

Bosch Young Investigators Symposium 15 December 2006

The Bosch Young Investigators Symposium held on Friday 15 December 2006 was heralded "A great success" by Deputy Vice Chancellor of Research, Professor Merlin Crossley.

In his closing remarks Merlin commented on the important role of research students within the University of Sydney and acknowledged their vital contribution by way of research output. He also encouraged the Young Investigators to tackle *the difficult questions*.

The one day symposium is the 6th Young Investigators Symposium but the first one to go under the Bosch banner.

The Bosch Institute was incorporated in April 2006 and is a joint initiative of the University of Sydney and the Sydney South West Area Health Service. The mission of the Bosch is to perform high quality research into the normal functioning of the healthy human body; to perform high quality research into the causes, prevention, detection and treatment of human diseases and to provide outstanding training for junior scientists in the intellectual, practical and ethical aspects of biomedical research.

The program of the symposium was an exciting one, with a number of outstanding oral presentations and posters. Sessions included Neuroscience; Cell Biology; Muscle & Respiration and Pharmacology. There were more than 170 registrations and the sessions were all well attended.

Executive Director Professor Nick Hunt was overseas and unable to attend but wished them well for the day "The Bosch Institute is mindful of the enormous contributions that have been made by the Young Investigators and acknowledge their role in ensuring the success of the Bosch Institute in achieving its objectives".

The highlight of the afternoon was the presentation of the prestigious Rebecca L Cooper and Bercovici Medals and Prizes. The awards went to Andrea Markus and Maryam Seyedabadi who were both delighted that Mr Bob Kotic, Deputy Vice Chancellor presented the awards. They were even more delighted to hear of the development of a new research facility on the Camperdown Campus and commented that "A state of the art research facility was vital to ensure the continued success of our future leaders in this most competitive field" they also added that it would serve as a real attraction in bringing Young Investigators back to Sydney.

The entire program is convened and coordinated by a committee of Young Investigators who even arrange the funding through trade displays and corporate sponsors.

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THE BOSCH YOUNG INVESTIGATORS



Speakers from the session “Muscle & Respiration” from l to r: Dr Orthon Gevasio, Iwan Williams, Lachlan McDowall, Dr Nicholas Whitehead (Chair) and Cecily Oakley.



Speakers from the session “Neuroscience” from l to r: Cedric Bardy (Chair), Eryn Werry, Hussein Mansour, Dr Michael Weible, Daniel Getts, Sam Merlin and Professor Nick King who officially opened the Symposium.



Speakers from the session "Cell Biology" from l to r: Qian Wang, Craig Campbell, Joanna Biazik, Dr Laura Lindsay, Tara Brennan and Iwan Williams (Chair)



Speakers from the session "Pharmacology" from l to r Dr Brian Owler (Chair), Michelle Say and Nathan Gunasekaran. Missing from photo Dr Dong Fu, Yohan Suryo Rahmanto and Meichien Say



Students at the Trade Display