



## YOUNG INVESTIGATOR SYMPOSIUM

The 2014 VIIN Young Investigator Symposium held on 3 October at Walter and Eliza Hall Institute was attended by over 200 students, research assistants, postdoctoral and senior researchers from around Victoria.

Prof Anne Kelso (above) from the WHO Collaborating Centre for Reference and Research on Influenza gave an inspiring keynote presentation; *From lab bench to global health*. Anne then stayed on for a chat with interested attendees over morning tea.

The rest of the day saw oral presentations from postgraduate students and postdoctoral researchers with fast paced 'Science Bites' finishing off the speaking program. Attendees then enjoyed refreshments while networking and viewing the poster presentations.

Tan Nguyen from Walter and Eliza Hall Institute won the VIIN Young Investigator Award for his

presentation entitled *Sidt2 is required for innate immunity to extracellular double stranded RNA*. Tan will now be presenting his work during the plenary session of the [Lorne Infection and Immunity Conference](#) in February 2015.

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## CAREER DEVELOPMENT AWARDS

VIIN and ELISAKit.com are offering two Career Development Awards to Victorian postdoctoral researchers. The purpose of these awards is to assist early career researchers who have contributed to their discipline further their careers by attending the [Lorne Infection and Immunity Conference](#) in February 2015. Successful applicants will receive full registration (priced at \$610 each) at this major annual event on the infection and immunity calendar.

These awards have been funded by VIIN's ongoing sponsorship by ELISAKit.com. [Find out more about this promotion >](#)

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Victorian infection and immunity researchers' share of total funding beginning in 2015.



## VICTORIAN EUREKA PRIZE WINNERS

The Hendra Virus Research Team from CSIRO Australian Animal Health Laboratory in Geelong were recently awarded the Eureka Prize for Infectious Diseases Research. Dr Glenn Marsh (right) and the team were awarded the prize in recognition of their work creating a vaccine and treatment for the deadly Hendra virus; the first group to do so. The group also researches other bat-borne zoonoses such as Nipah and Ebola viruses.



Glenn will be a guest speaker in the Emerging Infectious Diseases session at the upcoming [Lorne Infection and Immunity Conference](#).

Other Victorian winners included the B-cell Team at Walter and Eliza Hall Institute who were awarded the Eureka Prize for Scientific Research for their work on plasma cell differentiation and survival.

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## VIIN RESEARCHERS VISIT CHINA

Following an initial workshop at VIDRL in 2008, VIIN scientists from the Doherty Institute are travelling to China this November for the Melbourne-Fudan Infection and Immunity Workshop. The visit is funded by University of Melbourne's International Research and Research Training Fund. A range of basic science and public health topics will be covered, including persistent and hospital acquired infections. VIIN has an Honorary International Partnership with Prof Zhenghong Yuan of Fudan University, a member of the elite C9 League of Universities. This meeting should strengthen ties even further.

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