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## **Student Paper Awards Committee**

### **Nicholas Carlile, Co-Chair**

Nicholas Carlile (MSc), a Churchill Fellow, is a Seabird Project Officer in the Threatened Fauna Ecology Unit of the Department of Environment Climate Change and Water in New South Wales, Australia. He has been working with seabirds for more than 20 years, most notably with Gould's petrel which was recently down-listed in NSW from endangered to vulnerable under IUCN criteria. Nicholas has worked with a range of seabird groups including penguins, petrels, shearwaters, terns and gulls. His interests include island restorations, seabird translocations and intraspecific interactions. He is actively involved in several overseas seabird programs in Fiji and Bermuda. He is the secretary of the Australasian Seabird Group where he runs a program of island surveys.

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### **Mark Tasker, Co-Chair**

Mark Tasker is the Head of Marine Advice at the UK's Joint Nature Conservation Committee (JNCC – [www.jncc.gov.uk](http://www.jncc.gov.uk)), based in Aberdeen, Scotland. His responsibility is to advise on the nature conservation of the UK's seas and oceans, including those of UK's overseas territories, and of those organisms that use these areas. He is also a Vice-Chair of the Advisory Committee of the International Council for the Exploration of the Seas (ICES – [www.ices.dk](http://www.ices.dk)), a part-time paid post and is responsible for the marine ecosystem advice given by ICES, mostly to international governance bodies. He is vice chair of the Advisory Committee of the Agreement on the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels (ACAP – [www.acap.aq](http://www.acap.aq)), having helped negotiate and establish the Agreement in 2000. In the past I have worked extensively on seabirds, especially seabird distribution at sea and on seabird colony monitoring. I was chair of the Seabird Group from 2004-07 and sat for many years on the Pacific Seabird Group's executive committee.

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### **Pablo Yorrio, Co-Chair**

Pablo Yorrio completed his Doctorate in Biological Sciences at the University of Buenos Aires. He has a research position at the Consejo Nacional de Investigaciones Científicas y Técnicas (CONICET) and is currently acting as Technical Coordinator for the Wildlife Conservation Society Argentina Program. He is also Professor at the Universidad Nacional de la Patagonia. Since 1984 he has been working on the ecology and conservation of Patagonian seabirds, including penguins, gulls, terns and cormorants. Research topics have included distribution and abundance of breeding populations, breeding biology, habitat selection, feeding ecology, interactions with human activities and conservation strategies. He has written over ninety scientific articles, book chapters, and technical reports on issues related to seabirds in Argentina. He has acted as consultant in topics related to coastal and marine conservation for several national and international organizations.

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