

Dear all

In this week's digest:

- It's great to see plenty of registrations coming in for MODSIM2023. The [Early Bird registration](#) price is available for **one more week (31 March)**. You can still submit an extended abstract (one page maximum) until **5 May**. Read our [instructions for authors](#).
- Another [plenary speaker](#) has been confirmed – **Dr Simon Barry from CSIRO** in Canberra is the Digital Lead for the Environment business unit at CSIRO. He focuses on driving innovation in the use of digital technologies to ensure Australia can navigate the challenges and opportunities the future presents. He is passionate about the opportunity that digital technologies offer to transform the way we understand and manage our environment and natural resources.
- Nominations for the MSSANZ Biennial Medal and Early Career Research Excellence awards are closing soon. Nominate using the online forms at <https://mssanz.org.au/forms/biennial-medals/> and <https://mssanz.org.au/forms/ecre-awards/>
- **Have your say in setting Australia's Science & Research Priorities**
The Department of Industry, Science and Resources is currently engaging in a conversation to hear your/our views on what Australia's science priorities should address. Have your say by COB 31 March. It's easy. Go to <https://consult.industry.gov.au/sciencepriorities1>. Identify yourself, and then answer 2 questions:
 - * What are Australia's greatest challenges that science could help to address? What opportunities should we seize? What strengths should we maintain and/or build?
 - * Does Australia have the capability and capacity needed to address these challenges, opportunities and strengths? If not, how could we build this?You can also upload a video if you prefer to provide your answers that way.
A great initiative – and thanks to our ECRs for drawing this opportunity to our attention.

If you would like something included in this digest, please email it to office@mssanz.org.au

Kind regards, Karen