

New ASP Member, Ms. Emma Barnes

by Dr. Amy Keller

ASP is pleased to welcome several new members to the Society this year. One of our newest Associate members for summer is Ms. Emma Barnes. She is a PhD student at Eskitis Institute for Cell and Molecular Therapies at Griffith University, Brisbane, Australia. We are grateful to her for giving us the opportunity to get more acquainted with her.

How did you hear about the ASP?

My Ph.D. supervisor, Dr. Rohan Davis, suggested that I attend the ASP 2011 Annual Meeting in order to present my research to an international audience; upon learning more about the society I decided to join.

Why did you join ASP?

I am interested in learning about and meeting researchers from all around the world who are working in the field of natural products. As I am looking at finishing my PhD and starting a post-doc, hopefully overseas, within the next few years, I thought joining ASP would be a good means of doing this.

What would you like to achieve through your membership?

I am very interested in natural products drug discovery and I am hoping that my membership will allow me to meet people from all around the world who share this interest, and also provide me with a way to keep on learning about this field from more experienced researchers.

What other scientific societies do you belong to?

I am also a member of the Royal Australian Chemical Institute.

What do you like doing in your spare time?

I enjoy both seeing other people's artwork and spending time drawing and painting myself. People often think of scientists as being quite logical but I believe we are a creative bunch. I enjoy being in the outdoors, whether it be going on a hike or settling down in a nice park for a picnic.

What are you currently reading?

I am reading a lot of journal papers on Australian plants and books on Aboriginal traditional medicines in order to get the literature review for my thesis up to scratch. Also, the 'Science of Cooking' by Peter Barham.

What is your favorite movie?

My favorite movies are *Shaun of the Dead*, *Howl's Moving Castle*, *Daywatch*, *Lucky Miles*, and many more.



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Ms. Emma Barnes analyzing natural products purified from Australian plant extracts by NMR. Ms. Barnes is currently searching for new natural products and potential natural product scaffolds for the generation of screening libraries.