

# PAN PACIFIC CONNECTIVE TISSUE SOCIETIES SYMPOSIUM 2020

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## Virtual Meeting 24 – 26 November 2020

The [Australasian Wound & Tissue Repair Society](https://ppctss2020.smalltalkevents.com.au/) (AWTRS) and the [Matrix Biology Society of Australia and New Zealand](https://ppctss2020.smalltalkevents.com.au/) (MBSANZ) are two leading scientific societies focused on the fundamental biological and biochemical mechanisms involved in wound healing and tissue repair and their application in the clinic, as well as the roles of the extracellular matrix in biology and pathology.

We're pleased to announce that the Pan Pacific Connective Tissue Societies Symposium 2020 will still be going ahead with all the elements our community has come to expect, but with one key difference – we're moving online! The virtual format has many benefits for our participants, sponsors, exhibitors and speakers.

The meeting website will be kept up to date with all the latest news about the program, speakers, registration, abstract submission and much more. We very much look forward to welcoming you to our virtual event in November 2020.

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### **Keynote Speakers**

Dr Shenda Baker, Synedgen, Claremont, CA, USA  
Professor Karl Kadler, University of Manchester, UK  
Professor Chwee Teck Lim, Mechanobiology Institute, NUS, Singapore  
Professor Patricia Rousselle, CNRS, France  
McCaughy Chair Professor Anthony Weiss, AM, University of Sydney  
Associate Professor Sara Wickstrom, Helsinki University, Finland  
Winthrop Professor Fiona Wood, AM, University of Western Australia  
Professor Shuhei Yamada, Meijo University, Nagoya, Japan

### **Registration Fees**

Full Registration: \$225  
Member Registration: \$140  
Student Registration: \$105  
Student Member Registration: \$70  
All prices are in Australian Dollars and include GST

The symposium will be held via a virtual platform. Please see the symposium website for information regarding access registration entitles delegates to. Registration will open shortly, please keep an eye out for details

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### **Virtual Meeting Details**

In the new world we all find ourselves in, the virtual format offers a number of significant advantages over traditional face to face meetings. Paramount of course is the safety of everyone involved in the meeting, but our dedicated online events platform has many other features, including:

- *A significant reduction in registration fees* – especially important when so many organisations are facing serious budgetary constraints
- *Live streaming of all oral presentations*, including international plenary speakers, with live Q and A at the end of each session
- *Interactive poster sessions*, with poster presenters able to chat in real time with delegates interested in their work
- *Live networking sessions* where attendees can discuss areas of mutual interest, set up one-on-one video chats, or introduce colleagues to others
- *Exhibition booths* hosted by exhibitors who can showcase their latest products, arrange live demonstrations, answer questions and provide supporting material – all in real time!
- *The same exciting range of topics and research areas*, all presented in online formats compatible with traditional presentation methods
- *The opportunity for Q and A with speakers* outside of the online sessions – no more running out of time for questions!
- *The abstract submission, review and notification process* will remain essentially unchanged
- *The opportunity to reach a far wider audience* by removing constraints such as travel, accommodation and time
- *Online archiving* of all material available for access by members

The timing of the sessions will be adjusted to suit the virtual format and accommodate time differences for international speakers. Keep an eye on your inbox and the [conference](#) website for updates!

Of course, if you have any questions at all about how the virtual meeting will run please don't hesitate to [contact us](#).

### **Conference Chairs**

Professor John Whitelock, University of New South Wales Sydney

Dr Brooke Farrugia, The University of Melbourne

### **Organising Committee**

A/Professor Larisa Haupt, Queensland University of Technology

A/Professor Pritinder Kaur, Curtin University

Dr Zlatko Kopecki, University of South Australia

A/Professor Megan Lord, University of New South Wales Sydney