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ASMR Medalist, PROFESSOR JOSEF PENNINGER

Speaking at the ASMR MRW® Gala Dinner in Adelaide (Pavillion Restaurant & Function Centre)

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***"All great discoveries occur when scientists wander off the beaten track, pursuing unpopular, unknown ideas or merge knowledge from disparate fields"***

Professor Josef Penninger is the Scientific Director of the Institute for Molecular Biotechnology of the Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna, Austria and the ASMR Medalist 2009.

The main focus of his work is on heart/lung, autoimmune, cancers and bone diseases, **producing a steady stream of groundbreaking** studies across the breadth of immunology

Branded a chronic underachiever by his teachers as a youngster, **Josef Penninger 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, and recently the Austrian Scientist of the Year

Born in Austria in 1964, he studied medicine, immunology and the history of arts in Innsbruck. Professor Penninger believes the keys to his success are passion, intellectual curiosity and determination. *An enthusiastic believer in innovation, he attributes equal importance to an interdisciplinary approach to science.*

**Professor Penninger has strong views on how scientists should be educated, funded and encouraged to retain the awe, amazement and fun of discovery!**

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