



**NATALIE A SIMS**

**Title:** Associate Director St. Vincent's Institute, NHMRC Senior Research Fellow

**Institution:** St. Vincent's Institute of Medical Research

**Memberships:** ASBMR, IBMS, ANZBMS, ISBM

**Publications:** 49 papers in peer-reviewed journals, 16 chapters/reviews

**Honors:** Member, National Health and Medical Research Council (Australia) Grant Review Panel, 2006-2007; Best Paper Award (IBMS), 2003; Young Investigator Award (ASBMR), 1999

**Society Participation:** Editorial Board, *Bone*, 2006- ; Council Member, Australian and New Zealand Bone and Mineral Society, 2009-2011; Board Member, International Society for Bone Morphometry, 2009-2011; Member, ASBMR Education Committee, 2009-

**Professional Interests:** Intercellular signaling between the cells of bone, including osteoblasts, osteocytes and osteoclasts; gp130 signalling in bone cells; histomorphometry of genetically altered mouse models; anabolic actions of PTH.

**Specific Ideas about the Future of the Society and your Role in it:**

- To encourage and support PhD students and early career researchers through workshops, scholarships and fellowships
- Maintain high quality and scientific diversity of scientific meetings
- Encourage international collaboration through the activities of the Society
- Continue collaborations with affiliated societies, expand affiliations
- Ensure fiscal responsibility of the Society.