

Wednesday June 15, 2005

The Entertainment Centre, Port Road, Hindmarsh

ASMR SA Scientific Meeting

A showcase of SA's best and brightest!

Plenary Speaker:

Professor Robert John Aitken, ScD, FRSE, PhD

"The loneliness of the long distance runner"

Professor of Biological Sciences and Foundation Director of the Centre for Life Sciences, University of Newcastle, NSW. Professor Aitken is a reproductive biologist who will be speaking about

SPERM development, maturation, it's long distance run and the effects of pollutants on male fertility rates.

Fetal risks - exposure to an adverse environment at critical periods during development can increase the risk of developing adult onset diseases such as cardiovascular and metabolic diseases. *Miles De Blasio, Dept of Obstetrics & Gynaecology, University of Adelaide* (Research Funding NHMRC).

Soy protein and cardiovascular health - a dietary trial looking at the cardiovascular benefits of foods containing soy protein and isoflavones. *Alicia Thorp, Nutritional Physiology Research Group, University of SA & University of Adelaide* (Research Funding: ARC linkage grant with So Natural, Uni of Wollongong & Uni of WA).

Successful ageing - control, identity, flexibility, acceptance and CHOICE... older women see these elements as important for successful ageing. *Patricia McCann Mortimer, Psychology Dept. Faculty of Health Sciences, University of Adelaide.* (Research Funding: University of Adelaide)

Corneal transplants - improving success rates by delivering therapeutic genes before transplantation. *Dr Douglas Parker, Dept of Ophthalmology, Flinders Medical Centre.* (Research Funding: NHMRC and Ophthalmology Research Institute of Australia)

Awards and prizes today include the prestigious

Ross Wishart Memorial Award

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