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Queensland Life Sciences *Globally Engaging Events*

Come and meet with world leaders

In October 2009, the Queensland Life Sciences *Globally Engaging Events* will bring together a number of key North American, European, Asian and African Life Sciences Leaders from 21 October through to 26 October in Queensland.

The inaugural Translational Research Excellence 2009 (TRX09) Symposium is part of a series of events and will stimulate trans-disciplinary interaction and collaborations across all areas of human disease research, drug and diagnostic discovery and development, and bioinformatics - across academia, biopharmaceutical industry and government.

The other *Globally Engaging Events* include The Premier's Export Awards, Globally Engaging *MediQ Breakfast*, Globally Engaging *Stem Cell Research Symposium*, Queensland Life Sciences *Globally Engaging Networking Event* and Globally Engaging *Investment Forum*.

Queensland Clinical Trials Network Inc. (QCTN) CEO, Mario Pennisi, said it is fantastic that so many of the world's industry leaders are getting behind these events and that many have already committed their time to be key speakers.

'Queensland has much to offer on the world-stage as the Australian State that is a key centre in the provision of health biotechnology and related services and it is great to see international stakeholders recognising this and wanting to engage with Queensland to discuss the possibilities of collaboration,' Mr Pennisi said.

It is hoped that throughout the series of events, the Queensland industry will further expand their business horizons and seek collaboration opportunities with the industry leaders.

Some keynote speakers include:

- Scott Sarazen - Ernst & Young Global Life Sciences Centre Markets Leader
- Dr Howard Soule - Executive Vice President and Chief Scientific Officer, Prostate Cancer Foundation; Milken Institute, USA
- Prof. Peter Andrews - Queensland Chief Scientist; Brisbane, Australia

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- Dr Dong Ho Lee - Director, Asan Clinical Trial Centre & Vice-President, Korean National Enterprise for Clinical Trials (KoNECT); Seoul, Korea
- Prof. Uwe Heinrich - Executive Director, Fraunhofer Institute for Toxicology and Experimental Medicine (ITEM); Hannover, Germany
- Dr W-K Chan - Deputy Director, Department of Medical Research, National Taiwan University Hospital; Taipei, Taiwan
- Dr Masayoshi Murakami – Managing Director and Director for Clinical Research and Coordination Department / Vice President, Translational Research Informatics, Center, Foundation for Biomedical Research and Innovation (FBRI); Kobe, Japan
- Pierre Meulien, PhD - Chief Scientific Officer, Genome British Columbia; Vancouver BC, Canada
- Prof. Colleen Nelson - Director, Australian Prostate Cancer Research Centre - Queensland; Brisbane, Australia
- Dr Mike Burgess - European Head of Oncology Clinical Research and Exploratory Development, Roche Products Limited
- The Hon. Peter Beattie - Queensland Government Trade Commissioner for The Americas; Los Angeles, United States of America
- *Plus many more...*

Supporters of the events include: Australian Institute for Bioengineering and Nanotechnology (AIBN), BioAssayLINK, Brisbane Marketing, Clinical Network Services (CNS), EBD Group, Ernst & Young, IMBcom, Inverness Medical Innovations Australia and New Zealand, McCullough Robertson, PharmAssure, Q-Pharm, Queensland Facility for Advanced Bioinformatics (QFAB), Queensland Government, TetraQ and The Wesley Research Institute.

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About QCTN

Queensland Clinical Trials Network Inc. (QCTN) was established in 2005 and is an independent, not-for-profit industry organisation, based in Australia. QCTN itself does not undertake preclinical or clinical research; however, QCTN member organisations provide the research services.

As a peak industry representative organisation, QCTN is an 'umbrella organisation' representing more than 70 national and international businesses which have a presence in Queensland – and represent almost every facet in the therapeutic product development pipeline. These organisations are life sciences service providers and related entities serving the pharmaceutical, biotechnology, complementary medicines and medical devices industries.

With over 70 members, QCTN is a primary point of contact for international organisations seeking to undertake preclinical and clinical drug development in Australia, QCTN helps identify and connect overseas organisations with appropriate Australian research institutes, biotechnology and medical device companies and life sciences third party service providers.

The broad base of QCTN's membership extends beyond clinical trials alone, with entities ranging from preclinical services providers, medical services, research organisations and also support service-related companies.

QCTN is involved in organising seminars, training industry workshops, conferences, establishing and maintaining relationships with other industry groups in Australia and abroad and participating in national and international forums to improve current regulations and systems for undertaking preclinical and clinical research.

QCTN's aim is to promote and raise the visibility of the Australian biopharmaceutical industry and life sciences service providers at a national and international level and to support them in building their capabilities in terms of know-how, best business practices, information and human resource solutions, as well as to facilitate opportunities for in/out licensing deals, mergers and acquisitions, and marketing activities. In addition, QCTN has introduced several unique initiatives that provide members and sponsors access to specialised support not available elsewhere:

- Independent Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC)
- Independent Institutional Biosafety Committee (IBC)
- Staff deployment services – SOS (Staff on Site)
- TrialChecker
- 1300Trials
- RTO.

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About the Queensland Life Sciences *Globally Engaging Events*

It is QCTN's plan to hold various symposiums and networking events that promote and raise the visibility of Australia's, and in particular Queensland's, biopharmaceutical industry and life sciences services providers. From this plan, the Queensland Life Sciences *Globally Engaging Events* were born.

In 2008, QCTN hosted the Inaugural Queensland Life Sciences *Globally Engaging Event* - a networking function that brought the life sciences industry together with key international stakeholders to showcase the vibrant industry and opportunities that already exist here in Queensland.

With over 200 people in attendance, the event was highly successful with very positive feedback from all in attendance. Due to the success of the inaugural event, in 2009, the event has grown to four days of inter-related activities:

Globally Engaging *Stem Cell Symposium* | Thursday 22 October | Venue NFP

The Stem Cell Symposium will bring together an influential group of leading international stem cell researchers, regulators and key industry stakeholders. This event is strictly invitation only.

Globally Engaging *MediQ Breakfast* | Thursday 22 October | Rydges Hotel, Southbank

This event will provide a remarkable opportunity to network with both international and local complementary medicines and functional foods stakeholders.

TRX09 | Friday 23 October | Hilton Hotel, Brisbane

The inaugural TRX symposium will stimulate trans-disciplinary interaction and collaborations across all areas of human disease research, drug and diagnostic discovery and development, and bioinformatics, and across academia, biopharmaceutical industry and government. The TRX09 pre-final program involves speakers from Korea, Japan, USA, Canada, New Zealand and Germany, amongst others.

***Networking Event* | Friday 23 October | GoMA, Southbank**

The Queensland Life Sciences *Globally Engaging Event* will bring together a number of key International Life Sciences Leaders, and the guest speaker for this event will be The Honourable Peter Beattie - Former Premier of Queensland and now Queensland's Trade Commissioner for the Americas. The Networking Event will also include the presentation of a Queensland Life Sciences *Industry Excellence Award* for outstanding contribution and commitment within the industry, and will be open to all Queensland-based individuals.

Globally Engaging *Investment Forum* | Monday 26 October | Hilton Hotel, Brisbane

Don't miss this opportunity to get up-to-date insights on the global business environment for life sciences, to meet with international delegations from North America, Europe and Asia and to profile your business to industry leaders, organisations and investors.

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