



## PRESS RELEASE - Federation Fellowships

The Australian Society for Medical Research (ASMR), congratulates the Federal Government on today's announcement of the first 15 of the promised 125 new Federation Fellowships.

*The new Federation Fellowships are part of the implementation of the 'Backing Australia's Ability' Statement which is committed to developing a strong research base by creating rewards and incentives for leading researchers to apply their talents to Australia.*

ASMR urges the Federal Government to *expedite the implementation* of the strategies outlined in the Prime Minister's Federation address with the aim of –

- **Strengthening Australia's ability to generate ideas and undertake research**
- **Accelerating the commercial application of ideas**
- **Developing and retaining Australian skills**

**Dr Peter O'Loughlin (ASMR President), said today "It is the hope of the research community that the Ministerial Committee responsible for the implementation of 'Backing Australia's Ability' see the need for a *rapid implementation* of those strategies in Education, Research and Biotechnology which aid scientific endeavour and improve the physical and economic health of all Australians".**

The Federation Fellows announced today are leaders in their respective fields; ASMR extends warm congratulations to

*Professor Max Coltheart*

*Professor Keith Nugent*

*Professor Mandyam Srinivasan*

*Professor Lenore Manderson*

*Professor Martin Green*

*Professor Robert Clark*

*Professor G Otting*

*Professor John Braithwaite*

*Dr Benjamin Eggleton*

*Professor Graham Goodwin*

*Professor Michael Dopita*

*Professor Tadeusz Molinski*

*Professor Huw Price*

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The Australian Society for Medical Research (ASMR), through its core membership of medical research scientists, affiliations with specialist societies, medical colleges and foundation groups represents **113,500 Australians**