

COMMITTEES

Commercialisation Committees

A number of joint meetings between the Board Commercialisation Advisory Committee and the internal Commercialisation Committee were held during the year, chiefly to consider the proposed partnership between the NHMRC and County Investment Management Ltd to establish the Medical Research Investment Fund (MRIF).

Under this agreement County will seek to raise investment capital from superannuation funds and other long-term investors. These funds will be used to match NHMRC grants selected through the peer-review system. In return, investors will receive a share of commercial income resulting from the funded research.

The MRIF has the potential to benefit medical research across Australia and catalyse the further growth of the biotechnology industry here, with obvious benefits for employment and the economy.

The Institute signed the non-binding Heads of Agreement with County on 22 June 1999.

The increased opportunities in the biotechnology era for adding value to the Institute's intellectual property, together with a changing focus of the AMRAD Corporation, has resulted in the decision to seek a senior appointment as Director of Commercialisation and Development as a full-time member of staff. Policies will need to be developed to enable scientists to be able to move into incubator facilities, and to receive further rewards for their discoveries.

The first distribution to all staff under the revised Distribution of Royalties Policy, was warmly welcomed by staff during the year.



*Ms Melda Donnelly
Chair of the Board
Commercialisation
Advisory Committee*



*Professor Nicos Nicola,
Chair of the Internal
Commercialisation
Committee*

Institute Ethics Committee

The Institute's Ethics Committee (IEC) considers the ethical implications of all proposed research projects involving human subjects or human tissue to determine whether or not the projects are acceptable on scientific and ethical grounds, in accordance with the NHMRC Statement on Human Experimentation and Supplementary Notes.

Many of the Institute's research projects extend over several years, as they try and tackle complex, difficult research questions. During this year, one new project was approved, one required amendment, one project was completed whilst two had not commenced as planned, resulting in 27 on-going projects.

The Institute Ethics Committee was invited to review and submit recommendations on several Australian Health Ethics

Committee (NHMRC) draft Guidelines. These were *The Use of Genetic Registers in Medical Research, The Protection of Privacy in the Conduct of Medical Research, Guidelines for Genetic Registers and Associated Genetic Material* and *Guidelines for Human Somatic Cell Gene Therapy and Related Technologies*.

This year we welcomed Reverend Dr Rufus Black after the retirement of Reverend Dr Douglas Fullerton to the Committee. Mrs Netta McArthur, Mr Edward Brownstein and Mr Matthew Klugman joined us as community laypeople. In order to broaden the age range of the Committee and widen educational opportunities, a student representative category was introduced. We welcomed Ms Rachel Burt and Mr Benjamin Kile to their first meeting in February in this capacity.

Investment Committee

Mr Roger Male (*Chair*)
Mr Robert Evans
Dr Margaret Brumby
Mr Steven Daley
Mr Murray Jeffs
Mr Robert Warren
Mr Peter Worcester

Ethics Committee

Professor Louis Waller AO (*Chair*)
Professor Ian Wicks (*Scientific Secretary*)
Rev. Dr Rufus Black (*from February 1999*)
Mr Edward Brownstein (*from February 1999*)
Dr Margaret Brumby
Ms Rachel Burt (*from February 1999*)
Rev Fr Michael Elligate
Rev Dr Douglas Fullerton (*to February 1999*)
Dame Margaret Guilfoyle
Professor Len Harrison
Mr Benjamin Kile (*from February 1999*)
Dr Trevor Kilpatrick
Mr Matthew Klugman (*from February 1999*)
Mrs Netta McArthur (*from February 1999*)
Ms Kathy Sampson
Dr Louis Schofield
Mr Paul Sheahan (*to September 1998*)
Mr Brian Stevenson (*to November 1998*)
Ms Sue Cameron (*Administrative Secretary*)

Appointments and Promotions Committee

Professor Richard Larkins, Dean, Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences, The University of Melbourne (*Chair*)
Professor Daine Alcorn, Department of Anatomy and Cell Biology, The University of Melbourne
Dr David Campbell, Research Foundation, The Royal Melbourne Hospital
Professor John Finlay-Jones, Chair, NH&MRC Fellowships Committee
Professor Chris Goodnow, The John Curtin School of Medical Research, Australian National University
Professor Jack Martin, Director, St Vincent's Institute of Medical Research
Professor Joseph Sambrook, Director, Peter MacCallum Cancer Institute
Professor Sue Serjeantson, Research School of Physical Sciences and Engineering, Australian National University
Professor Richard Wettenhall, Head, Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, The University of Melbourne
Professor Judith Whitworth, Chief Medical Officer, Department of Health and Family Services, Canberra

Commercialisation Advisory Committee

Ms Melda Donnelly (*Chair*)
Mr John Gough (*from May 1999*)
Ms Eve Mahlab
Mr Roger Male
Mr Steven Skala
Mr Bruce Teele
Mr Stanley Wallis (*from May 1999*)
Mr John Walker (*to February 1999*)

The Walter and Eliza Hall Institute Superannuation Fund (1979) Pty Ltd – Directors

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Dr Margaret Brumby (*to November 1998*)
Dr Alan Harris
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Mr Malcolm Williamson (*Secretary*)
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Dr Ora Bernard (*from December 1998*)

Leadership Fund Committee

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Royal Melbourne Hospital Animal Ethics Committee

Dr DG Campbell, Director, RMH Research Foundation (*Chair*) (*from January 1999*)
Mrs Renate Luhn, Ludwig Institute for Cancer Research (*Chair*)
Mr Robert Charlesworth (*Community Representative*)
Dr Jane Conole (*Veterinarian*) (*to February 1999*)
Mr Terry Flanagan (*Community Representative*)
Dr Andrew Giraud, Department of Medicine, Western Hospital
Dr Alan Harris, The Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research
Dr Andrew Lew, The Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research
Dr Zeinab Khalil, The National Ageing Research Institute
Dr Jayesh Meanger, The Macfarlane Burnet Centre for Medical Research
Ms Angela Milligan, The Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research (*Senior Animal Consultant*)

Dr Catheryn O'Brien, Veterinarian, The Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research
Mr Harry Ross, The Royal Melbourne Hospital (*to November 1998*)
Dr Norbett Ryan, Victorian Infectious Diseases Reference Laboratory (*to September 1998*)
Ms Danni College (*from November 1998*)
Ms Robyn Sullivan (*Community Representative*)
Dr Cedar Warren (*Community Representative*)
Dr Angela Watt, Manager, The Royal Melbourne Hospital Research Foundation Secretary (*ex officio*)
Ms Jenny Davis, Department of Medicine, The Royal Melbourne Hospital (*Senior Animal Consultant*) (*from March 1999*)

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Ms Dianne Mathews (*from March 1999*)
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Ms Claire Tanswell
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Biosafety Committee

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Dr Brendan Crabb, The University of Melbourne
Professor Ashley Dunn, Ludwig Institute for Cancer Research
Dr David Huang
Dr Margo Honeyman
Dr Christopher Langford, Victoria Institute of Animal Science
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Dr Catheryn O'Brien
Mr Denis Quilici (*Safety Officer*)
Mr Hassan Sadafi (*Engineer*)
Mrs Heather Saunders (*Secretary*) (*to June 1999*)

Commercialisation Committee

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Dr Simon Foote
Dr Douglas Hilton
Mr John Hughes, Patent Attorney, Davis Collison Cave

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Mr Christopher Dyer (*from January 1999*)
Dr Emanuela Handman
Dr Tom Kay (*from April 1999*)
Ms Josephine Marshall
Mr Keith Satterley (*to December 1998*)
Professor Ken Shortman (*to December 1998*)
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Library Committee

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Ms Vicki Marshall
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Professor Nicos Nicola
Dr Robyn Sutherland
Dr Li Wu

Mouse Management Committee

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Dr Alan Harris
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Dr Catheryn O'Brien
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Mouse Genome Manipulation Committee

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Ms Angela Milligan
Dr Catheryn O'Brien
Dr Lorraine Robb (*ex officio*)

Scientific Advisory Board

Dr David Baltimore, California Institute of Technology, Pasadena

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Professor Peter Doherty, Department of Immunology, St Jude Children's Research Hospital, Memphis

Dr Thomas Graf, Albert Einstein University, New York

Dr Leroy Hood, University of Washington, School of Medicine, Seattle

Dr Diane Mathis, Department of Immunology, CNRS, INSERM, Université Louis Pasteur, Strasbourg.

Dr Martin Raff, MRC Laboratory for Molecular Cell Biology, University College, London

Professor Grant Sutherland, Department of Cytogenetics and Molecular Genetics, Women's and Children's Hospital, Adelaide

Professor Bruce Stillman, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, New York

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Professor Glenn Begley

Professor Graham Brown

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Professor Nicos Nicola

Professor Ken Shortman

Professor Terry Speed

Consultative Groups

Faculty and Management

Meetings comprise the Director, Assistant Director, members of the Research Faculty (WEHI Fellows, Special Fellows, and Research Scientists) and senior management. Other staff may be invited from time to time on an as-needs basis.

Support Staff Forum

Occasional meetings are held to discuss issues of relevance to the Institute's support staff. Members include all staff classified on the HEW salary scale.

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