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From Immune Discovery to Global Health Outcomes

Date: August 19, 2026

Venue: Graduate House – Stella Langford Wing

Time	Presentation
2:15 – 2.20 pm	Welcome Professor Sarath Ranganathan , Head of School, MMS
2.20 – 3.10 pm	Session One – Immunology in Action: From Discovery to Impact Chairs: Professor Jo Douglass, James Stewart Chair of Medicine, MMS Dr Rhea Longley, Laboratory Head, WEHI Speakers: Professor Jason Tye-Din, Centre Director, Snow Centre for Immune Health <i>Title: From Coeliac Disease to Immune Health: Translating Discovery into Impact</i> Dr Rutger Roring, Postdoctoral Researcher, MCRI <i>Title: Genetic, Intrinsic, and Environmental Determinants of Innate Immune Cytokine Responses in Healthy Four-Year-Old Children</i> Dr Danika Hill, Laboratory Head, Infection and Global Health Division, WEHI <i>Title: How Does Our Immune System Remember Strep Throat?</i> Audience Q&A
3.10 – 3.25 pm	Afternoon tea
3.25 – 4.25 pm	Session Two – Establishing Clinical Trials: Domestic and International Chairs: Associate Professor Gayle Ross, Dermatology Research, Department of Medicine, MMS Dr Celina Jin, Senior Clinical Research Officer, WEHI

Speakers:

- **Professor Fiona Russell**, Paediatrician, Epidemiologist, and Vaccinologist, MCRI
Title: WHO Global Clinical Trials Network
- **Associate Professor Sabine Braat**, Principal Research Fellow in Biostatistics, Centre for Epidemiology and Biostatistics, Melbourne School of Population and Global Health
Title: Investing in Statistical Expertise for Global Impact
- **Professor James McCarthy**, Victorian Infectious Diseases Service, RMH, Professor of Medicine, Doherty Institute, and Laboratory Head, Infection and Global Health Division, WEHI
Title: Using Human Challenge Studies to Interrogate the Early Immune Response to Infection
- **Dr Josh Osowicki**, Paediatric Infectious Diseases Physician at the Royal Children's Hospital and Senior Research Fellow, MCRI
Title: A Dose of Humanity: The Host with the Most

Audience Q&A

Closing Remarks

4.25 – 4.30 pm

- **Professor James Murphy**, Deputy Director, WEHI