

## Go8 farewells Ian and welcomes Ian

This month the Group of Eight farewells Professor Ian Chubb AC, who has retired as ANU Vice-Chancellor and welcomes Professor Ian Young as the new ANU Vice-Chancellor and Go8 board member.

Professor Chubb has been Vice-Chancellor of the ANU since 2001 and during that time was Chair of the Go8 from 2003 to 2005. In thanking Professor Chubb for his contribution on the Go8 board for over ten years, Go8 executive director, Michael Gallagher, said Professor Chubb's leadership has been driven by his deep appreciation of the value of higher education.

The Go8 secretariat and Go8 Vice-Chancellors look forward to welcoming Professor Young at the next Go8 board meeting in May.

Professor Young was the Vice-Chancellor of Swinburne Institute of Technology from 2003 to 2010. Prior to joining Swinburne in 2003, he was Executive Dean, Faculty of Engineering, Computer & Mathematical Sciences and Pro-Vice-Chancellor (International) at The University of Adelaide. Professor Young has extensive experience across tertiary education, including both Higher Education and TAFE.



## 10 of the best research projects

### Go8 Medical Research

The quality of medical research at Go8 universities was highlighted in this year's NHMRC publication *10 of the best – Research Projects in 2010*, launched by the Minister for Mental Health and Ageing in February.

The publication highlights individual researchers supported by NHMRC, and acknowledges the work of their teams, all of which are working in and associated with Go8 universities:

#### Professor Perry Bartlett

Queensland Brain Institute,  
The University of Queensland

#### Professor Richard Bryant

School of Psychology,  
The University of New South Wales

#### Professor Suzanne Garland

Royal Women's Hospital  
and honorary supervisor,  
The University of Melbourne

#### Associate Professor Martin Lackman

Head, Protein Interaction and  
Cancer Research Laboratory,  
Monash University

#### Associate Professor Peter Morris

Menzies School of Health  
Research, Charles Darwin  
University, in conjunction with  
the Australian Research Centre  
for Population Oral Health,  
The University of Adelaide

#### Associate Professor Kevin Pflieger

Head of Molecular Endocrinology,  
Western Australian Institute  
for Medical Research and  
The University of Western Australia

#### Professor Susan Prescott

School of Paediatrics and  
Child Health, The University  
of Western Australia

#### Professor Chris Semsarian

Professor of Medicine at  
the Centenary Institute,  
The University of Sydney

#### Professor Melanie Wakefield

Cancer Council Victoria's Centre  
for Behavioural Research in Cancer,  
and Honorary Professorial Fellow,  
The University of Melbourne

#### Dr Anthony White

leads a team of researchers  
on Alzheimer's disease at  
The University of Melbourne

The Go8 congratulates all those researchers selected for profiling in this publication which is available at [www.nhmrc.gov.au/publications/synopses/r48-tenofthebest-syn.htm](http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/publications/synopses/r48-tenofthebest-syn.htm)

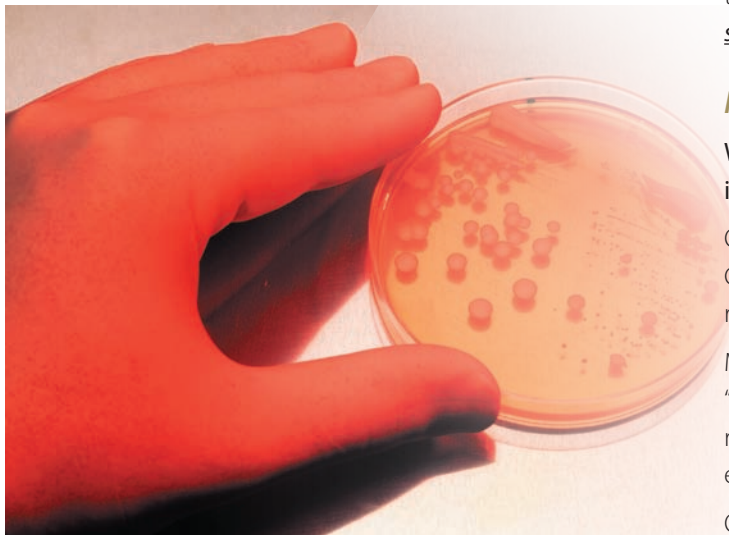
### NHMRC Postgraduate Scholarships

Winners of the NHMRC Postgraduate Scholarships were announced in February.

Of the 130 NHMRC scholarships awarded, 81 (62%) were awarded to Go8 university students. Scholarships are for students enrolled in a research-based postgraduate degree, for up to three years.

Minister for Mental Health and Ageing, The Hon Mark Butler, said that "today's postgraduate students are tomorrow's health and medical researchers. ...we must ensure we continue to produce the cutting edge research that comes from a highly skilled research workforce."

Of the 81 Go8 scholarships, 51 (63%) were awarded to women.



## Opportunity for researchers to connect with business

The Go8 recognises the need to improve communication between universities and the business community.

Go8 universities undertake 70 per cent of university research in Australia.

The Researchers in Business program of Enterprise Connect supports the placement of researchers from universities or public research agencies with participating small and medium sized firms where it is identified that such a placement would help the firm to develop and implement a new idea with commercial potential.

Enterprise Connect is a \$50 million a year Australian Government program that provides support to eligible Australian small and medium sized businesses.

The objectives of Researchers in Business are to:

- help break down the cultural divide between Australian businesses and the research sector
- stimulate the dissemination of expertise from research organisations to industry, and to stimulate the dissemination of industry knowledge back into the research community
- accelerate the adoption of new ideas and technologies by Australian firms
- increase the competitiveness of Australian firms.

Enterprise Connect provides funding for half of the salary costs of engaging a researcher, up to a maximum of \$50,000 (excluding GST) for a placement for a period of two to twelve months.

For more information call 131 791 or visit: [www.enterpriseconnect.gov.au/services/pages/researchersinbusinessgrant.aspx](http://www.enterpriseconnect.gov.au/services/pages/researchersinbusinessgrant.aspx)

## Go8 Directors' event



*John Niland Scientia Building  
The University of New South Wales*

The Go8 offers a trusted network through which ideas and expertise are shared. Various committees of Go8 directors meet regularly to share information and ideas and to work jointly on projects.

The first Go8 Directors' event, held in Melbourne in May 2009, brought together the various directors groups (commercialisation, human resources, international, research, data sharing and more) with a view to developing understanding, increasing operating efficiency and improving collaboration across the Go8 network.

The next event will be held at The University of New South Wales in Sydney on 25 May. Sessions on the changing operating environment for Australian universities, university/business interactions and Go8 strategic directions will include university Vice-Chancellors as well as senior representatives from government and industry.

Due to venue capacity attendance is by invitation only. The draft program is available to download at: [www.go8.edu.au/storage/events/2011/Go8\\_directors\\_draft\\_program250511.pdf](http://www.go8.edu.au/storage/events/2011/Go8_directors_draft_program250511.pdf)

### Conference support

Staff of Go8 universities will receive a 10% discount on registration for the upcoming higher education conferences.

#### Australian Higher Education Congress

7-9 March 2011, Sydney

Download conference brochure: [www.acevents.com.au/higheredu2011/pdf/Higher\\_Education\\_Congress\\_2011.pdf](http://www.acevents.com.au/higheredu2011/pdf/Higher_Education_Congress_2011.pdf)

Quote code: Go8 to claim the discount.

#### Research Workforce

17-18 March, Melbourne

Email [executive.director@go8.edu.au](mailto:executive.director@go8.edu.au) to receive the Go8 registration form

[www.informa.com.au/conferences/human-resources-skilling/training/research-workforce-forum](http://www.informa.com.au/conferences/human-resources-skilling/training/research-workforce-forum)

#### Interconnected Tertiary Education Conference

30-31 March 2011, Melbourne

[www.interconnectededucation.com](http://www.interconnectededucation.com)

Quote code: CC\*GO8 to claim the discount.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Go8 Communications Directors meet in Canberra on 1 March
- China 9 Provosts meet with Go8 in Melbourne on 3-4 March
- Go8 Academic Policy Committee meets in Melbourne on 3-4 March
- Go8 International DVCs and Directors meet in Adelaide on 15 March
- Go8 Facilities Directors meet in Fremantle on 28 March
- Go8 Chief Financial Officers meet in Melbourne on 1 April
- Go8 Deans of Engineering meet in Auckland on 7-8 April
- Go8 Research Directors meet in Canberra on 12-13 April

### ABOUT THIS NEWSLETTER

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