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2015 NFMRI Conference: Registrations Closing Soon!

The NFMRI's inaugural Medical Research Innovation Conference will take place at the Australian National Maritime Museum in Sydney, New South Wales on the 9th and 10th of September 2015. It will bring together local and international experts to explore general themes focused on how the right private and social investments in medical research can lead to the advancement of innovation, and how these investments may be made in areas that improve the current system and therefore increase Australia's capability and capacity to deliver results.

The inaugural conference will focus on improving collaboration between research and industry and will look into how this can be led through private, philanthropic and government investments. It will highlight ways the sector can invest in disruptive change to deliver better health outcomes for Australians and potentially the world.

To facilitate engagement, delegates will be provided a link upon registration enabling them to submit questions in advance for consideration by the panels.

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Events

**NFMRI Medical Research
Innovation Conference**
9-10 September 2015,
Sydney

**2015 AusBiotech National
Conference**
7-9 October 2015,
Melbourne

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WEDNESDAY, 9 SEPTEMBER 2015

8.00am Registrations

8.45am Welcome and opening – **John Harkness**, Chairman, NFMRI

9.00am "*Putting rubber on the road*" – **Paul Clitheroe AM**

THEME 1 – Biomedical research: Australia's current state of play

9.30am **The Hon Niall Blair MLC**, Minister for Primary Industries, NSW Government

10.00am "*Advancing Australia's global innovation position*" – **Professor Peter Rathjen**, Vice-Chancellor, The University of Tasmania

10.45am Morning tea

11.15am "*Supporting biomedical research projects: where are we now and where are we headed?*" – Chair: **Keith Drewery** – Panelists: **Caitriona Fay**, Perpetual Private Wealth; **Chris Thorn**, Evans & Partners; **Tabitha Lovett**, Equity Trustees; **Gina Anderson**, GDI Funds Management; **Nancy Ranner**, NFMRI

12.45pm Lunch

THEME 2 – Filling the innovation pipeline

1.45pm "*Improving policy and support to deliver impact from biomedical innovations*" – Chair: **Professor Peter Doherty AC** – Panelists: **Doron-Ben Meir**, University of Melbourne Commercialisation; **Dr Jenean Spencer**, Commonwealth Department of Health; **Bruce Christie**, NSW Department of Primary Industries; **Professor Anne Kelso AO**, National Health and Medical Research Council

3.15pm Afternoon tea

3.45pm "*Challenges and opportunities to fill the innovation pipeline*" – Chair: **Dr Noel Chambers** – Panelists: **Dr Alistair Hick**, Monash University; **Mike Wilson**, Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF); **Professor Ian Smith**, Monash University; **Lynne Teo**, Griffith Hack

5.00pm Conference wrap up

5.30pm Networking function aboard HMAS Vampire, Australian National Maritime Museum

THURSDAY, 10 SEPTEMBER 2015

8.00am Registrations

8.45am Welcome and opening – **Dr Noel Chambers**, CEO, NFMRI

THEME 3 – Why collaborations lead to better biomedical investments

9.00am "*When universities get it right: the virtues of being fully engaged*" – **Prof Mark Dodgson**, University of Queensland

9.45am "*Valuing Australian biomedical innovations: perspectives matter*" – **Lara Verdian**, Associate Director Health Economics and Social Policy, Deloitte

10.30am Morning tea

11.10am "*Advancing innovations through collaborations and partnerships*" – Chair: **Helen Wellings**, Channel 7 – Panelists: **Dr Janet Davies**, The University of Queensland; **Professor Michael Good AO**, Griffith University; **Professor Stephen Haswell**, Deakin University; **Dr Guillaume Lessene**, Walter & Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research

12.15pm Lunch

THEME 4 – Social and commercial investments in biomedical research

1.15pm "*Translation and commercialisation: the importance of industry and venture capital*" – Chair: **Dr Ashley Bates** – Panelists: **Dr Chris Nave**, Brandon Capital; **Dr Paul Kelly**, OneVentures; **Dr Kevin Lynch**, Celgene; **Dr Dan Grant**, Pfizer; **Prof Maree Smith**, University of Queensland

2.15pm "*A social investor's role in supporting biomedical research*" – Chair: **Dr Dave Kennedy** – Panelists: **Roger Massy-Greene**, Eureka Capital Partners; **Dr Aron Ping D'Souza**, Good Super and Honorary Consul of the Republic of Moldova for Australia; **Peter Hunt AM**, Chairman, Greenhill Australia and Engaged Philanthropist; **Natalie Moss**, Managing Director, FSHD Global Research Foundation

3.30pm Conference wrap up – **John Harkness**, Chairman, NFMRI

3.45pm Afternoon tea and drinks

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5.00pm

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NFMRI wishes to thank our Conference Partner, NSW Department of Primary Industries, and Celgene for supporting the two-day event.



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