



The Annual DC Down Under Symposium 2013

Date:	Thursday 15 th – Friday 16 th August 2013
Time:	Thursday: 1.30pm – 5.30pm Friday: 8am – 5.30pm
Venue:	Clinical Sciences Building Lecture Theatre 1 Concord Hospital
Registration:	Free Registration (Welcome Breakfast, Lunch, Morning & Afternoon Teas provided)



The DC Down Under Symposium 2013 will focus on the bench to bedside approach of Dendritic Cell Immunotherapy, with a special focus on the clinical utility of Plasmacytoid Dendritic Cells. The program has been broken up into thematic areas that will allow researchers to see how basic DC biology has the potential to impact on direct health outcomes. The Symposium will cover areas including clinical utility of DC, basic DC biology and model systems, as well as DC manipulation and clinical translation.

This year we are pleased to have **Prof. Jolanda de Vries** from the Department of Tumour Immunology at the Nijmegen Centre for Molecular Life Sciences, Radboud University Nijmegen Medical Centre, as our international speaker.

Prof. de Vries is one of the pioneers that translated dendritic cell biology into potential clinical applications. The first clinical phase I/II studies in which patients were vaccinated with DC loaded with tumour-specific peptides were initiated in 1997. She developed a novel immune-monitoring assay that is highly predictive for extended survival after vaccination with DC. Her primary scientific interest is the study of DC migration and imaging to further the field of DC immunotherapy. She recently completed the first Plasmacytoid DC vaccination trial.

The Dendritic Cell Biology and Therapeutics Group (DCBTG) at the ANZAC Research Institute, continues to focus on DC with a particular emphasis on the translation of scientific discoveries around DC surface molecules into diagnostics and therapeutic outcomes. The ability to modulate the immune system, to stimulate it for therapeutic cancer vaccination (particularly for haematological malignancies), to suppress it to control inflammation or to improve transplant results is becoming a reality.

Once again we hope this Symposium will allow researchers interested in DC and their translation into clinical reality to meet in a relaxed workshop type environment. Those interested in presenting their work at the annual DC Down Under Symposium should contact Dr Phillip Fromm on 02 9767 9883 or email: phillip.fromm@sydney.edu.au

We look forward to seeing you at DC Down Under.

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