

CAMPION – MA – PLAYOUST MEMORIAL AWARD - \$1000.00

Background

The **Campion Ma Playoust Memorial Award** was instituted by a motion of the Annual General Meeting of the Society in December 1975. It is presented for the best contribution for an oral and/or poster presentation at the National Scientific Conference by a *student member* or a *member under thirty years of age* at the time of the Conference.



Marc Playoust was President of ASMR in 1967. He was tragically killed in a road accident after the 1972 National Scientific Conference, held in Adelaide. Marc had an enviable academic and scientific record as well as being engaged in politics and philosophy. He had been a source of great strength to the Society, serving on the Board of Directors from 1964-1968. He was Treasurer from 1965 until taking on the Presidency in 1967.

Marc Playoust made a vital contribution to ASMR as one of the principle forces behind the structuring of the constitution and the financial viability of the Society. At the time of his death Marc was 37 years old and had just completed theological training to be ordained a priest.

In 1973, a swimming accident at the Surfers Paradise NSC claimed the lives of two young members, Clair Campion of Adelaide and Marcus Ma from Sydney. Marcus was at the time, Honorary Secretary of the Society. Both young people were well known and respected

In remembering the history of the award, Professor John Funder (ASMR president, 1979) recalls:

“The ASMR meeting in December 1973 was at Surfers Paradise, and was one of the most emotionally charged meetings I have ever been to. Memories were fresh of the death of Marc Playoust, a former ASMR President who while returning to Sydney from a meeting interstate was killed in a horrific car accident, and the Society instituted the Playoust Award in his memory.

At the Surfers Paradise meeting, after dinner one evening, a group decided to go swimming, and the sandbar on which they were standing gave way: two of their number, Claire Campion and Marcus Ma, did not return. Claire was a young investigator, a candidate for the Playoust Award: in honour of the two members whose lives were cut short at Surfers, the Award became the Campion Ma Playoust Memorial Award shortly thereafter.”

Winners of the CMP Memorial Award

1977	Felicity Wilson (Vic)	2000	Mark Biondo (Vic)
1978	Julie Owens (Qld)	2001	Aiden Marshall (Vic)
1979	Wayne Tilley (SA)	2002	Mark Chong (Vic)
1980	Margaret Morris (Vic)	2003	Peter van Wijngaarden (SA)
1981	Elizabeth Sher (Vic)	2004	Charlotte East (Vic)
1982	Peta Jervois (SA)	2005	Heidi Hilton (NSW)
1983	Patricia Chick (Vic)	2006	Emma Lee (Vic)
1984	Dennis Feeney (NSW)	2007	Christine Perry (Qld)
1985	Ian Darby (Vic)	2008	Clare Berry (WA)
1986	Damian Myers (Vic)	2009	Jerome Staal (Tas)
1987	Elizabeth Musgrove (NSW)	2010	Fatima El-Assaad (NSW)
	Anne-Marie Bordun (Vic)	2011	India Bohanna (Qld)
1988	Ian Kwoh-Gain (Qld)	2012	Joanna Rakoczy (Qld)
1989	Christopher Ormandy (NSW)	2013	Myles Minter (Vic)
1990	Dean Moss (Qld)		Samantha Solon-Biet (NSW)
1991	Sarah Robertson (SA)	2014	Brooke Pereira (Vic)
1992	Karen McKay (NSW)	2015	Hannah Wardill (SA)
1993	Qizhong Song (Qld)	2016	Joshua Horne-Debets (Qld)
1994	Paul Baldock (SA)	2017	Anouschka Ackerman (NSW)
1995	Helen Venetsanokos (SA)	2018	Lisa Cherian (SA)
1996	Rosemary Santangelo (NSW)	2019	Lelinh Duong (WA)
1997	Matthew Bidgood (NSW)	2020	Nazanin Karimnia (VIC)
1998	Laura Issa (NSW)	2021	Jack Chan (VIC)
1999	Nicholas Shackel (NSW)	2022	Ella Swaney (VIC)