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## Combined Biological Sciences Meeting

On Friday 26th August 2016 the Combined Biological Sciences Meeting (CBSM) was held at The University Club of University of Western Australia. CBSM promotes biological science in Western Australia by encouraging the interaction of scientists, students, and industry from all of the life sciences. It was the 26th year of CBSM and a record number of abstracts were submitted. Students and ECRs were invited to talk in six main sessions: two concurrent new investigator sessions in the morning for ECRs and four concurrent student speaker sessions in the afternoon.

<http://cbsmwa.org.au/images/Program/cbsm2016.pdf>

## Poster Session

The poster session was held during the morning. There were about 90 posters covering the areas of:-

- Microbiology
- Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
- Cell and Developmental Biology
- Animal and Human Health, and Nutrition
- Ecology, Environment and Evolution
- Plant Science
- Genetics
- Neuroscience
- Immunology
- Research Professionals

## RSWA Award

The Royal Society of Western Australia (RSWA) sponsored the \$300 prize for the Ecology, Environment and Evolution session E where there were 8 posters. In attendance on behalf of RSWA was Dr Charlotte Oskam. The winning student for this session was **Rachele Bernasconi** a PhD student from the Centre for Marine Ecosystems Research at Edith Cowan University, for her poster 'Geographical Patterns of Potential Co-occurrence between Coral, Symbiodinium and Bacteria' detailed at E3:-

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