

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT 2006

Professor Levon Khachigian

Whew, and what a year it's been! It has been a great honour to serve at the helm of the Australian Society for Medical Research (ASMR) for the past year. ASMR is the peak body representing this nation's health and medical researchers whose mission it is to foster excellence in medical research, and to promote community understanding and support through public, political and scientific advocacy. The following paragraphs provide a snapshot of the roles ASMR has played this year in running a successful federal health and medical research (HMR) funding campaign, influencing HMR policy, implementing several new initiatives for the benefit of members and the wider HMR community, on top of its vitally-important core business activities.

A. Federal HMR Funding Campaign

The Federal Budget in May saw a \$905 million increase in funding for HMR, including a phased escalation in the NHMRC research budget, infrastructure support for HMR facilities and the introduction of new 'Australia Fellowships'. In the months leading up to the Budget, ASMR was at the forefront of a multi-layered campaign involving ASMR members and friends around the country writing to and visiting their local federal MPs. This strategy, which built on the work of recent past ASMR Presidents and Boards was complemented by high-level meetings with key politicians, their advisors and department heads explaining the exceptional health, social and economic benefits of government investment in HMR. ASMR met directly with Prime Minister Howard, Health Minister Abbott, and among many others, Secretary of the Department of Health and Ageing Jane Halton, and the Commonwealth's Chief Medical Officer John Horvath. ASMR gave evidence to the Standing Parliamentary Committees on HMR making the case for increased funding for HMR. These discussions and our Pre-Budget Submission were based in part on the Access Economics Report "Exceptional Returns: The Value of Investing in Health R&D in Australia" which the society commissioned in 2003, and the recommendations of the Grant "Investment Review of HMR". ASMR strategically thrust the need for

increased HMR funding into the public arena. It published Opinion Editorials in *The Australian* (March 2006) and *The Australian Financial Review* (April 2006) advocating the value of increased federal government investment in HMR. ASMR published an



editorial entitled "HMR: An Investment in our Future" in the *Medical Journal of Australia* on the way forward for HMR sector, capitalising on the investment in the "golden egg" and the critical role to be played by the new NHMRC in the post-Budget era. In his Post-Budget breakfast speech in Sydney (May 10, 2006), the Health Minister singled out ASMR as "an absolute evangelist for Australian HMR". ASMR was an active member of the HMR Funding Advocacy Consortium (together with Research Australia and Association of Australian Medical Research Institutes). This continues to provide an important vehicle with which key arguments on the merits of greater federal HMR investment were put to government in a clear, united and leveraged manner. I thank Professors Suzanne Cory, Bronwyn Kingwell, Dr Christine Bennett, Rebecca James and Steve Carney for our effective and collegial strategic discussions.

B. On NHMRC, and HMR Policy

The NHMRC, as its new CEO Professor Warwick Anderson puts it, is 70 years old and only a few months young. I thank Warwick for being consultative and engaging throughout the year. I am confident the now statutory organisation will thrive in its revitalised mission to build a healthier Australia, particularly through its support of research. ASMR in the last 12 months has given evidence to the Senate Community Affairs Bipartisan Committee on the Legislative Responses

to the Recommendations of the Lockhart Review on the matter of adult and embryonic stem cell research as a new therapeutic frontier. ASMR has made a submission to the Productivity Commission's "Science and Innovation Study" emphasising the vital role played by medical research in workforce training for effective health care delivery and increased capacity, and the identification of barriers. The Draft Research Report was released in November. We also made a submission to the "Australian Code for Responsible Conduct of Research" promoting responsible conduct by researchers to ensure utmost standards of integrity at all levels. In addition, we advised the Department of Health and Ageing on senior NHMRC appointments, and formally advised NHMRC on matters of new governance arrangements and accountability.

Vibrant state-based recognition of HMR building on local strengths is evidenced by Victorian "Healthy Futures" program and the Queensland "Smart State" initiative, and I am pleased to see this vision developing in other states. ASMR was invited to participate in the NSW Premier's "State Plan-A New Direction for NSW", whose brief was to identify clear priorities for the NSW Government over the next 10 years, and made the case for on-going local investment in HMR with relevant Ministers in this and other states.

C. New Initiatives

ASMR is in the process of implementing several new initiatives.

- The ASMR Member Directory is a new web-based search engine that will provide an important communication and networking resource. The Directory was constructed with generous financial support from ISTH Ltd. Be sure to contact the Executive Office if you'd like to be included.
- ASMR has commissioned the University of Queensland Social Research Centre to run a web-based survey Workforce Survey, to help understand and improve the career structures and conditions of Australian health and medical researchers, uncover data not previously available for the sector, and use the data to increase political leverage and public awareness. Early analysis of the data paints a sobering picture. 73% of respondents in active research reported that they have considered leaving for another career option. Of those who have left, or have considered leaving, a variety of factors were reported to have been considered in their decision making processes. 98% reported that the shortage of funding in HMR had been a factor,

while 90% indicated the lack of career development opportunities. Further details will follow.

- We are developing the National Champions for Australian HMR, to celebrate the outstanding achievements of world-class Australian health and medical researchers in improving the lives of Australians, and provide key leverage for public and political advocacy of ASMR. I thank Past-President Dr Moira Clay for agreeing to convene this important new initiative.
- We have set up the Friends of ASMR with the aim of bringing together non-scientist public and political advocates for Australian HMR from within the wider community. This group will support the goals and missions of ASMR by developing strategies in support of and at the direction of the ASMR Board. I thank A/Professor Maria Kavallaris for convening this group.
- Finally, sensing the national need, ASMR is formulating a Career Development Program for implementation in 2007, which will provide specialist training in grantsmanship, leveraged funding, communication skills and mentorship through didactic sessions and interactive workshops. Particular emphasis will be put on those who are at a comparatively early stage in their research career wishing to maintain a vibrant and productive research career in HMR. The convenor of this initiative is A/Professor Peter Eastwood, Coordinator State Committees, a new portfolio this year that has provided an invaluable mechanism to integrate and cross-communicate the activities of ASMR in each state.

D. ASMR Core Business

ASMR Medical Research Week® and ASMR Medallists in 2006 and 2007. MRW this year was again focused on raising public awareness of the value of HMR. Professor Bill Brinkley from Baylor College, TX brought the celebratory message of the virtues of continued investment in HMR 2 months after the welcome news in the Federal Budget. The Week played host to many high profile research awards and prizes, as well as scientific meetings, expos and lectures which provided opportunities to attract media attention at many different levels. It is estimated around 4 million people heard the HMR message during the week. I am delighted that Professor Axel Ullrich, Director of Molecular Biology at the Max Planck Institute, will be the ASMR Medallist for 2007. He is a key developer of the anti-cancer drug Herceptin (listed on the PBS in October 2006) and the first multi-targeted kinase inhibitor SU11248/SUTENT for the treatment of cancer. He is in the top ten of H-index of living biologists.

- **AHMRC 2006.** Melbourne plays host to the 3rd bi-annual Australian Health & Medical Research Congress (AHMRC) at the Melbourne Convention Centre (November 26 to December 1st 2006). The AHMRC sees 30 medical research societies and groups join together to generate an exceptional multi-disciplinary scientific program, spanning cytokines and disease through to stem cells and cancer, with a particular emphasis on translational research. The AHMR is now the largest meeting of its kind in Australia. With over 1200 abstracts, the meeting features over 100 invited international and several hundred invited national speakers, including Professors Richard Flavell (inflammation and immunity), Jean-Paul Thiery (cell adhesion), Rudi Jaenisch (therapeutic cloning), Joe Nevins (genomics), John Bergeron (proteomics). I congratulate Drs Sandra Nicholson (Congress Convenor) and Hamish Scott (Scientific Program Chair) for putting together such an outstanding scientific and social program.

- **NSC 2007.** After a nationwide call for proposals earlier this year, the 2007 ASMR National Scientific Conference on "Tissue Remodelling: Current Understanding and Future Therapeutic Targets" will be held in the Blue Mountains from November 11-14, 2007. The convenors of this conference are Drs Alaina Ammit and Alastair Stewart.

- **New Host City for the 2008 AHMRC.** The 2008 AHMRC will be held in Brisbane in November of that year. This is the first time the AHMRC has moved outside Sydney or Melbourne consistent with the spirit that AHMRC are truly national events. Stay tuned for details.

- **ASMR Research Fund Award.** ASMR has this year made two awards for travel and research collaboration by junior researchers, and again the standard of applications was outstanding. The International Award was won by Dr Elke Hacker (from Queensland Institute for Medical Research to visit the Marie Curie Research Institute, UK) and the Domestic Award was won by Ms Elissa Sutcliffe (from John Curtin School of Medical Research to visit Agilent Technologies, Melbourne). Congratulations to them both.

E. Executive Office

A Presidents' Portrait Gallery now adorns the wall in Macquarie Street featuring virtually every President since the Society's inception in 1961. Also, this year we made the transition from software we had been using for over 10 years to a highly-efficient database retrieval system. I thank the Royal Australasian College of Physicians for providing space in Macquarie Street

for the Executive Office. This year we welcomed Ms Priscilla Diment to the Executive Office.

F. Closing Notes of Appreciation

I would like to take this opportunity to thank sincerely all those in Government, NHMRC, our sister advocate organisations and the countless senior health and medical researchers who recognised the exceptional value of investing in HMR and provided guidance and support throughout the year. I would like to single out, in addition to those already mentioned, Professors Ian Frazer, Bob Graham, Colin Chesterman and Judith Whitworth. I thank recent past ASMR Presidents, the ASMR National Executive and Board, and all State Committees. I wish Associate Professor Maria Kavallaris the very best of success in her term as President and am confident the Society will be well served. I thank my PA Vicki Freeman, and Professor Peter Smith (Dean of Medicine, UNSW) for supporting her position during the year. I thank Dr Maree Overall and Mike Pickford at ASN Events for their thorough professionalism, and my lab for their patience and understanding during my tours of duty. Finally I, and indeed the entire Society, are indebted to our Senior Executive Officer, Cath West for her insightful advice and extraordinary devotion to ASMR and its mission.

Sincerely,



Professor Levon Khachigian
ASMR President, 2006

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2004	AH Sinclair
2005	BA Kingwell
2006	LM Khachigian

ASMR Research Awards

There are two ASMR Research Awards, one specifically to conduct research in an overseas laboratory (\$5,000) and one specifically to conduct research in an Australian laboratory (\$2,000) outside the recipient's home city.

The Awards supports a postgraduate student member of the society nearing completion of their studies or a recently graduated postdoctoral member.

Winners of the Award

2000	Miss Raelene Lim
2001	Dr Patricia Mote
2002	Ms Vanessa Murphy
2003	Ms Mary Kavurma
2004	Dr Richard Allen
2005	Dr Gabrielle Todd
2006	Ms Elissa Sutcliffe (Dom.)
2006	Dr Elke Hacker (Interntl.)

Please consider donating to the ASMR Research Fund when next paying your subscription. Applications for Awards will be available from the website early 2007 (www.asmr.org.au)

Board Meetings - Attendance by Directors

November 20, 2005

A/Prof B Kingwell, Prof L Khachigian, Associate Professors M McGuckin, M Kavallais, P Eastwood, A J Lopez, Drs R Baker, A Ammit, S Meachem, S Nicholson, M O'Bryan, J Phillips, L Butler, M Hulett, G Tachedjian, A Butt.
Apology: A/Prof Martin Delatycki

March 21, 2006

Prof L Khachigian, A/Professors M Kavallaris, M Delatycki, A J Lopez, P Eastwood, Drs A Ammit, M Hulett, S Meachem, S Nicholson, A Butt, G Tachedjian

July 13, 2006

Prof L Khachigian, A/Professors M Kavallaris, M Delatycki, Drs A Ammit, M Hulett, S Nicholson, A Butt, G Tachedjian
Apologies: Dr S Meachem, A/Prof A J Lopez, A/Prof P Eastwood

September 5, 2006

Prof L Khachigian, A/Professors M Kavallaris, M Delatycki, A Lopez, P Eastwood, Drs A Ammit, M Hulett, S Meachem, S Nicholson, A Butt, G Tachedjian

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE AUSTRALIAN SOCIETY FOR MEDICAL RESEARCH, COURAN COVE RESORT, QLD., MONDAY 21ST NOVEMBER, 2005

Item 1. Welcome, and Apologies, *A/Prof Bronwyn Kingwell*

A/Prof Kingwell opened the Annual General Meeting at 12:30pm in the presence of the required quorum. The following apologies were tabled -

A/Prof Matthew Gillespie
Dr Peter O'Loughlin
Professor Nick Hunt
Dr Kieran Scott
Prof M Wintour-Coghlan
Dr Wayne Phillips
Prof Peter Doherty
A/Prof Martin Delatycki
Dr Moira Clay
Dr Stella Clark
Prof Margaret Morris
A/Prof Mike McGuckin

Item 2. Confirmation of Minutes, 23rd November, 2004, *A/Prof Bronwyn Kingwell*

Dr Moira O'Bryan moved that the Minutes of the AGM of 23rd November 2004 be accepted as a true and accurate reflection of that Meeting.

Item 3. President's Report, *A/Prof Bronwyn Kingwell*

A/Prof Kingwell spoke of the political activities of the Society and the timely award of the Nobel Prize to Barry Marshall and Robin Warren in assisting to raise the profile of health and medical research. The Investment Review of Health and Medical Research (Grant Review), released in December 2004 has resulted in the NHMRC's new status as a statutory body and the proposed internal restructuring. As yet, there is no commitment to the recommendation for increased funding. The Society has been conducting both a high level and grass roots campaign involving letter writing from foundation and patient

groups, medical centres and health and medical researchers as well as direct meetings with politicians, advisors and senior bureaucrats. ASMR has made presentations to both the House of Representatives Standing Committee for Health and Ageing and the Government Backbench Policy Committee for Health and Ageing. Politicians are aware of the campaign and the call for the implementation of the financial recommendations of the Grant Review. It is essential now to engage the Treasurer and Minister for Finance. Raising the profile of health and medical research by communicating your own science to the general public, A/Prof Kingwell said, is one of the important tools which will help to maintain pressure on government.

The proposed NHMRC restructure creates an opportunity to deliver funds more efficiently to researchers. A new CEO will be recruited and there will be vacancies for all principal committee chairs. ASMR will be involved in putting forward names of people who should be filling these positions and will be working closely with the NHMRC to ensure the restructure is as constructive as it possibly can be.

After much soul searching, A/Prof Kingwell advised, ASMR has a new logo. This change was initiated by the 2004 President, A/Prof Andrew Sinclair. The bold, new look Newsletter has been delivered electronically throughout the year with the October issue being sent in hard copy as well. The hard copy delivered the

most feed-back from members and this will be an issue for the new board to consider.

ASMR Medical Research Week® was highly successful, attracting record media coverage, largely due to ASMR's controversial and thought provoking Medallist, Prof Julian Savulescu. It is pleasing, A/Prof Kingwell said, to see the regional schools events expanding as well as the inaugural Tasmanian dinner. All of the state committees are to be congratulated.

The Society will be conducting another 'brain drain' survey, to provide data identifying barriers to medical research careers in Australia. NHMRC has recently conducted a workforce survey of individuals funded through their people support schemes between 1992-2002. ASMR plans to become involved in a mentoring scheme particularly aimed at early career researchers.

The new format NSC is more specialised than in previous years and the aim is to rotate a high caliber scientific meeting between specialist areas every second year. The new board will be seeking feed back on this meeting and on future themes.

A/Prof Kingwell thanked Cath West and Alexis Harris for their support, as well as the Royal Australasian College of Physicians who provide office space for the Society. She went on to thank the entire Board of Directors, particularly Prof Levon Khachigian. A/Prof Kingwell stated that the Society will be in good hands in 2006 and presented retiring

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Directors, Dr Rohan Baker, Dr Jackie Phillips, Dr Lisa Butler and Dr Moira O'Bryan with their Past Director pins.

Item 4. Treasurer's Report, Dr Rohan Baker

Dr Baker referred to the audited accounts contained within the Annual Report of the Society and advised that the operating outcome this year is better than last year. This is largely due to reduced lobbying and media costs and the electronic delivery of the Newsletter. Dr Baker pointed out that the reduced lobbying costs did not mean there were reduced lobbying activities and reminded members that ASMR has funds in reserve to cover only one year's operating expenses. Membership fees are important to ASMR, Dr Baker said, representing approximately one quarter of the income of the Society. Dr Baker pointed to the reports of income and expenditure in respect of the DHA and NHMRC sponsorships which are important to the public outreach and educational activities of ASMR. He thanked Cath West for her work in the maintenance of the accounts of the Society and moved that the audited financial reports be accepted; seconded by Dr Moira O'Bryan.

Item 5. ASMR Research Fund, Dr Rohan Baker

Referring again to the audited reports, Dr Baker advised that the fund this year, operated at a loss of \$2,360. For the last few years, there has been a prize of \$5,000 for a junior scientist to conduct research in a laboratory outside the recipient's home city. The Board has resolved to offer an additional prize of \$2,000

which will be for research in an Australian laboratory while the \$5,000 prize will be for research in an overseas laboratory. The Research Fund has assets of \$30,000. It is felt that the electronic delivery of the Newsletter may have had a negative impact on donations to the Fund. Dr Rohan Baker moved that the audited reports of the ASMR Research Fund be accepted; seconded by A/Prof Maria Kavallaris.

A/Prof Kingwell announced that Dr Gabrielle Todd from the University of Adelaide is the winner of the 2005 Research Award. Dr Todd will be working with Professor Mark George at The Medical University of South Carolina., USA, and will learn how to use cutting edge technology involving functional imaging. This technique will be used to study the cortical changes that accompany motor learning and how best to induce similar changes with magnetic brain stimulation. This work has the capacity to lead to important new strategies for the rehabilitation of brain injured patients.

Item 6. Subcommittee Reports

a) Research Careers, Dr Jacqueline Phillips

Dr Phillips referred to the President's Report which covered many of the activities of careers portfolio. Dr Phillips reported that the expanded Professional Development Workshops in Qld, WA and SA were extremely successful and will be conducted in NSW in 2006. Dr Phillips thanked Dr Sarah Meachem for coordinating the workshops. She concluded by advising that the regional schools initiative reached over 2000 students in 2005.

b) Membership, A/Prof Mike McGuckin

A/Prof Kingwell, in the absence

of A/Prof Mike McGuckin, reiterated the importance of maintaining subscription to the Society as the membership fees are an important component of the ASMR's income.

A/Prof Kingwell then advised the meeting that the Board of Directors have proposed Dr Maree Overall for Life Membership of ASMR. Dr Overall, A/Prof Kingwell said, has had a long involvement with the Society and has demonstrated loyalty, perseverance and dedication to the ongoing success of ASMR Medical Research Week®, the National Scientific Conferences, the Australian Health and Medical Research Congress and all activities of the Society to an extent well beyond what is expected of a member or contractor of the ASMR. A/Prof Kingwell presented Dr Overall with her Certificate of Life Membership and a small gift of appreciation. The election of Dr Maree Overall to Life Membership was ratified by a show of hands.

c) Newsletter, Dr Moira O'Bryan

Dr O'Bryan advised that the next Newsletter will be put together in February 2006 for delivery in March and that any issues or input could be sent to her for forwarding to the incoming Newsletter Editor. A/Prof Kingwell accepted a comment from A/Prof Christine Clarke to the effect that the electronic version of the newsletter was acceptable but needed to be headlined more effectively in the email header.

d) ASMR MRW Week®, Dr Alaina Ammit

Dr Ammit thanked the hard working ASMR committees for their invaluable support and urged all present to encourage

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participation in the events and in the organization of the Week. Dr Ammit thanked Cath West and Lexy Harris for their contributions.

e) State Reports, *A/Prof Bronwyn Kingwell*

A/Prof Kingwell advised that the State Committees are working well with most having a strong structure and depth. She again congratulated the committees for their most excellent work.

f) NSC 2005, *Dr Lisa Butler and Dr Moira O'Bryan*

Dr Butler expressed the hope that the registrants were enjoying the conference. She thanked Dr Chris Ormandy and Dr Kate Loveland for designing a program with something for everyone as well as the Firkin and Edwards Orators, Prof Ken Korach and Prof David de Kretser. In addition, Dr Butler thanked ASN Events Pty Ltd for their organization of the 2005 National Scientific Conference and also Cath West and Lexy Harris.

g) AH&MRC 2006, *Dr Sandra Nicholson*

Dr Nicholson advised that the Australian Health and Medical Research Congress is to be held at the Melbourne Convention Centre, November 26 to December 1, 2006. There is an expectation of 2,500 registrants with 60 international speakers. Dr Nicholson asked registrants to disseminate the flyer for the Congress.

h) NSC 2006, *Dr Sandra Nicholson*

Dr Nicholson advised that "Cytokines, Inflammation & Disease" are to be the theme for the NSC which is a component AH&MRC. Dr

Robyn Starr is the Convenor of the NSC 2006.

Item 7. General Business, *A/Prof Bronwyn Kingwell*

A/Prof Bronwyn Kingwell announced that Lexy Harris was leaving ASMR to take up a position with HSA and ASBT as their Administrative Officer. Lexy Harris has been with the Society for seven and a half years and has made a valuable contribution to ASMR. A/Prof Kingwell congratulated Lexy Harris on her new position and presented a small gift in appreciation. Lexy Harris particularly thanked Cath West for her friendship and calm counsel. She thanked ASMR directors past and present and said that it had been a pleasure to work for the Society. A/Prof Kingwell passed the conduct of the AGM to the incoming President, Professor Levon Khachigian.

Item 8. Directors and Office Bearers, 2006, *Professor Levon Khachigian*

Prof Khachigian expressed his thanks and that of the Society for the extraordinary contribution A/Prof Kingwell has made. A/Prof Kingwell, Prof Khachigian said, has been a tireless advocate for ASMR and for health and medical research. Prof Khachigian presented A/Prof Kingwell with the Past President's Pin before announcing the 2006 Board of Directors and Office Bearers.

A/P Maria Kavallaris (NSW)
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Dr Alaina Ammit (NSW)
Honorary Secretary

Dr Mark Hulett (ACT)
Careers, and Membership Co-convenor

Dr Sandra Nicholson (Vic)
Australian Health and Medical

Research Congress

A/P J Alejandro Lopez (Qld)
Membership and Careers Committee

Dr Sarah Meachem (Vic)
Public Relations, and Careers co-convenor

Dr Gilda Tachedjian (Vic)
Newsletter

Dr Alison Butt (NSW)
Medical Research Week

A/P Peter Eastwood (WA)
Co-ordinator of State Committees

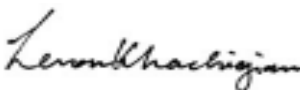
A/P Martin Delatycki (Vic)
Clinical Issues

Prof Khachigian advised that Dr Steven Polyak (SA) has agreed to be the Board Liaison Representative for South Australia.

There being no further business, Prof Khachigian closed the meeting at 1pm.



A/Prof Bronwyn Kingwell



Prof Levon Khachigian

November 29, 2006



Agenda
Annual General Meeting
Melbourne Convention Centre, Corryong 5, 12:30 to 01:15pm, Wed. 29th November, 2006

- Item 1. Welcome and Apologies, Prof Levon Khachigian
- Item 2. Confirmation of Minutes, 21/11/2005, Prof Levon Khachigian
- Item 3. President's Report, Prof Levon Khachigian
- Item 4. Treasurer's Report, A/Prof Maria Kavallaris
- Item 5. ASMR Research Fund, A/Prof Maria Kavallaris
 - i) Announcement of Research Award Winners 2006
 - ii) Research Award Winner 2005, Gabrielle Todd
- Item 6. Subcommittee Reports
 - a) Research Careers, Dr Mark Hulett
 - i) Workforce Survey, Dr Sarah Meachem
 - ii) Continuing Professional Development, A/Prof Peter Eastwood
 - b) Membership, A/Prof J Alejandro Lopez
 - c) Newsletter, Dr Gilda Tachedjian
 - d) ASMR MRW Week®, Dr Alison Butt
 - e) Media, Dr Sarah Meachem
 - f) State Reports, A/Prof Peter Eastwood
 - g) NSC 2006, Dr Robyn Starr
 - h) AHMRC 2006, Dr Sandra Nicholson
 - i) NSC 2007, Dr Alaina Ammit
- Item 7. Other Business, Prof Levon Khachigian
- Item 8. Directors and Office Bearers, 2007, A/Prof Maria Kavallaris

Honorary Secretary, Dr Alaina Ammit

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