

MEDIA RELEASE – Thursday June 7th 2007

**ASMR ACT Young Investigator Forum
Finkel Lecture Theatre, John Curtin School of Medical Research**

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Professor Levon Khachigian, Centre for Vascular Research, UNSW

“Health and Medical Research: An Ever Challenging Road into the Abyss with Effervescent Opportunities”

Professor Khachigian is the Immediate Past President of The Australian Society for Medical Research. He played a crucial role in the successful lobbying campaign which resulted in the 2006 Federal Budget increases to NHMRC Funding. Professor Khachigian's broad research interest are Cancer, Pathology, Cell Biology and Gene Regulation, Cardiology and Vascular Disease. Among Prizes and Distinctions awarded to Prof Khachigian are:

2006 GlaxoSmithKline Award for Research Excellence
2004 Australasian Science Prize
2003 C'wealth Health Minister's Award for Excellence in H/Medical Research
2003 Gottschalk Medal, Australian Academy of Science
2003 Eureka Prize for Scientific Research
2003 Eileen Mary Philips Research Award, NHF
2001 AMGEN Medical Researcher Award
2001 Young Tall Poppy Award
2001 James Smillie Research Award, NHF
1997 Glaxo-Wellcome Australia Research Award (NSW)
1993 Rotary Foundation International Ambassadorial Award
1988 Queen Elizabeth II Silver Jubilee Trust Award for Young Australians

From Male infertility and testicular cancer to vascular injury and liver disease.

ACT's young investigators present their work for consideration of three prizes this afternoon!

**Prizes will be presented at 6:15pm
... interview and photo opportunities**

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