

# Early-Mid Career Researchers Forum

*The voice of Australia's future scientific leaders*

The Australian Academy of Science recognises the challenges faced by Australia's emerging researchers and in 2011, established the Early-Mid Career Researcher Forum (the Forum). The Forum engages with early-mid career scientists from around Australia and advises the Academy on the key issues raised by younger researchers, to help inform its policy recommendations to government. Importantly, the Forum provides a vital connection between Australia's most eminent scientists and tomorrow's future scientific leaders.

The Forum is the national voice of Australia's emerging scientists across multiple disciplines. It examines critical issues including career structure, education, job security, funding, training and gender equity. The Forum liaises with other national organisations, such as the Australian Society for Medical Research, Discoveries Need Dollars and Science & Technology Australia, to positively contribute to Australia's health and economy, and the future careers of our emerging scientific experts.

## **Science Pathways: Getting Science on the National Agenda**

The Forum's first national meeting, *Science Pathways: Getting Science on the National Agenda*, will be held at the Shine Dome in Canberra, September 24<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup>, 2012. We aim to engage early-mid career researchers in active discussions to learn more about the challenges they face and devise some possible solutions. We want you to have your say! Importantly, young researchers can extend their professional skills through an Education Session on policy development and implementation, and a Career Hotspot which will highlight rewarding careers beyond the bench. It will also provide opportunities to network with leading scientific professionals from some of Australia's top organizations in public and private enterprise. This meeting aims to show early-mid career researchers the many viable career pathways open to them and provide them the know-how on policy and innovation - important to all scientists!

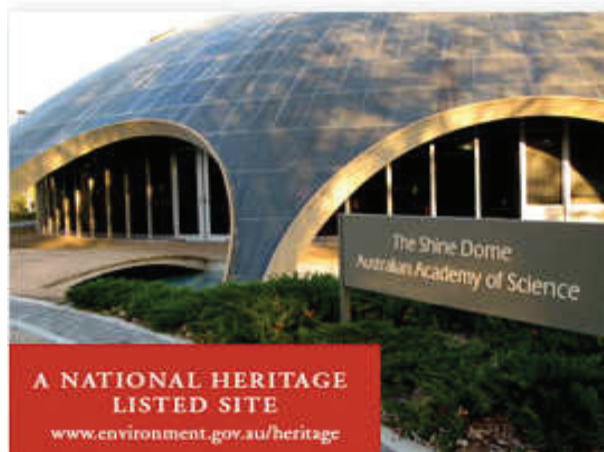
### **Five reasons to attend**

1. Engage in scientific advocacy – have your say!
2. Meet and get advice from leading scientific professionals employed at the top organizations in public and private enterprise.
3. Learn what different career doors open with/without a PhD – important for you and/or your trainees.
4. Enhance your professional development and get the tools you need to succeed.
5. Connect with other young scientists – your future colleagues and collaborators.

### **Venue**

#### **THE SHINE DOME, CANBERRA**

- The Australian Academy of Science's iconic Dome has been a Canberra landmark since its construction in 1959. Located on Gordon Street, it was the first building in Canberra to be included on the National Heritage List.
- The Shine Dome has received numerous awards and is one of seven projects the Royal Australian Institute of Architects has nominated to the World Register of Significant Twentieth Century Architecture.



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## *Science Pathways: Getting science on the national agenda*

### *Program in brief*

#### **Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> September, 2012**

- 10:00 am**      **Registration/Morning Tea (30 min)**
- 10:30 am      Welcome and introduction (Prof. Bob Williamson)
- 10:45 am      Opening – Prof. Ian Chubb, Chief Scientist for Australia
- 11:00 am      ***Chuwen Keynote – the ghosts of Science- past, present and future*** (Prof. Brian Schmidt)
- 11:30 am      ***Session I: What are the real issues for you?***  
Focus Groups
- 1:00 pm**      **Networking Lunch (1 hr)**
- 2:00 pm      ***Session II: Best practices in the training and development of Australia's emerging scientific leaders***  
Panel Forum
- *Tony Peacock, CRCA – CRCA, Professional skills/training*
  - *Marnie Blewitt, WEHI – Family-friendly policies that promote gender equity*
  - *Andrew Hopkins, AAO – Mentoring and career development*
- 3:30 pm**      **Afternoon Tea (30 min) CUBEnet workshop** (Prof. Phil Porronik)
- 4:00-5:20 pm      ***Session III: Career Hotspot - what else is there besides academic research?***  
Panel + 'Meet the Expert'
- *Cathy Foley, CSIRO – Research careers in Australia and overseas*
  - *Moira Clay, TICHR – Careers in research administration*
  - *Susan Hawes, DIISTRE – From research into policy*
- 5:20 pm      ***Homework – what we've learned and where to take it from here?***  
(Dr Maggie Evans-Galea)
- 6:30-9:30 pm**      **SOCIAL EVENT – Ivy Café, Old Canberra House** ([www.ivy-cafe.com.au](http://www.ivy-cafe.com.au))

#### **Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> September, 2012**

- 9:00 am      ***Session IV: Policy Development and Implementation***  
Education Session
- *Anna-Maria Arabia, STA – Raising awareness, gathering information*
  - *Paul Harris, CSIRO & ANU – Through the Government's looking glass*
  - *TBC – The review process – insights from the McKeon Review*
  - *Margaret Sheil, UM – Policy development in complex environments*
- 10:00 am**      **Morning Tea (30 min)**
- 10:30 am      ***Session V: What are some potential solutions?***  
Focus Groups
- 12:30 pm**      **Networking Lunch (1 hr)**
- 1:30 pm      ***Session VI: Getting science on the agenda***  
Floor Discussion, outcomes and action points
- 2:45-3:00 pm**      **Meeting Close** (Prof. Bob Williamson)





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## Science Pathways 2012: Getting Science on the National Agenda

24-25 September, 2012, Shine Dome, Canberra, ACT

### REGISTRATION FORM

Surname: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred name for name badge: \_\_\_\_\_

Organisation: \_\_\_\_\_

Position in Organisation: \_\_\_\_\_

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\*will only be used if required to contact you onsite at *Science Pathways* or regarding travel/accommodation

Special requirements (dietary, access etc): \_\_\_\_\_

Current discipline (chemistry, biology etc): \_\_\_\_\_

Undergraduate degree(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Postgraduate degree(s): \_\_\_\_\_

If you have a Research Higher Degree (e.g. PhD), please indicate completion year: \_\_\_\_\_

#### REGISTRATION FEE (includes GST):

- Student \$150
- Postdoctoral Fellow \$175
- Group Leader/Other Professional \$200

Please email this [registration form](#) to [ecr@science.org.au](mailto:ecr@science.org.au)

**PLEASE DO SO ASAP AND NO LATER THAN MONDAY 27 AUGUST 2012**

*You will receive an acknowledgement email within two weeks of sending your registration form.*

*For enquiries about registration please contact our **Events Manager Mitchell Piercey** at [mitchell.piercey@science.org.au](mailto:mitchell.piercey@science.org.au) or 02 6201 9462.*

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