

## **2007 Highlights**

### **UNSW Prizes, Awards, Premium Fellowships & Prestigious Programs**

In the **2007 Eureka Prizes**, UNSW made a total of 10 nominations across 6 award categories. As a result of these nominations, 7 UNSW nominations were amongst the finalists across 6 categories (5 of the categories entered plus the coveted People's Choice Award). None of the other Go8 universities were even close to this level of performance in the Eureka's. Professor Levon Khachigian was awarded the "NSW Office for Science and Medical Research Jamie Callachor Eureka Prize for Medical Research", and the "Voiceless Eureka Prize for Research which Replaces the Use of Animals or Animal Products" was awarded to Associate Professor Maria Kavallaris, Dr Sela Pouha and Dr Nicole Verrills from the CCIA.

UNSW researchers were also finalists in the celebrated **Banksia Environmental Foundation Awards** in 2007, including the Prime Minister's Environmentalist of the Year Award (Professor Richard Kingsford) and People's Choice Award (Professor Maria Skyllas-Kazacos).

Professor Robyn Ward was awarded **The Cancer Institute NSW Premier's Award for Outstanding Cancer Researcher of the Year**, and Professor Bill Rawlinson was awarded **The Australian Council on Healthcare Standards Medal**.

UNSW's commitment to climate change research was also acknowledged via the award of the distinguished **Royal Society of Victoria Research Medal** to Professor Matthew England from the Climate Change Research Centre.

In 2007, 3 **Federation Fellowships** (Professors Clark, Hodges and Petersen) were awarded to researchers at UNSW; we also have 3 **Young Tall Poppies Science Awards** (Drs Taylor, Kasparian and Johnston) and 2 **COSMOS Bright Sparks Awards** (Professors Barner-Kowollik and Hamilton).

Also in 2007, we have seen UNSW academic staff members honoured via election to the esteemed Australian Academies: **Australian Academy of Science** (Professor David Cooper AO); **Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering** (Professors Foster, Sahajwalla and Bradford); and **Academy of Social Sciences in Australia** (Professor Gordon Parker).

At the end of November, 3 UNSW graduates were presented with **The General Sir John Monash Foundation Awards** at Government House, in recognition of their outstanding scholarly achievements. A rival to the Rhodes Scholarship, the Monash Awards are amongst the most prestigious international scholarships available within Australia, where the award of 3 scholarships (from only 8 available nationwide) to UNSW reflects the exceptional academic quality of our graduates.

**Professor Les Field**  
**Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research)**  
**7 December 2007**

**Cancer Institute NSW Premier's Award for Outstanding Cancer Researcher of the Year 2007**

Associate Professor Robyn Ward  
School of Medical Sciences (Garvan Institute of Medical Research)  
Faculty of Medicine

**ARC Federation Fellowship 2007**

Professor Robert Clark  
School of Physics (ARC Centre of Excellence for Quantum Computer Technology)  
Faculty of Science

**ARC Federation Fellowship 2007**

Professor Ian Petersen  
School of Electrical Engineering  
UNSW@ADFA

**ARC Federation Fellowship 2007**

Professor John Hodges  
Prince of Wales Medical Research Institute  
Faculty of Medicine

**OSMR Life Sciences Research Award 2007**

Professor John Hodges  
Prince of Wales Medical Research Institute  
Faculty of Medicine

**Royal Society of Victoria Research Medal (for Earth Sciences) 2007**

Professor Matthew England  
CEDL  
Faculty of Science

**NSW Office for Science and Medical Research Jamie Callachor Eureka Prize for Medical Research 2007**

Professor Levon Khachigian  
CVR  
Faculty of Medicine

**Voiceless Eureka Prize for Research which Replaces the Use of Animals or Animal Products 2007**

Associate Professor Maria Kavallaris, Dr Sela Pouha and Dr Nicole Verrills  
CCIA  
Faculty of Medicine

**COSMOS Bright Sparks Award 2007**

Professor Christopher Barner-Kowollik  
Centre for Advanced Molecular Design,  
Faculty of Engineering

**COSMOS Bright Sparks Award 2007**

Professor Alex Hamilton  
School of Physics  
Faculty of Science

**Young Tall Poppies Science Award 2007**

Dr Nadine Kasparian  
Faculty of Medicine

**Young Tall Poppies Science Award 2007**

Dr Matthew Taylor  
School of Biological, Earth and Environmental Sciences  
Faculty of Science

**Young Tall Poppies Science Award 2007**

Dr Emma Johnston  
School of Biological, Earth and Environmental Sciences  
Faculty of Science

**Fellow of the Australian Academy of Science 2007**

Professor David Cooper AO  
Faculty of Medicine

**Fellow of the Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering 2007**

Professor Neil Foster  
Faculty of Engineering

**Fellow of the Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering 2007**

Professor Veena Sahajwalla  
Faculty of Science

**Fellow of the Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering 2007**

Professor Mark Bradford  
Faculty of Engineering

**Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences in Australia 2007**

Professor Gordon Parker  
Faculty of Medicine

**Australian Council on Healthcare Standards Medal 2008**

Professor William Rawlinson  
School of Medical Sciences (Faculty of Medicine) and  
School of Biotechnology & Biomolecular Sciences (Faculty of Science)

**DEST Endeavour Executive Award 2008**

A/Prof Jun Wang  
School of Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering

**The General Sir John Monash Foundation Award 2008**

Mr David Hume  
Arts/Law graduate

**The General Sir John Monash Foundation Award 2008**

Ms Frances Voon  
Arts/Law graduate

**The General Sir John Monash Foundation Award 2008**

Colonel Roger Noble  
Arts graduate (UNSW@ADFA)