



**ASMR MEDICAL RESEARCH WEEK® Gala Dinner Features ASMR Medalist 2016**

**Professor Theodore Berger – Neuroprosthetics Pioneer**

This evening we host the annual ASMR Medical Research Week® Gala Dinner which celebrates health and medical research in Australia, and today, particularly in Brisbane

Our Keynote Speaker at the dinner, is Theodore (Ted) Berger, Professor of Biomedical Engineering at the Viterbi School of Engineering at the University of Southern California and the ASMR Medalist 2016.

He could be described as a ‘neuroprosthetics pioneer’, leading a multi-disciplinary collaboration to develop a microchip-based neural prosthesis for the hippocampus, a region of the brain responsible for long-term memory.

*He and his trans-disciplinary colleagues have developed a brain prosthesis designed to help people suffering from memory loss. The device implanted into the brain has performed well in animal tests and is currently being evaluated in human patients.*

Professor Berger was named as one of “The 100 Leading Global Thinkers of 2013” by Foreign Policy Magazine. He is that rare embodiment of bold vision, brilliance, courage and tenacity; the attributes which expand the boundaries of science and create the future.

**Announcement of the Winners of the Queensland Health and Medical Research Awards**

Hon. Leanne Enoch, Minister for Innovation, Science and the Digital Economy and Mr John Wakefield, Deputy Director-General, Clinical Excellence Division, Queensland Health, will present these prestigious Awards at the Dinner

Dr Sarah Meachem, ASMR President said today, *“I am delighted to be in Brisbane to help celebrate ASMR Medical Research Week®, a week which highlights the value and importance of health and medical research in underpinning the health of the community”.*

**Where:** Hillstone, St Lucia (The Grand View Room)

**When:** June 3, 7pm

Interview and photo opportunities

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