

# COMMITTEE REPORTS

## Uniting and supporting New Investigators

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Chair of the ISH New Investigator Committee (Australia), outlines committee activity and priorities for 2023 and 2024



On behalf of the New Investigator Committee, I would first like to acknowledge the fantastic work of the immediate past Chair, A/Prof. Brandi Wynne, and past members, Dr. Manja Zec, Dr. Mariane Bertagnolli, Dr. Nicolas Renna and Dr. Lyudmila Korostovsteva. The past committee brought New Investigators together through incredibly challenging years with the [ISH Live](#) events, continued to promote outstanding early career scientists through the [New Investigator Spotlight](#) and [Our Fellows Work](#).

A personal highlight from my time on the previous committee was the [Reconnecting New Investigators symposium](#), held at ISH 2022 in Kyoto. The symposium had a strong focus on networking after several years of communication through our screens. We also had the privilege

of learning about the publication process from esteemed senior investigators A/Prof. Dylan Burger, Prof. Rhian Touyz and Prof. Alta Schutte. The committee received fantastic feedback about the symposium and it was wonderful to see friends made at this event spending time together for the duration of the conference.





Top row from left to right: Dean Picone (Australia), Mega Febrianora (Indonesia), Chloé Landry (Canada)  
 Bottom row from left to right: Neusa Jessen (Mozambique), Charlotte Mills (UK), Rikeish Muralitharan (Australia)

The current New Investigator Committee met for the first time in early April. Our committee is comprised of ISH members from different global regions, and varied career stages. Our mission is to promote the interests of new investigators in hypertension research globally by inclusive collaboration, promotion and networking.

A priority for the committee will be to deliver a series of inclusive activities and events at the ISH 2024 meeting in Cartagena. Our aim is to unite New Investigators to form new friendships and collaborations that last well beyond the life of the meeting. Be sure to keep an eye out in the coming months for more information!

The committee will continue to promote outstanding New Investigators through the Spotlight initiative. We aim to grow the initiative so that New Investigators featured in the Spotlight

have an opportunity for wider promotion of their work through the Hypertension News and online capacity building events. Previous Spotlights can be viewed on the ISH website, including winners of our Reconnecting New Investigators awards, [Dr. George Siopis](#), [Dr. Dhashani Sivaratnam](#) and [Dr. Zach Blaikie](#). If their research sparks interest for you, contact details for these investigators are contained within the Spotlight article.

Other initiatives of the committee will include forming connections with new investigator networks from hypertension, cardiovascular and non-communicable disease organisations and scientific activities.

I feel honoured, and a great responsibility, to lead the New Investigator Committee to deliver our mission. Our committee will be highly collaborative and inclusive, and in that spirit, we welcome suggestions and feedback on our activities. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with us via [nic@ish-world.com](mailto:nic@ish-world.com)

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