ANZMAG NEWS - July 2023

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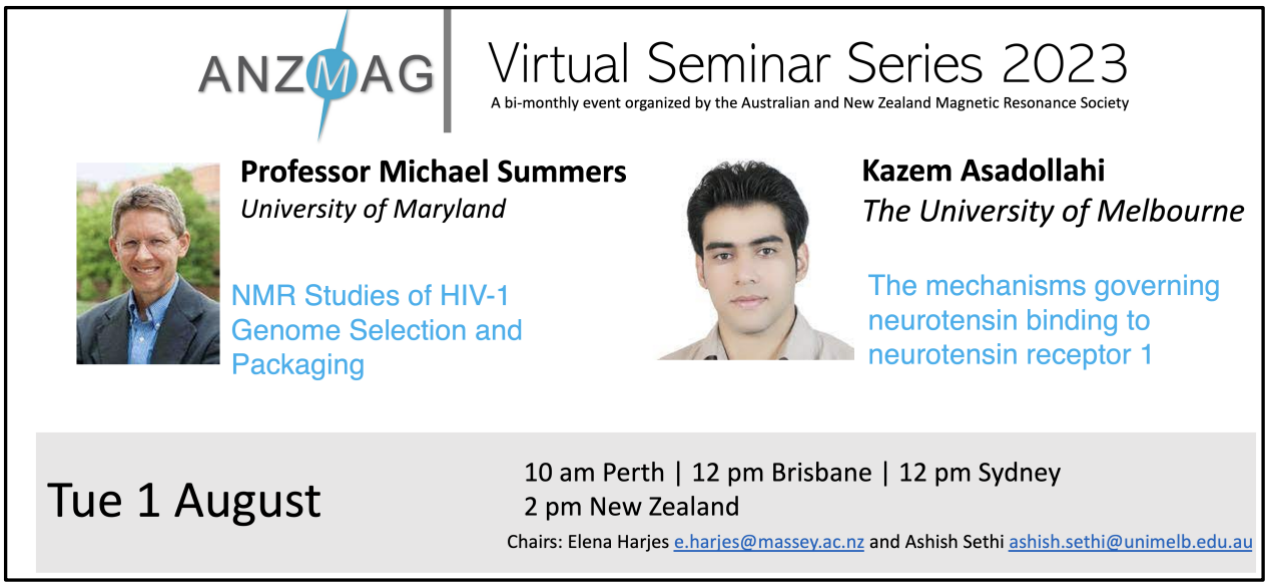
Dear all, Welcome to July 2023 edition of **ANZMAG News**. I hope you have all had a great month.

ANZMAG UPDATES

- The live program for ISMAR 2023 is now available See https://www.ismar2023.org/program-2 (NB: registration for ISMAR is still open at https://www.ismar2023.org/registration)
- You will hopefully have seen the separate e-mail on this sent by Prof Paul Gooley and Dr Roger Mulder on the 20th Sept but there is the intention of holding an ANZMAG Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) on Wednesday 23 August, 2023 at 13:30 (AEST) during ISMAR 2023. Please contact the Company Secretary (jennifer.wilson@griffith.edu.au) if you have items to include on the agenda.
- For more ANZMAG news please check out the ANZMAG news page at https://anzmag.com.au/anzmag/news/ If anyone has anything they want to advertise, please send key info (such as links) and a picture to Assoc. Prof. Ann Kwan at ann.kwan@sydney.edu.au
- The next ANZMAG virtual seminar series will be held on 1st August at 12 pm AEDT (9 am Perth, 12 pm Brisbane, and Sydney, 2 pm New Zealand). You can join via this link https://massey.zoom.us/j/89076503681?pwd=aHB3N0R6YXZOTlkzL253U3VoUThNZz09 and password: 187963 Details are below.



PAPER OF THE MONTH

This month's Paper of the Month is entitled "Elongated Bacterial Pili as a Versatile Alignment Medium for NMR Spectroscopy" and is by Nour *et al*. I am sure we are all familiar with residual dipolar couplings (RDCs) for determining biological structure and dynamics. The measurement of RDCs relies on the partial alignment of the molecule of interest, for example by using a liquid crystal as a solvent. In this paper the authors use bacterial type 1 pili as an alternative liquid-crystalline alignment medium to measure RDCs. Since type 1 pili are stable against spontaneous dissociation and unfolding, they seem to work well in challenging experimental conditions such as high temperature, the presence of detergents, organic solvents or very acidic pH and so allow the measurement of residual dipolar couplings for proteins, nucleic acids and small molecules by NMR in range of conditions. You can read more on this novel approach at https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/37248171/

MEETINGS

- The 19th NMR users meeting of the Associacao de Usuarios de Ressonancia Magnetica Nuclear (AUREMN) will be held at the Riale Brisa Barra Hotel, beach of Barra da Tijuca, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 25 to 29 Sept 2023. See https://eventos.galoa.com.br/19nmrmeeting-2023/page/2394-program
- SMASH 2023 will take place in at Grand Hotel Dino, Baveno Italy, 17-20 Sept – See https://smashnmr.org
- And, of course, ISMAR 2023 conference will be held on August 20-25, in Brisbane https://www.ismar2023.org

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JOBS

- Griffith University are looking for a Lecturer / Senior Lecturer in Materials Chemistry - https://jobs.smartrecruiters.com/GriffithUniversity/743999919794053-lecturer-senior-lecturer-in-materials-chemistry Deadline = 27th August.
- Griffith are also looking for a Lecturer in Medicinal Chemistry https://jobs.smartrecruiters.com/GriffithUniversity/743999919361065-lecturer-in-medicinal-chemistry Deadline = 20th August.
- The University of Melbourne is looking for a computational biologist/bioinformatician https://careers.pageuppeople.com/422/ci/en/job/913571/bioinformatician Deadline = 2nd August.
- UNSW is looking for a head of Chemistry - https://external-careers.jobs.unsw.edu.au/cw/en/job/517798?lApplicationSubSourceID=11198 Deadline = 6th Sept.

Check out https://www.nature.com/naturecareers/ for a range of other job opportunities.

VALE PROF. JEAN LOUIS CHARLES JEENER

ISMAR reported the sad news of the passing of Prof. Jean Louis Charles Jeener on June 10, 2023 at the age of 91 after a short illness. Jean introduced two-dimensional NMR spectroscopy and proposed the COSY technique in a lecture at the AMPERE Summer School in Basko Polje, Yugoslavia, September 1971, which was then experimentally demonstrated by Richard R. Ernst. Later, Jean also introduced the NOESY experiment. His research interest in NMR started with spin thermodynamics and dynamics in solids, progressively extending towards two-dimensional spectroscopy in liquids, superoperators, peak shapes in the presence of molecular rearrangements, the formulation of pulse spectroscopy with full quantization of the field, radiation damping and dipolar field effects in liquids. Jean was professor of Physics at the Université Libre de Bruxelles from 1960 until he retired in 1996. Among many distinctions, Jean received the ISMAR Prize in 2001, the Prix Quinquennal of the Fonds National de la Recherche Scientifique, the Ampère Prize, the Russell Varian Prize, the Otto Stern Prize, and was an ISMAR fellow.

STORIES FROM THE WEB

- https://www.chemistryworld.com/news/new-setup-enables-epr-studies-on-tiny-protein-crystals/4010466.article – EPR of nanolitre volume crystals could give new information about enzymes.
- https://www.globaltimes.cn/page/202307/1294881.shtml - This month China reported achieving mass production of a domestic MRI instrument.
- https://www.nmr-fingerprinting.de - The NMR fingerprinting tool allows the automatic identification and quantification of structural groups in unknown samples based on ^{1}H, ^{13}C, and ^{13}C DEPT NMR spectra. See also https://analyticalsciencejournals.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/mrc.5381