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Burnet staff to play key role at ASMR Conference

Burnet staff will play a key role in this month's 'Infection and Disease' Australian Society for Medical Research National Scientific Conference (ASMR) at the Melbourne Convention & Exhibition Centre from 14-18 November.

Associate Professor Heidi Drummer is an invited speaker in the Host Cell Invasion and Evasion session and will present 'Biochemical and immunological studies on the hepatitis C virus glycoprotein E2 core domain'.

Dr Paul Gilson, Dr Lachlan Gray and **Gregor Lichtfuss** have had their abstracts selected for an oral presentation following a highly competitive process.

In the session on Infectious Diseases, Dr Gilson will present 'Characterisation of PTEX: the malaria protein export machine' and Dr Gray will present 'Unraveling HIV-1 viral transcription in the CNS: A role for the viral promoter in dementia and latency.'

Virology PhD student, Gregor Lichtfuss, the 2010 Victorian winner of the AusBiotech GSK Student Excellence Awards, will be giving an oral presentation in the session on Immunology, Host Factors and Therapies. He will present 'Inflammation and immune activation associated with loss of NK cell ADCC signalling and function in HIV infection.'

Associate Professor Gilda Tachedjian is convening the Conference and several Burnet Institute researchers will chair sessions at the Australian Health and Medical Research Congress being run concurrently with the Conference including:

- Deputy Director of Burnet and Associate Professor David Anderson
- Associate Professor Rose Ffrench
- Dr Jenny Anderson
- Professor Steve Gerondakis
- Associate Professor Anthony Jaworowski and;
- Associate Professor Johnson Mak.

The Burnet Institute has also generously co-sponsored the symposium on 'Innate Immune Mechanisms' with Monash University featuring Dr Nicolas Manel from the Institute Curie, France.

To find out more about the conference go to: www.ahmrcongress.org.au