

**ASMR Medical Research Week® GALA Dinner  
Friday June 2, 2006  
Brisbane Marriott Hotel**

"Celebrating Health and Medical Research in Australia: A Renaissance for Discovery and Opportunity"

Professor William (Bill) Brinkley, ASMR Medallist 2006, is the Guest Speaker. Professor Brinkley is Distinguished Service Professor, Department of Molecular & Cellular Biology, Baylor College of Medicine, Texas, USA.

A former President of The Federation of American Societies of Experimental Biology (FASEB), a 60,000 member federation that supports and promotes America's leadership in basic and clinical research, Brinkley feels that it is important for every scientist to become involved in establishing government science policy. Biographical information from <http://www.asmr.org.au/media/index.html>

**Queensland Premier's Awards  
Premier Peter Beattie will be presenting the Queensland Premier's Awards  
for Health and Medical Research**

ASMR congratulates the Finalists:

Post-doctoral Awards

**Dr Ian Mackay - Newly identified viruses in acute respiratory tract infections of children.** Viruses attack in packs: New ways of detection!!!

**Dr Stuart Macgregor - A novel method for the analysis of pooled DNA samples on high density arrays.** - Making genetic discovery cheap; finding the links between disease and genes is expensive but novel methods can be used to reduce the cost.

**Dr Jos Malda - Wound healing: friend or foe?** - Proof that oxygen therapy can be used to assist in wound healing.

Senior Post-doctoral Awards

**Dr Dale Nyholt - Genome-wide significant Linkage to migrainous Headache** - Twins provide clues to genes involved in causing migraine headaches

**Dr Rachael Murray - SNARING Immunity** - Understanding how the body's own immune system can cause diseases such as arthritis and psoriasis.

**Dr Christopher Schmidt - Why do some cancers succumb to immune attack?** Hide and seek by cancer cells – how some cancers evade the defenses of the body.

Postgraduate Student Awards

**Alistair Forrest - Protein kinases and protein phosphatases: mining the kinome and phosphatome for nove disease genes** - The online laboratory – use of computing tools by scientists to create online encyclopedias that will provide insights into causes of a large number of diseases such as cancer, Parkinson's disease, epilepsy.

**Alberto Pinzon-Charry - Abnormalities in dendritic Cells in patients with cancer** - Understanding how cancers "cripple" the body's immune system to prevent it fighting back.

**Penny Jeffery - The roles of ghrelin and ghrelin variants in cancer** - Investigation of a novel target that may aid in the treatment of breast and prostate cancers.

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