larger than the text (30-36 point). Use short, informative ("headline" style) titles to state the essential point of each figure. Avoid abbreviations, acronyms, and jargon. Use consistent type styles and letter sizes throughout. Some individuals have the misperception that posters are simply mounted papers (as though the author attaches a paper to a poster board). However, this is not the case. You will need to simplify the text of your paper to create an effective poster presentation. Avoid presenting lengthy bibliographies. These take up space and are distracting. The presenter might provide photocopies of figures and tables for distribution.

Create a balance between figures, tables and text: Figures and tables should occupy approximately half the viewing area. If you have only a few illustrations, make them large. Try to limit the amount of text in your poster to 1500–2000 words so that it can be read in less than 10 minutes. Studies have shown that most people can read technical text at a rate of 250 words per minute or less.

Eye movement: The pathway travelled by the eye should be natural, either top-to-bottom or left-to-right.

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