

MEDICAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

e-Newsletter # 13 – February 2010

1. Sydney Medical School / Medical Alumni Association Dinner - Friday, 12 March 2010

Sydney Medical School and the Medical Alumni Association will hold a combined Dinner in the Great Hall on Friday, 12 March 2010 at 7.00pm. The guest speaker will be Tanveer Ahmed, University of Sydney medical alumnus (2000) and newspaper columnist. We will also enjoy musical entertainment.

We hope that you will join us for this dinner and arrange tables with other friends and colleagues in your graduating year, in your hospital or practice, or in your Sydney Medical School department, as some have already done.

[Invitation](#)
[Payment form](#)

2. Symposium on 'Passions outside medicine' - Friday, 12 March 2010, 1 - 3.40pm

The Medical Alumni Association and the Unit of Medical Humanities in Sydney Medical School are planning this symposium on 'Passions outside medicine'. This event will precede the Sydney Medical School / Medical Alumni Association Dinner to be held that evening. Please note that the program will conclude earlier than previously advertised to enable participants to also attend the public lecture by 2009 Nobel Prize-winner, Professor Elizabeth Blackburn (see below).

By combining the three events (Symposium, Public Lecture and SMS/MAA Dinner), we hope to encourage more of our alumni from areas beyond Sydney to come and join us on 12 March.

Passions outside medicine: Friday, 12 March, 1.00-3.40pm

- **Music and medicine** (1.00-1.45pm): Michael Field and other speakers
- **Literature and medicine** (1.45-2.30pm): Jill Gordon and other speakers
- Coffee break (2.30-2.50pm)
- **The humanities in medicine** (2.50-3.40pm): Claire Hooker and other speakers in a panel discussion.

Venue: To be announced, but on University of Sydney Main Campus.

Please register for the Symposium (no cost) and lunch boxes by informing Diana Lovegrove: diana.lovegrove@sydney.edu.au or call (02) 9114 1163. Lunch boxes for \$15 will be available from 12md to 1pm at the venue.

3. Public Lecture by Professor Elizabeth Blackburn, 2009 Nobel Prize-winner

'Telomerase and telomere biology'

Venue: New Law School Lecture Theatre 101, University of Sydney (4pm).

It is essential to register individually for this public lecture. Please do so as soon as possible if you wish to attend: alumni.rsvp@sydney.edu.au



4. History of medicine, public health and science

4.1 Isolated cases? 100 years of Australian medical research

Sunday, 21 February, 8.30am to 5.15pm at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital

Speakers include Don Metcalf: **'A life in Australian medical research'**.

For full program and abstracts go to: www.cs.nsw.gov.au/rpa/museum/

4.2 RACP History of Medicine Library Lecture

Monday, 22 February, 6.30pm, Level 1, 145 Macquarie Street, Sydney

'Wealthy but not healthy: the environmental health of Sydney in the late 19th century'

Dr Shirley Fitzgerald, former City of Sydney historian.

Bookings essential on (02) 9256 5413 or racplib@racp.edu.au

4.3 Sydney Ideas, University of Sydney

'Francis Crick: Who was the man who discovered DNA?'

Professor Robert Olby, Research Professor, University of Pittsburgh, USA

Date and time: Tuesday 9 March 2010, 6.30pm

Venue: Seymour Theatre Centre, cnr of City Rd and Cleveland St, University of Sydney
Darlington

Cost: \$20 Adults/\$15 Concession/USyd Alumni can now access a '2 for price of 1' offer.

Bookings: Seymour Centre Box Office ph 02 9351 7940 or [book online now](#)

http://www.usyd.edu.au/sydney_ideas/lectures/2010/professor_robert_olby.shtml

5. Student mentoring and home hospitality for new students

Student mentoring was discussed at the Sydney Medical School Dean's Advisory Committee meeting in January. After the SMS Heads of School meeting on 11 February, we will inform alumni and clinical tutors who have volunteered about how mentors and students can meet. We will also be in touch with those alumni who have kindly offered to invite students to their homes.

If you can offer a welcome to students in your home early in the first semester of 2010, please get in touch with me (see below).

6. Death notices and obituaries (year of graduation in brackets)

Obituaries. Vincent Frederick Munro (1961); and Joffre Bartholomew Cowle (1956), written by Jim Roche (1956), Medical Journal of Australia, 4 January 2010.

Vale to other medical friends and colleagues. Death notices of medical alumni in the Sydney Morning Herald or elsewhere in recent months include (most recent first): Antony Livio Pasquale Baccarini (1950); Bruce Simon Glass (1965); Oswald Joseph Davies (1948); Charles David Badham (1944); Prudence Ann McPhillips (Dr Prue McLachlan, 1953); Bruce Carlyle Pirie (1939); and Norman James Royle (1940).

We look forward to seeing you at some of our forthcoming functions!

Paul Lancaster

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