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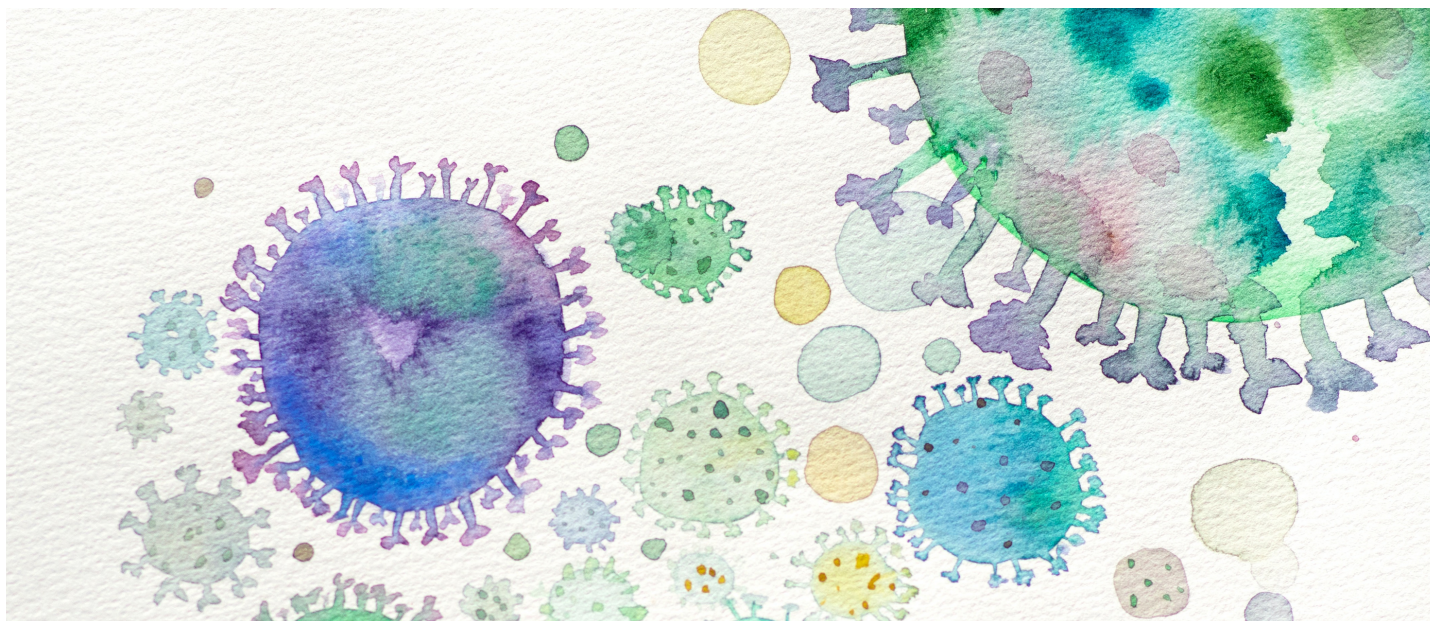


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**Virtual EduCon** was organised with some haste by Priscilla Johanesen and Megan Lloyd in the immediate post-lockdown period of May/June 2020. July 9th 2020 was the first day of lockdown for Melbourne at the start of the terrible second wave of SARS-CoV-2 infections. Presentations were made using Zoom and for most of us, this was the first online conference that we had been involved in. There is a longer report in *Microbiology Australia* 41(3) 163-164 that describes the presentations in detail, and we'd like to thank everyone again for their contributions and their willingness to participate. It was a really great morning, and worth getting up early for. The booking site and Zoom technology worked well and thanks to everyone who filled in the questionnaire afterwards and for Monash University for allowing us to use your resources. Your comments were really appreciated and will be used to organise EduCon in 2021 (see Page 4). 😊

## ASMCUE - 2020

The ASM Conference for Undergraduate Educators (ASMCUE) was held online in 2021. The times of US conferences are not necessarily the best for us here in Australia, but put on some pyjamas and turn off the camera and we're all good! One of the outcomes from ASMCUE was a Google Drive that was created with ideas for online activities. The link is [https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1EtW16s\\_qXJXqOPPsVPy3rtiuHLB34FrD](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1EtW16s_qXJXqOPPsVPy3rtiuHLB34FrD). Make sure you check out their Facebook group too.

# Congratulations Dr Jack Wang, UQ



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Excellence in  
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Please let me know if you would like to contribute 😊

# EduCon

## Microbiology Educators' Conference

Preparations are underway for EduCon 2021. The date has not yet been confirmed, but is likely to be Friday June 4th. and it is likely to be carried out fully online. We have some tentative speakers already confirmed and I'm excited to announce that **A/Prof Danilla Grando** from **RMIT University** and **Dr Gal Winter** from the **University of New England** will both be speaking.

**Please rush me with ideas for speakers** and I'm sure we can put together a wonderful program. Please also send me details of any innovations in online conferencing that you have experienced in the past year that you think would work for us. I'm really looking forward to getting together with everyone again and hearing about your year.

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# NOMINATIONS ARE OPEN

Would you like to be the next Convener of the ASM Education Special interest group (EdSIG)? Please email Megan and let her know.

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**Elections will be held during  
EduCon 2021.**

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