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Are you an inventor?



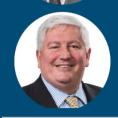
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"Fireside chat with Prof. Robert French AC"

"If you only ever get to know one thing about patent law, you should make it knowing about inventorship."

> -Professor Andrew Christie, Melbourne Law School

Prof. Robert French AC Former Chief Justice of the High Court of Australia (2008-2017) and Chancellor of the University of Western Australia



Dr. Noel Chambers

Chief Executive Officer, National Foundation for Medical Research and Innovation

PRESENTATION:

Date: Wednesday, 16 October 2024 Time: 5.00pm arrival for 5.30pm start

This is engaging fireside chat discussion

will focus on inventorship and intellectual property protection - it will explore concepts around discovery and innovation, who is an inventor, what happens if you get this wrong and things you can do to support IP protection before it even exists. Location: Customs House 399 Queen St, Brisbane CBD (in-person) or online

Free registrations: in-person via this link online via this link

This event is relevant for all types of inventors across different disciplines as well as those providing support and guidance.



Join us at our next 'Are you an inventor?' event both online and in-person in Brisbane on Wednesday, 16 October 2024 from 5pm AEST.

The free educational event is generously hosted by Queensland Health. There are two seperate registration links depending on whether you plan on attending online or in-person. Both registration links <u>can be found here</u>.

"Inventorship is a critical concept in patent law, because it determines who can own the rights to a patented invention. If the inventors are not correctly identified, patent ownership will be uncertain, and the patent may be invalid. It is thus crucial to know who is – and, equally importantly, who is not – the inventor of an invention.

Inventorship of an invention is not the same thing as authorship of a paper describing an invention. Applying protocols and practices about scientific authorship to inventorship is both wrong and dangerous. If you only ever get to know one thing about patent law, you should make it knowing about inventorship."

PROFESSOR ANDREW CHRISTIE, MELBOURNE LAW SCHOOL

NFMRI's Early Bird Conference Registrations Closing on 11 October 2024: "Research with Purpose 2024"



Register here

Research with Purpose 2024 | 26-28 November 2024 | Tangalooma Island, Queensland

NFMRI is pleased to be holding its sixth conference **Research with Purpose 2024** at <u>Tangalooma Island</u> (Qld) from the 26-28th November 2024. This <u>unique</u> <u>event</u> is built around Q&A panel sessions that engage highly with participants and are led by <u>content experts</u>. The event focuses on building a culture, support and funding ecosystem where industry, government, academia, venture capital and philanthropy intersect to better support biomedical innovations from beginning to end.

We invite you to join us and be part of the discussion that helps ignite change and lead to impact. Farly bird registrations are now open. We strongly recommend that delegates book their <u>discounted accommodation</u> by the 11 October 2024. After this date, any left over rooms will be released to the general public at full price and NFMRI will be unable to guarantee availability.

Register now

Draft program

We will continue updating the program on our website as additional speakers are confirmed.



Click here to view the draft program

The program is accurate as of publishing date, but speakers are always subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances.

We thank Hall & Wilcox and CSL for kindly sponsoring this event.









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Professor Mark von Itzstein AO, Institute for Biomedicine and Glycomics, Griffith University



Dr. Aoife Cullen, Head of Commercialisation (Life Sciences), Monash Innovation





Dr. Marthe D'Ombrain, Executive Director and Head, Global Research Innovation, CSL



Bruce Haefele, Head of Strategic Development and Innovation, Amazon Web Services

Prof. Michael Schuetz, Chair of Trauma, Queensland University of Technology



Dr. Julie-Anne White, Executive Director, Office of Research and Innovation, Queensland Health



Prof. Andrew Wilks, Managing Director,



Dr. Julia Hocking, Manager, Funding and Research

Alzheimer's disease grant round closing soon

As part of our partnership with The Mason Foundation (managed by Equity Trustees), NFMRI is seeking EOIs for Alzheimer's disease research projects. We strongly encourage women to apply and for the researcher leading the project day-to-day to be listed as the Chief Investigator, including mid-career researchers.

Focus: Alzheimer's disease applications that fall within portfolios 1, 2 & 3 (preference for 2 & 3), open nationally.

EOIs will be accepted until 6pm **AEDT on Friday**, **18 October 2024**, the next round will then close on Friday, 28 March 2025.

<u>Click here</u> for more information about our grant rounds <u>Click here</u> for our online expression of interest form <u>Click here</u> to view an example of our complete EOI form for reference only

Thank you to our generous partners for supporting this grant round:





2023 Annual Report





Our 2023 Annual Report has recently been released. <u>Please click here</u> to read more about our impact to date.

Partnering with NFMRI

NFMRI is always happy to consider partnership opportunities with other foundations, trusts, organisations or individuals looking to support innovative medical research in Australia and achieve greater outcomes from their funding. We are able to work within the disease and geographic parameters of our partners to collectively support new programs focussing on translation. This can better enable academic research outcomes, discoveries and innovations to move beyond academia and attract next stage partners including government, industry and venture capital. These partners have the expertise, capability and capacity to take research to the next stage, navigate the complex regulatory and approval systems and enable access to those in the community who are in need sooner.





NFMRI focuses strictly on supporting early stage biomedical innovations (drugs, vaccines, devices, diagnostics, biologicals and tools) advancements to cross the 'valley of death'. Our processes, systems capability and capacity have been purpose built to support a unique strategy and deliver impact by assisting publicly funded research organisations to attract next stage partners along the innovation pathway.

This strategy and support has already prevented a number of research projects from withering-on-the-vine. These projects have attracted next stage partners, secured investment and entered clinical trials across a number of diseases and innovations.

Based upon a framework of good governance, scalable systems and reproducible evidence of success, NFMRI established a targeted partnering program to assist other well-governed funders of research access our capability and capacity. Every dollar put towards our partnerships is distributed to innovative projects that meet the objectives of both NFMRI and the partner.

If your organisation would like to discuss a potential partnership further, please don't hesitate to contact Dr Noel Chambers by emailing <u>enquiries@nfmri.org.au</u>

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