

## Delegates welcomed at “the home of cricket”



AusBiotech CEO Dr Anna Lavelle, BioSA CEO Jurgen Michaelis, AusBiotech Chair Deborah Rathjen

The picturesque Adelaide Oval, which hosted the 06/07 Ashes and the concerts of numerous world famous rock stars, last night hosted Australian and international leaders from the biotech industry, who were welcomed to AusBiotech 2011.

This year's conference has attracted more than 230 international guests from 20 countries and numerous highly-regarded investors. Delegates were welcomed last night by BioSA's CEO Dr Jurgen Michaelis, AusBiotech CEO Dr Anna Lavelle and by South Australia's Chief Scientist Don Bursill.

### Highlights Today

#### *Plenary*

The national winner of the AusBiotech – GSK Student Excellence Awards will be announced today, after the state finalists presented their research briefs to judges yesterday.

#### *Agenda setting*

- Sino-Australian partnerships: How Chinese and Australian companies integrate and formulate partnerships.

11.30am in Meeting Room 3

- Food security challenge: An exploration into the role biotech can play in securing food supplies. 2.00 pm in Meeting Room 1

- Tissue regeneration and biomaterials. 4.00pm in Meeting Room 3

- Recent successful trade sale exits in Australian Biotech, a continuing trend? 4.00pm in Hall B.

### Highlights Tomorrow

#### *Plenary*

#### *Millis Oration*

- Prof Ross McKinnon, Research Director and Professor in Cancer Research, Flinders Centre for Innovation in Cancer, School of Medicine, Flinders University presents *Translating health discovery into Clinical applications- an Australian perspective*

#### *AusBiotech AGM*

- *AusBiotech invites all members to the AGM 1.00 – 2.00pm in Meeting Room 5*

#### *Agenda Setting*

- Transpacific Biotech Capital: Case Studies Sourcing Human and Financial Capital for Biotech. 11:30 in Hall B

- International Investors Unplugged: Venture and public investors from Australia, Europe and the US, 2.00pm Hall B

## Senate's Report on 'gene patenting' Bill welcomed

The Senate Report recommending that the Bill to ban the patenting of biological materials should not be passed will be the topic of many conversations at this year's conference. AusBiotech CEO, Dr Anna Lavelle, has welcomed the Committee's finding and said: "This is the right outcome for patients, researchers and for innovation in this country. I now call on the Senate to abandon the Bill, as recommended."

The Report from the Senate's Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee concludes that the Bill could cause: "...a large number of unintended consequences across the entire patent

system with indeterminate impacts on a range of industries and sectors."

Dr Lavelle says: "AusBiotech supports the Government's 'Raising the Bar' Bill and urges Parliament to support a bill that will guarantee improvements to intellectual property management in Australia."

Watermark Patent and Trademarks Attorney Dr John Golding supports the Senate's recommendations. "This is an important decision for an industry where a company's intellectual assets represent a significant component in value and market capitalisation," he said.



Conference welcome  
at Adelaide Oval



Brenton Hamdorf, Brian Bloomquist (Eli Lilly), Jeremy Chrisp, Stephen Patillo (AusBiotech)



Dr Jurgan Michaelis (R) & Dennis Mutton (L) with BioSA Award winners Prof Geoff Fincher, Kim Stephens & Dr Quenten Schwarz

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