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A message from the VESKI Chairman

The pace of science and innovation has continued unabated through troubled global financial times with VESKI completing a very productive year enhancing the vibrancy of science and innovation in Victoria.



In the past year the Board has expanded the focus of VESKI programs to include looking after our environment in particular climate change as well as continuing to support such areas as human health. This has resulted in awarding two 2010 VESKI Innovation Fellowships to outstanding researchers in skin cancer research (oncology) and geothermal energy generation capabilities; thus continuing to deliver our core programs to relocate outstanding researchers to Melbourne and Victoria.

I am particularly thrilled with the role VESKI has played in supporting and hosting significant science and innovation events in Melbourne over the past year. In particular, by jointly hosting a major 'Women in Research – Achieving it all' event; for over 800 researchers featuring Australia's latest Nobel Laureate Professor Elizabeth Blackburn AC and leaders of Australia's major science bodies, VESKI has emphasised the importance of creating an innovation system that is fully inclusive.

Under the MOU on climate change between the State of Victoria and the State of California VESKI hosted a weeklong visit of noted expatriate solar energy researcher and innovator Dr David Mills featuring public lectures and forums with a range of industry, environment and community groups.

These events, to name but a few, highlight a busy and productive year for VESKI and specifically our contribution to the science and innovation agenda of Victoria. I commend this newsletter to you; please enjoy our reporting of these past events and a glimpse of the programs we look forward to bringing to you in the year ahead.

Regards,

Professor Snow Barlow.

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A busy 12 months for VESKI



VESKI launches Entrepreneur in Residence Program

Dr David Mills becomes VESKI's inaugural Entrepreneur in Residence, launching their new short term, high-impact program aimed at providing Victorian's with exposure to the latest thinking from global innovators.

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VESKI supports visit by International Scientist

Renowned malaria scientist, Professor Balbir Singh, delivered the key note address at the *Malaria in Melbourne 2009* conference.

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VESKI funds visit by Stephen Kieran

VESKI, in partnership with Monash University, hosted a series of peer workshops and a public lecture by Stephen Kieran of renowned US Architectural firm Kieran Timberlake as part of the Monash 2009 Architecture Series. [More...](#)



VESKI co-funds Design Thinking Conference

VESKI in conjunction with Swinburne University and Design Victoria hosted an invitational conference on design thinking. [More...](#)



VESKI supports Women in Research

VESKI joined forces with Monash University to deliver a Women in Research forum, featuring Noble Laureate Professor Elizabeth Blackburn AC.

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VESKI Boardroom News



VESKI Director Honoured

VESKI Director Mr Gregory Sword was recognised as a member (AM) of the Order of Australia in the 2010 Australia Day Honours List. [More...](#)



VESKI Board Appointment

Mr Ron Douglas was appointed to the VESKI Board of Directors in July 2009. [More...](#)

VESKI Fellow News



2010 VESKI Innovation Fellows Announced

Sir Gustav Nossal AC, Emeritus Professor, named two internationally distinguished scientists as VESKI Innovation Fellows for 2010.

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Prime Minister's Top Prize for Science

VESKI Innovation Fellow Professor Michael Cowley was recognised for his contribution to our understanding of metabolism and obesity, receiving the 2009 Science Minister's Prize for Life Scientist of the Year. [More...](#)



VESKI Fellow delivers keynote address

VESKI Fellow, past Chairman and eminent scientist, Professor Alan Trounson was guest speaker at Australia's prestigious 2010 ATSE Clunies Ross Awards in Melbourne. [More...](#)

VESKI Innovation Fellowships 2010/11



VESKI Fellowship Applications have NOW CLOSED

Applications for the 2010/11 VESKI Innovation Fellowships have NOW CLOSED. [More...](#)

Forthcoming Events



VESKI's International Connections Program

This year, as part of VESKI's International Connections Program, VESKI will be sponsoring a visit by Boston based Dr Jonathan Rosen to Melbourne.

Dr Rosen will be in Melbourne for the week of Monday 27 September - Friday 1 October 2010. A full program of events and activities is currently being convened.

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**RMIT Business Lecture Series - September 2010**

Dr Jonathan Rosen, Executive Director, Boston University School of Management. Institute for Technology Entrepreneurship & Commercialisation will be the guest speaker at the September RMIT Business Lecture. [More...](#)

**Melbourne Hosts 2010 Knowledge Cities World Summit**

VESKI is proud to be supporting Melbourne 2010 - the third Knowledge Cities World Summit to be hosted between 16 - 19 November 2010.

Registrations are now open.

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**RMIT Business Lecture Series - November 2010**

Dr Cathy Garner, Chief Executive of Manchester Knowledge Cities will be the guest speaker at the November 2010 RMIT Business Breakfast. [More...](#)

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