

MEDIA ALERT- EMBARGOED UNTIL 04:30pm, WEDNESDAY JUNE 4, 2014

Professor David Sinclair
A trailblazer for longer, healthier lives
ASMR Medallist 2014

Like Winston Churchill, Sydney born and educated Professor David Sinclair believes that “success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts”. This may be why he was recently named by TIME Magazine as one of the Top 100 Most Influential People for 2014 – the only Australian to achieve this distinction.

Now dividing his time between Harvard University and the University of NSW, Sinclair is a man in a hurry; blazing a trail to realize his vision for a not too distant future where people live healthy and productive lives well over 100 years in length.

Professor Sinclair has driven pioneering work to develop a new class of anti-ageing drugs, which could ultimately prevent cancer, Alzheimer’s disease and type 2 diabetes. This breakthrough research was outlined in an article published in the prestigious journal *Science* on 8 March 2013.

At the National Press Club today, Professor Sinclair will speak about the health, economic and societal implications of his research and the approaching “*tsunami of changes caused by head-spinning developments in genetics, fertility, stem cells and monitoring devices.*”

He has a rare perspective of the health and medical landscape, having been awarded grant funding for basic research from government bodies and philanthropic organisations while also having been closely involved in entrepreneurship by co-founding six biotechnology companies to translate his scientific findings into treatments for age-related diseases.

News Editors/Chiefs of Staff, please note:

WHAT: National Press Club Address

WHEN: 5pm, Wednesday 4th June 2014

WHERE: 16 National Court, Barton, Canberra.

WHO: ASMR Medallist 2014, Professor David Sinclair

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