

Dear MEPSA Student Members,

The next MEPSA meeting will be held in Brisbane from 30 November-2 December, 2011.

MEPSA is able to provide a number of travel awards to a maximum value of \$500 AUD to cover travel costs for Postgraduate students* currently enrolled in an Honours, Masters (research only) or PhD degree. Please note that to be eligible for the travel award you **must be** a member of MEPSA and must have registered as a MEPSA member for this conference, and you are not resident of the host city.

You must submit an abstract for an oral presentation to this meeting to be considered for this award.

Visit the meeting website (<http://www.mepsa.org>) for updated information on abstract submission. Please email a copy of your submitted abstract along with a Curriculum Vitae (including contact details of your supervisor) and a covering letter outlining your reasons for wishing to attend this meeting to:

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Please note that the abstract deadline for oral presentations closes on 16 September 2011. The receipt of an award will be dependent upon acceptance of your abstract for presentation at the meeting.

This promises to be an exciting conference. Our invited speaker this year is Professor Thomas Schwarz, University of Kiel, Germany. Prof Schwarz has done outstanding research in dermatology, including UV-induced immunosuppression and editing the Journal of Investigative Dermatology. We are excited that he has accepted our invitation to attend. The conference will include sessions on many of our favourite topics including Photobiology, Vitamin D, Australian Wild Life Pathology, Metals and Oxidative Damage, DNA damage and Cancer, Inflammation etc. Additionally there are a large number of overseas speakers who have already indicated that they will attend. Hence there will also be a lot of new issues covered.

We hope to see you at this year's MEPSA meeting.

Kind Regards
Terry Piva
Secretary, MEPSA
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*Postgraduate students are eligible to apply for a travel award if the final approval of their submitted thesis has not occurred prior to 16 September 2011.