

**ASMR Medical Research Week® GALA Dinner
Friday June 1, 2007
Brisbane Marriott Hotel**

"From Gene Technology to the Magic Bullet of Cancer Therapy: Is the promise coming true?"
Eminent German Scientist, Professor Axel Ullrich in Brisbane today!

A champion of translational research and pioneer in cancer research and treatment, Professor Ullrich of the Max Planck Institute has taken his basic discoveries through to patient therapies including :

- **Humulin** (human Insulin for the treatment of diabetes), the first therapeutic agent to be developed through gene-based technology and the first biotechnology product ever.
- **SUTENT/Sunitinib**, for the treatment of Gastro Intestinal Stromal Tumors and Renal Cell Carcinoma
- **Herceptin**, the first gene-targeted treatment aimed at the cells causing breast cancer.

Professor Ullrich believes the creation of a gene database in the Singapore Onco Genome laboratory will provide a comprehensive picture of the genetics of cancer cell lines and tissues, enabling us to exploit this knowledge of basic science and develop it into new cancer treatments.

Biographical information available from <http://www.asmr.org.au/mrw/AxelU.pdf>

**Queensland Premier's Awards presentation at the Dinner
ASMR congratulates the finalists:**

POST-DOCTORAL AWARD

- **Cost effective genome wide association analysis**
Dr Stuart Macgregor, Queensland Institute of Medical Research
- **Genomic control of macrophage activation and inflammatory resolution**
Dr Christine Wells, National Adult Stem Cell Centre, Griffith University
- **Tetraspanins – new vaccine candidates for Schistosomiasis**
Dr Mai Hue Tran, Queensland Institute of Medical Research

SENIOR RESEARCHER AWARD

- **A paternal effect on sex chromosome stability in the mouse**
Dr Suyinn Chong, Queensland Institute of Medical Research
- **Osteal macrophages: novel regulators of bone formation**
Dr Allison Pettit, Institute of Molecular Bioscience, University of Queensland
- **Serrated polyps, BRAF mutation and colorectal cancer**
Dr Kevin Spring, Queensland Institute of Medical Research

ABSTRACTS AND FINALISTS PROFILES AVAILABLE FROM <http://www.asmr.org.au/media>

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