

ASMR Medical Research Week®

- WHO:** Alain Beaudet, MD, PhD, Distinguished Neuroscientist, President of the Canadian Institutes of Health Research, ASMR Medalist 2012
- WHAT:** ASMR Medical Research Week® Dinner
- WHERE:** Adelaide Pavilion Restaurant, Veale Gardens
- WHEN:** June 4, 2012

The ASMR Medalist 2012, Dr Alain Beaudet, started out to be a family doctor and found his way into science. He has had a distinguished career in neuroscience and now heads the largest organization for health and medical research funding in Canada.

Dr Beaudet will speak about the parallels in health and medical research which exist between Australia and Canada and how best to bridge the gap between research and clinical outcomes.

The two most difficult decisions of Beaudet's professional life were giving up seeing patients to focus on science and then moving away from the bench to concentrate on policy and advocacy. He has a particular interest in encouraging high school students and early career researchers, seeing this as tremendously important to keeping the pipeline of health and medical research scientists coming through the system. Dr Beaudet said, "A good role model or mentor can have a huge impact, imparting values that enrich and enable young people in science or any other career".

The framework for funding health and medical research, Dr Beaudet believes, represents an exciting opportunity to develop a country's research enterprise, an enterprise increasingly important to combat the challenges of ageing populations, climate change and life style diseases.

Dinner guests will include local dignitaries, eminent scientists, representatives from the corporate and political sectors.

Social Editor's Note: Photo opportunities

Alain Beaudet bio available from <http://www.asmr.org.au/MRW.html>

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