

## The Australian Society for Medical Research

**ASMR Medical Research Week® 2009** May 26 – June 5

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## ASMR Medalist 2009 - Professor Josef Penninger

Professor Penninger at age 45 has produced a steady stream of groundbreaking studies across the breadth of immunology. The main focus of his work is on heart/lung, autoimmune, cancers and bone diseases. He is the Scientific Director of the Institute for Molecular Biotechnology of the Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna, Austria.

At the Keys memorial Lecture at Trinity College, Toronto in 2004, he said, "All great discoveries occur when scientists wander off the beaten track, pursuing unpopular, unknown ideas or merge knowledge from disparate fields".

He made the list of the 10 most cited scientists in the world two years in a row. was named as one of the 10 most promising scientists in all fields of science, one of the 10 most interesting people in America and recently the Austrian Scientist and Austrian of the Year.

This modern 'Renaissance Man' will be speaking at all ASMR Medical Research Week® Dinners and presenting the NAB Televised Address at the National Press Club of Australia on June 3.

## **Our Program:**

May 1		Online Schools Quiz Opening May 1 NSW, Qld, Vic, SA, WA – Closes June 30
May 27	Vic	Tertiary Career Night – Monash University
May 26	Qld	ASMR Queensland Postgraduate Student Conference
May 28	Tas	Student Talks and Prizes – Menzies Research Institute
May 28	Tas	Tertiary Student Information Lunch – University of Tasmania
May 29	Qld	ASMR Medical Research Week® Gala Dinner, Sebel & Citigate, King George Square
May 31	Vic	3RRR Live to Air Broadcast – Melbourne Museum – 10am "Radiotherapy" – hosted by Dr Mal Practice and others, followed by "Einstein – ago-go" hosted by Dr Andi
June 1	ACT	Canberra Region Annual Scientific Meeting
	NSW	ASMR Annual NSW Scientific Meeting
	SA	ASMR MRW® Annual Gala Dinner, Adelaide Pavilion Restaurant and Function Centre
	Vic	Medical Trivia at the Pub – Red Back Hotel, North Melbourne
	WA	Science in the Cinema – SciTech Planetarium – "Innerspace"
June 2	ACT	ASMR Young Investigator Forum, Canberra Hospital
	NSW	ASMR MRW® Annual Gala Dinner, Sydney Convention Centre
	SA	SA Annual Scientific Meeting – Adelaide Convention Centre
June 3	ACT	Luncheon and NAB Televised Address at the National Press Club of Australia by Professor Josef Penninger a modern 'Renaissance Man'
	WA	Scientific Symposium – Curtin University
June 4	NSW	Careers Seminar for Secondary students – Powerhouse Museum
	NSW	Science in the Cinema – Randwick Ritz – "The Island"
	Vic	Career Development Workshop – Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre
	Vic	ASMR MRW® Annual Gala Dinner, Melbourne Convention Centre – Features ASMR Medalist

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2009, Professor Josef Penninger and presentation of the Commonwealth Health Minister's Award

for Excellence in Health and Medical Research

June 5 WA ASMR Medical Research Week® Gala Dinner, Perth Convention & Exhibition Centre

Vic Victorian Premier's Awards – Invitation only

June 14 SA Science in the Cinema – An Inconvenient Truth – Mercury Cinema

September NSW Early Career Development Program
September SA Wheelin' Out Science - Schools Program

For further program information: <a href="http://www.asmr.org.au/MRW.html">http://www.asmr.org.au/MRW.html</a>

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