

## e-newsletter

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### Introduction

#### Professor Ross Young, Executive Director



This week has been an exciting one with the release of NHMRC and ARC results. IHBI members performed extremely well and my warmest congratulations to those who were successful and my commiserations to those who were not. We have over 85 notifications of intention to submit for ARC and NH&MRC rounds for next year and I wish you all the best with the preparations for these projects to commence in 2009.

In terms of our recent results there were several people worthy of note because of their success on more than one grant. Jeremy Davey having three successful applications being a highlight and Kirsten McKenzie, Godwin Ayoko, Nuala Byrne, Tony Pettitt, Zee Upton and Graeme George on two applications each. Given the size of Michael Kimlin's NHMRC success, it's worth two grants as well!

I hope that all of you also have an enjoyable time at the upcoming IHBI Mini Olympics, to take some time out as we will be celebrating success of the non-academic and academic aspects of our lives that evening. A highlight will be the announcement of our first Carla Patterson Publication Award at an event that Neville Patterson is sure Carla would have loved. The IHBI Mini Olympics will feature a fashion competition of lab coats and protective glasses that will be "pimped" and I know that the sense of style and imagination that will be evident would have been something that Carla would have embraced (she would have probably won).

I would like to thank my fellow judges, Adrian Herington, Ben Goss, Mary-Lou Fleming, and Stephanie Bradbury for their assistance with these Awards. I acknowledge the help of the other experts that we called on for specialist advice on specific papers, or where there was a conflict of interest, such as the papers being ours! While external success and accolades are important, our own recognition of excellence to each other is crucial. I have enjoyed reading the work of my colleagues and will also relish being part of the night that celebrates this. Neville Patterson will be presenting the grand award and we will also have Domain and ECR Awards. I know that it will be an event that recognises the zest for fun and life, and the commitment to research of the highest quality, that Carla had. I look forward to seeing you all there, hearing and seeing the results of your creativity, enthusiasm and intellect. Although I shouldn't show favouritism word is out that the "Medical Device Demons" will be the team to beat. Give them a run for their money and may the best Domain win!

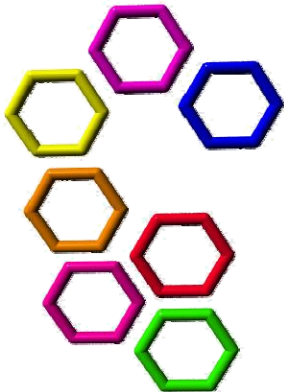
## Visits

### Visiting Australian-Harvard Fellow

Associate Professor Michael N Starnbach, PhD, Department of Microbiology and Molecular Genetics, Harvard Medical School is a Fellow of the Academy at Harvard Medical School. As a specialist in ground-breaking immunology, Dr Starnbach will integrate ongoing research at Harvard and QUT aimed at designing vaccines against Chlamydia trachomatis in adolescent girls. This work is in collaboration with Professor Peter Timms. Lab preparation is beginning now at Harvard and QUT, and Dr Starnbach will visit QUT in October-November to facilitate this work. Please help to make him welcome.

## Upcoming events

### IHBI Mini Olympics



The Mini Olympics is almost here! Domain captains have received their care packages with instructions, materials and nomination forms and now require volunteers to complete teams. A BBQ lunch on October 5 followed by the first of the seven events will give teams an opportunity to put points on the board.

The final set of challenges a week later on October 12 will culminate in the Professorial Choir and the awarding of the inaugural IHBI Shield to the Olympic Champions. The afternoon of revelry, starting with events held in the park opposite Blue Lotus and moving to Creative Industries' "The Block" are an opportunity for Domains to come together and enjoy food, drink and merriment.

Unfortunately, our Executive Director won't be in Brisbane on October 5 for the Opening of the Games but is looking forward to the array of activity taking place on October 12. Another feature of the program that evening will be the presentation of the **Inaugural Carla Patterson Publication Awards** by **Neville Patterson** and family.

Be sure to grab a burger at the **BBQ on 5 October** and **register for the main event on 12 October** with your name and domain to [ihbiminiolympics@qut.edu.au](mailto:ihbiminiolympics@qut.edu.au) or at IHBI reception, see Trish for details. For more information on the events, times, captains and colours go to the [IHBI Intranet](#) for details.



### Free commercialisation workshop for postgraduate students

Expand your knowledge of commercialisation, discover more about taking research to market, and explore your career options at the free **bluebox** two-day commercialisation workshop for post-graduate students.

Taking place at the Novotel Twin Waters on the Sunshine Coast from Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November, the workshop offers QUT postgraduate students a fantastic opportunity to meet the **bluebox** team and other leading professionals from the venture capital, patent attorney and legal fields.

Presenting an introduction to the various stages of the commercialisation process at QUT, from aligning research practices with commercialisation to attracting funding, the workshop provides attendees with vital interaction with key industry figures.

Culminating in an interactive session in which participants workshop ideas with a panel of

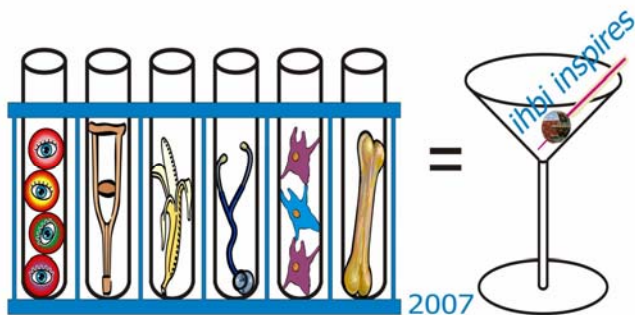
commercialisation experts, the workshop arms QUT postgraduate students with the necessary skills and knowledge to work with **bluebox** to bring their research into the real world.

**Attendance is free and includes travel, accommodation and meals.**

To register, email [enquiries@qutbluebox.com.au](mailto:enquiries@qutbluebox.com.au) or visit [www.qutbluebox.com.au](http://www.qutbluebox.com.au) for more information. Registrations close **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October, 2007**. Apply now places are limited.

## IHBI Postgraduate Conference | Register now

The inaugural annual IHBI Student Conference will be held on 7 and 8 November, 2007. It will provide a fantastic opportunity for IHBI members to meet each other and share information about their research activities. This year's theme is [ihbi inspires](#).



As well as viewing other members' presentations and viewing poster displays, attendees have the opportunity to submit their own abstracts and posters.

All IHBI staff and students are encouraged to attend.

Held at the [Royal on the Park Hotel](#) near the Gardens Point Campus, conference attendance is free and includes morning tea, lunch and

afternoon tea. There will also be a conference dinner, which costs \$35 and a social night for students and the young at heart at Union Jacks.

For more information see the [ihbi inspires](http://www.ihbiinspires.qut.edu.au/index.html) webpage at <http://www.ihbiinspires.qut.edu.au/index.html>.

## Spheres of Influence | IHBI's Monthly Seminar Series

### Development and Commercialisation of a Novel Technology: The Challenge Goes Beyond the Technology

Stuart Hazell joined Panbio in September 2002 following a distinguished academic career in medical microbiology, which saw him hold the post of Dean of the Faculty of Sciences at the University of Southern Queensland. Stuart has a long history as a consultant to the pharmaceutical and diagnostics industry. He has focused on sharpening Panbio's research capabilities and accelerating the company's efforts in the introduction of new 'first-to-market' products. Panbio grew out of research at QUT and it is great to be able to welcome Stuart to IHBI for this update on their activities. It will be wonderful to see a strong attendance at this Spheres of Influence presentation.

**Wednesday 3 October | 3.30pm**

[Prof Stuart Hazell, GAICD Chief Executive Officer](#)

IHBI seminar room and atrium, Q Block Q430, QUT KG

## Contributions

The next e-newsletter will be released on Wednesday 24 October. The deadline for submissions is Wednesday 17 October. To submit an article, please e-mail [ihbi@qut.edu.au](mailto:ihbi@qut.edu.au)