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Dear ANZSRS Members,

Matthew Ellis’s tenure as Chair of the Scientific and Conference Committee (SCC) has come to an end. On behalf of the ANZSRS, the Board wish to thank Matthew for his valuable contribution to this role and in advancing the objectives of the Society. Lauren Bussell has been appointed as the new chair of the SCC, which leaves the “member-at-large" role vacant.

The Board asks all its membership to consider submitting an **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST** for the position of ‘Member-at-Large’ of the Scientific and Conference Committee. This exciting position allows you to make a valuable contribution to the society in this dynamic committee.

Background Information:

*Who is on the Scientific and Conference Committee?*

* Current Chair – Lauren Bussell
* Immediate past Local Organising Committee (LOC) chair – Pam Liakakos
* Current LOC chair – Cathy Pendergrast
* The next LOC chair – vacant
* The Member at Large – Lauren Bussell (vacating)

*What is the role of the Scientific and Conference Committee?*

* Provide stabilisation to the scientific and research activities of the Society.
* Develop guidelines and policies as they pertain to SCC functions and operations.
* Review and update SCC related documentation as it is due for review.
* Ongoing development of the ASM documents and processes.
* Improve the research skills of SCC members.
* Provide direction for the content and speakers for the Annual Scientific Meetings.
* To be a resource to the Board, the Local Organising Committee and ANZSRS members for issues pertaining to the conference and related scientific activities of the Society.
* In conjunction with the Board, liaise with TSANZ and other bodies on scientific and research activities of mutual interest.
* Provide advice and oversight on governance issues to Local Organising Committees.
* Coordinate the ANZSRS Research Award and administer review of research grant applications.
* Appoint the ASM Abstract Review Panel Chair and provide direction for evaluation and processing of submitted abstracts.

*What is the role of the Member-at-Large of the SCC?*

* To provide expertise in the areas of clinical and/or research activities. His/her skills and experience should complement those of the other committee members.
* To deputise for SCC Chair as required.

*Term of Office*

* The Member-at-Large will serve a three year term.
* In the interests of maintaining continuity of the committee, every endeavour will be made to keep turnover to fewer than three members per year.

If you are a current member of the Society and are interested in the position, then please forward your CV and a brief description of how you could contribute to this committee by Friday 5th of November 2021 to:

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