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THE MELBOURNE MEDICAL SCHOOL RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM 2021: JOINT ENDEAVOURS IN RESEARCH EXCELLENCE

Thursday 4 November 2021

9:00am – 11:00am

Registration link: unimelb.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_U0UOVx0qS0GyK9mkoSmXCQ

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The annual Melbourne Medical School Research Symposium will focus on Joint endeavours in research excellence.

This year's virtual event showcases inspiring journeys in research through 'The Moth-style' storytelling format; updates on major Faculty and School projects by the Dean and Head of School, respectively; and features presentations from our School's Student and ECR Publication Prize finalists.

This event is open to:

- MMS academic, honorary and professional staff and students
- staff and students from health service, community health and medical research institutes partners
- professional and academic staff and students in MDHS and wider University

Any questions can be directed to: mms-research@unimelb.edu.au

PROGRAM

9:00am	Welcome, Professor Nicola Lautenschlager, Director of Research MMS
9:05am	Update on Faculty Initiatives, Professor Jane Gunn, Dean, MDHS
9:10am	Update on Major School Initiatives, Professor John Prins, Head, MMS
9:15am	Student Publication Prizes, facilitated by Daniel Gould
9:35am	Early Career Researcher Publication Prizes, facilitated by Dr Samantha Bunzli
10:00am	Intermission
10:10am	Introduction to The Moth-style session, Professor Nicola Lautenschlager, Director of Research MMS
10:15am	Stories from three researchers, The Moth-style session, facilitated by Professor Alicia Spittle Associate Dean (Research), MDHS <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Professor Alastair Sloan, Melbourne Dental School• Dr Anita D'Aprano, Paediatrics• Professor Sarath Ranganathan, Paediatrics
10:45am	Q&A, facilitated by Professor Alicia Spittle
10:55am	Closing remarks, Professor Nicola Lautenschlager

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SPEAKERS



Professor Jane Gunn

Dean of Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences

Professor Gunn is a distinguished clinician scientist with extensive experience in primary care research as well as hospital and not-for-profit governance. Since 2018 she has held the position of Deputy Dean in the Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences (MDHS), and in February 2021 commenced as Dean. Jane has played key leadership roles in reforming healthcare, beginning with her work in shared maternity care and cervical screening programs, and more recently in transforming mental health care in primary care settings. Her research and leadership experience led to a Ministerial Appointment to the NHMRC Research Committee (2009-2015) where she Chaired a variety of grant review and fellowship committees. Jane is a past Board member of the Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre and a current Board Director of Melbourne Health, The Florey Institute of Neuroscience and Mental Health, The Murdoch Children's Research Institute, The Melbourne Academic Centre for Health, The Eastern Melbourne Primary Health Network and of Dental Health Services Victoria.



Professor John Prins

Head of School, Melbourne Medical School

Professor John Prins is an active clinician-scientist, a key opinion leader in diabetes and endocrinology in Australia and sits on numerous national and international scientific, clinical and educational committees and boards for the National Health and Medical Research Council, non-government organisations and industry. John undertook his clinical training in endocrinology in Brisbane, completed a PhD at The University of Queensland (UQ) and postdoctoral research at the University of Cambridge, UK before returning to Australia in 1998 as a Wellcome International Senior Research Fellow. Most recently John was CEO/Director of Mater Research and Professor of Endocrinology at UQ prior to taking up his current role as Head of the Melbourne Medical School at The University of Melbourne.



Professor Alastair Sloan

Head of School, Melbourne Dental School

Alastair is the Head of School at the Melbourne Dental School and Professor of Tissue Engineering and Dental Biology. Alastair is an applied bioscientist who has been involved in oral/dental education and research for over 20 years. Before joining Melbourne, Alastair was Head of the School of Dentistry at Cardiff University, UK and is past Director of the Cardiff Institute for Tissue Engineering and Repair (CITER) a cross-University interdisciplinary research network. His research interests are in mineralised tissue repair, targeted drug delivery for mineralised tissue related infection and dental stem cell behaviour. He holds Visiting Professorships in China, UK and Ireland and is involved in national (UK) and international research funding panels as well as serving on committees of national and international scientific societies.

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OVERCOMING HEALTH CHALLENGES TOGETHER



Dr Anita D'Aprano

Department of Paediatrics, Melbourne Medical School

Anita is a developmental paediatrician and a senior research fellow, in Indigenous child health, in the Department of Paediatrics. Anita undertook her PhD studies in the Northern Territory remote Aboriginal context, exploring child developmental monitoring practices. This work led to creating the ASQ-TRAK developmental screening tool – the first culturally appropriate tool for use with First Nations Australian children. Anita's ongoing work takes a participatory approach to develop additional culturally appropriate child development measures and undertake effective knowledge translation. Her current focus is the scaling up of the ASQ-TRAK - ensuring sustainable and faithful implementation to support as many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children to reach their developmental potential.



Professor Sarath Ranganathan

Head, Department of Paediatrics

Professor Ranganathan is a paediatric respiratory physician, medical researcher, and teacher. Sarath undertook specialist training at the Royal Brompton and Great Ormond Street Hospitals in London and completed his PhD at University College, University of London. In 2004, Sarath emigrated to Australia to practice paediatric respiratory medicine at the Royal Children's Hospital (Melbourne, Australia), where he became the Director of Respiratory and Sleep Medicine in 2012. In 2019 he was elected Fellow of the American Thoracic Society for his international leadership in his field.