National Foundation for Medical Research and Innovation



2017 NFMRI Conference SAVE THE DATE

"Philanthropy: creating impact and dancing with elephants"

Don't miss out on the opportunity to take part in this important conversation on the 21st-22nd of November 2017 in Sydney, New South Wales.

Events

NFMRI Medical
Research Innovation
Conference
21-22 Nov 2017, Sydney

NFMRI Awards
8th December, Sydney

Thinking Out Loud Blog



2016 NFMRI Medical Research Innovation Conference – 18-19 October 2016

NFMRI's second annual conference, "Supporting Biomedical Innovations: Getting Innovations on the Right Track", took place on the 18th and 19th of October 2016 at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre in

Queensland. We wish to thank the Queensland Government's Advance Queensland Initiative for proudly supporting this year's conference.



Developing breakthroughs in medical research to address the world's health challenges

Queensland is renowned for medical research excellence thanks to its impressive research talent pool, world-class infrastructure, close business collaboration and strong government support.









While our first conference sought to discuss and explore key issues affecting the medical research and innovation sector, our second conference focused on exploring strategies and solutions to help build, support and grow the biomedical innovation sector in Australia. It brought together local and international experts to explore four key themes focused around how private and social investments in medical research, together with different strategies and bold actions, could lead to the advancement of innovations. The program also examined how we could increase Australia's capability and capacity to deliver results all whilst growing the local economy. This included building a culture and funding ecosystem where industry, government, academia, venture capital and philanthropy converged to support innovations from beginning to end.

Please note the presentations will be released in the coming weeks on our blog, *Thinking Out Loud*.





This year's conference will covered the following four themes:

Theme 1 – Thinking differently and being bold (18 October)

With a new national innovation agenda identified as a priority for Australia, new programs and initiatives were introduced in 2016. This theme will explore how government, academia, social and financial investors have responded to the challenges of delivering impact from medical research.

Theme 2 – Leading by example (18 October)

Whilst Australia ranks well in academic research and biotechnology in international measures, the Global Innovation Index shows that Australia is not performing well with "research efficiency" measures (i.e. the ability to convert our research into impact). This theme will provide an opportunity to discuss success and opportunities to help others do this better.

Theme 3 – Building innovation in Australia (19 October)

Most opportunities arising from biomedical research are of global significance, providing access to new medicines, diagnostics, devices and vaccines far beyond Australian borders. The ability for medical research to also create new jobs, industries and investment opportunities in Australia is also important.

This theme will explore the challenges and opportunities of how the R&D ecosystem can deliver greater impact at home as our medical innovation ecosystem matures.

I heme 4 – Partnerships and strategies for impact (19 October)

One of our favourite and recurring themes is to open up a conversation with investors (social and financial) to discuss not only why and what, but how they support, or don't support medical research opportunities.

Aligning expectations and discussing the great, good, bad and ugly can help other investors and those seeking investment or support.

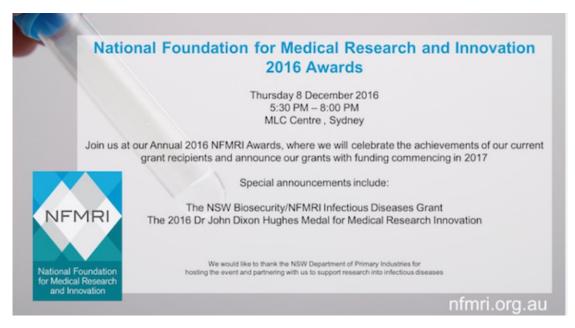
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2016 NFMRI Awards

Join us at our Annual 2016 NFMRI Awards night, where we will celebrate the achievements of our current grant recipients and announce our grants with funding commencing in 2017.

Thursday, 8 December 2016 from 5:30 PM to 8:00 PMMLC Centre - Parkes Room, Level 47, MLC Centre Corner of King and Castlereagh Street, Sydney, NSW 2000

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Thinking Out Loud

NFMRI 2016 Conference presentation: Thinking big outside of the small box

The innovation food chain; amoeba to top predator or just one organism Philippa Lewis

<u>Investing in the pipeline of biomedical research</u> AVCAL

Six guestions for funders of medical research

Generosity Magazine

Connecting hismodical innovations, acting innovations on the right track

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NFMRI funded 2015 - project updates

Australian biotechnology packs a powerful punch

Author - AusBiotech

The 'halo effect' can be both a positive and negative for funders of research. How does it affect you?

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