

Dear AMS Members,

Please find below the latest news and announcements from the Society.

On behalf of the AMS committee, I'd like to wish all our members a wonderful and safe holiday season.

Regards,

Leona Campbell
President, Australasian Mycological Society

Save the Date – 2020 AMS Scientific Meeting, Hobart, July 10 – 11.

Planning is underway for the 2020 AMS Scientific Meeting, which will be held in Hobart on the 10th & 11th July, 2020 (**see the attached flyer**). The symposium themes are Conservation and Restoration, Ecology, Medical mycology, Mycological innovations, Plant and Animal Mycology, Systematics and Evolution. We expect registration and abstract submissions to open in early 2020. Please keep watching the AMS website and future newsletters for more information. If you would like to propose a workshop to be held either before or during the meeting please contact the Jeff Powell (jeff.powell@westernsydney.edu.au).

The 2019 Annual General Meeting

The AMS AGM was held electronically via Zoom on Friday, October 11th 2019. Thank you to all who attended and thanks to all the council members, Genevieve Gates (Councillor), Bevan Weir (Councillor), Tracey Steinrucken (Treasurer), Laszlo Irinyi (Secretary), Jeff Powell (Vice President) for agreeing to join me in continuing in their positions for the 2019-2020 term. This will be the final term for some of our committee members, including myself. I would like to encourage society members, in particular ECRs, to consider nominating to join the committee in 2020. If you would like more information please feel free to contact me (leona.campbell@sydney.edu.au). The minutes of the AGM and the president's report can be found on the AMS website at: <http://www.australasianmycologicalsociety.com/the-society>

Australasian fungi in the IUCN Red List - Tom May & Peter Buchanan, Fungi Conservation Group

Earlier this month, 51 species of fungi were formally added to the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species, as a result of assessments carried out at the Australasian Fungi Red List Workshop held in Melbourne in July this year. In total for the region, there are now 3 fungi listed as Critically Endangered, 15 as Endangered and 9 as Vulnerable. See <https://www.iucnredlist.org/search> for information on each species. We will be organising another Red List Workshop next year in Hobart, at the time of the Australasian Mycological Society Scientific Meeting in July.

2020 Research Award

Applications for the 2020 AMS research award are now welcome from all current financial members of the AMS, especially junior members. The project must be carried out within Australasia; and the applicant must be associated with an Australasian research institute.

Successful applicants are required to present the outcomes of their research at the AMS conference immediately following their award duration. **Up to two grants will be awarded in 2020, each with a maximum value of \$3000. One of the two grants will be prioritised for applicants who are junior members (Higher Degree Research students or recent PhD graduates). The second grant will be open to any member, regardless of career stage.** Contribution to large capital items or conference travel will not be considered. All applications will be judged on scientific merit. Current members of the AMS council are ineligible for an award. See the attached document for more information. Further details of the award can also be found at:

<http://www.australasianmycologicalsociety.com/research-grants>

Applications close March 15th, 2020. Please forward all applications to the AMS Secretary, Laszlo Irinyi, geza25@hotmail.com

Training Grant funds available

Applications for an award from the AMS Training Fund are still being welcomed from all current financial members of the AMS, especially student and ECR (PhD + 10 years) members.

Applicants must be associated with an Australasian research organisation.

The maximum grant awarded in 2020 will be \$1500. There is no deadline for applications – instead, applications will be assessed as they are received, and outcomes communicated after the next AMS Council meeting (quarterly). All applications will be judged on (i) the potential for the individual to benefit, (ii) the lack of opportunity to obtain training in Australasia and (iii) the commitment to pass skills on to the Australasian mycological community. The grant may be used to cover costs of training registration (if applicable) and travel expenses, however it may not be used to cover research costs or bench fees. Successful applicants will be required to share the knowledge that they gained by conducting a workshop at the AMS conference immediately following their award. See the attached flyer for further details. **Please forward all applications to the AMS Secretary, Laszlo Irinyi, geza25@hotmail.com**

Message from the Education Subcommittee

Tertiary course list with mycological content

In an effort to promote tertiary teaching of mycology in Australasia, we have compiled a list of University Courses from Australia and New Zealand that include **mycological** content.

This list is regularly updated. Here is the link:

<https://www.australasianmycologicalsociety.com/learning-and-teaching-tools>

If you teach or know of a course that is currently offered and is **not on this list**, please contact Edu Subcommittee chair, Susan Nuske (amseducchair@gmail.com). This includes undergraduate or postgraduate courses that include at least a couple of lectures and/or a practical/laboratory exercise with **mycological** content. Subjects could include (but not limited to) General Biology, Plant Biology, Ecology or Environmental Science, Pathology, Biosecurity, Agricultural Science, Clinical Microbiology, Parasitology or Immunology. Please share the list! We want prospective students to know that fungi are fascinating and a career in mycology is a viable and fulfilling option!

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