

National Foundation for Medical Research and Innovation



NFMRI

2015 NFMRI Awards

Join us at our 2015 NFMRI Awards, where we will celebrate the achievements of our current grant recipients and announce our grants with funding commencing in 2016. We will also be opening our special purpose grant round with the NSW Department of Primary Industries.

We would like to thank the NSW Department of Primary Industries for hosting the event and partnering with us to support research into infectious diseases.

The awards night will be held at 5.30pm on 3 December 2015 at the MLC Centre in Sydney. For more information or to register, please visit <https://nfmri.eventbrite.com.au>

Events

Griffith Hack Lunch, Sydney
12.00pm - 2.00pm,

11 November 2015

NFMRI Awards, Sydney
5.30pm-8.00pm,

3 December 2015

For further information
visit www.nfmri.org.au

Partnership with NSW Department of Primary Industries

NSW Minister for Primary Industries Niall Blair announced an additional \$400,000 in funding to support a 'one health' project, which targets the animal-human disease interface. The \$400,000 announcement will be invested over the next two years and builds on the first successful collaboration with our Foundation, which saw \$372,000 invested.

The first of the grants funded a new lab-on-a-chip device for faster disease diagnostics, developed by Prof Stephen Haskell at Deakin University. This new device can rapidly identify infections and the causative virus.

More information will be made available at our awards night on the 3rd of December 2015. [Register here](#). To read the NSW Department of Primary Industries' announcement, click [here](#).

NFMRI Conference "Putting Rubber on the Road"

A few weeks ago, we held our inaugural medical research and innovation conference, "*Putting Rubber on the Road*", in Sydney. The conference was launched by Mr Paul Clitheroe AM, who coined this title when we introduced and discussed the role, strategy and approach of our Foundation. The conference was great success and for this we wish to thank our conference partner, the [NSW Department of Primary Industries](#), and our conference supporter, [Celgene Pty Ltd](#).

We also wish to thank our speakers for taking the time to share their wisdom, insight and ideas with us all on the day, as well as all delegates who joined us over both days. We hope you enjoyed it and look

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Professor Maree Smith wins AusBiotech Awards



We wish to congratulate our Research Advisory Committee member, Professor Maree Smith, for her recent achievements. Prof Smith was awarded the prestigious Industry Leadership Award that forms part of the Johnson & Johnson Innovation 2015 Industry Excellence Awards that were announced at the AusBiotech national conference in Melbourne.

Professor Smith was recognised for her stellar career as a researcher - capable of prolific discovery of novel therapeutics - and her ability to successfully translate these discoveries into practice.

Professor Smith's work pioneering in the development of new treatments for chronic pain has led to the development and one of the biggest sales of an Australian biotech asset, Spinifex Pharmaceuticals. Spinifex Pharmaceuticals also received the 'Company of the Year' award.

Blog Posts

[And the rubber has been set!](#)

[HealthXN's Marc Niemes' interview with the NFMRI](#)

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