



The Australian Society for Medical Research

46<sup>TH</sup> NATIONAL SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE

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CARRINGTON HOTEL, KATOOMBA, NSW

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## **NSW BLUE MOUNTAINS HOST UNIQUE SCIENTIFIC MEETING!**

### **"Tissue Remodelling: Current Understanding and Future Therapeutic Targets"**

The Australian Society for Medical Research (ASMR) brings together researchers working in diverse disease areas in which tissue remodelling is a key feature.–

**Asthma  
Cancer  
Rheumatoid arthritis  
Reproduction  
Liver and heart disease**

Dr Emma Parkinson-Lawrence, ASMR Director said,

*"ASMR conferences are unique in their multi-disciplinary approach. Shared national and international perspectives promote the cross fertilization of ideas while new and serendipitous collaborations improve our ability to treat, cure and prevent disease".*

Luminaries include:

**Dr Mina Bissell** (Director, Life Sciences Division, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, University of California). An extraordinary and pioneering scientist who consistently tests scientific boundaries, Mina Bissell is a world leader in the role of extracellular matrix (ECM) and microenvironment in the regulation of tissue specific function, particularly on breast cancer. *Dr Bissell believes in multi-team investigations with biologists working next to informatics experts, engineers and physicists.* Dr Bissell will deliver the Firkin Oration at the Conference. Biographical information available at [www.asmr.org.au/Media.html](http://www.asmr.org.au/Media.html) Interview Opportunities

**Professor Julie Campbell** (Director of the Centre for Research in Vascular Biology and Wesley Research Institute, Brisbane). A vascular biologist working on the generation of new veins. Professor Campbell has developed a vascular conduit, grown in the peritoneal cavity.....! Biographical information available at [www.asmr.org.au/Media.html](http://www.asmr.org.au/Media.html) Interview Opportunities

Our speakers will cover tissue remodelling in -

- age related kidney disease
- skeletal tissue engineering
- the bioelectric body
- cardiomyopathy
- breast development and cancer
- endogenous renal repair and lots more

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