

Australian Biomedical Scientist Wins Top UK Award for Ovary Research

Australian biomedical scientist Professor Jock Findlay AM has been awarded the UK Society for Reproduction and Fertility (SRF) Distinguished Scientist Award for 2006.

This award honours Professor Findlay's outstanding contribution to reproduction and fertility research. He is the only Australian to have won this prestigious award.

"It is a great honour to receive this award, which recognizes the very important contributions made by my coworkers and students. It also recognises Australia as a leader in research and reproductive health".

Professor Findlay will present a keynote lecture at the Society's Annual conference in July 2006 in Leeds, West Yorkshire, England.

Professor Findlay is a world renowned reproductive biologist with more than 30 years of experience in reproductive health research. He has been a pioneer in understanding the ovary and its function including the hormone inhibin, regulating fertility and treating infertility in women.

He was one of the original collaborators on the first paper on hormone replacement in women receiving IVF. Professor Findlay's research has had an enduring impact on the field through highly and consistently cited publications, and continuing invitations to write chapters in authoritative texts and speak at meetings of his peers. He has collaborated with other eminent Australian scientists including Professors David de Kretser, Henry Burger, Evan Simpson and Carl Wood.

His achievements have been recognised through numerous awards including the 2006 Dale Medal the UK Society for Endocrinology. In 2001 he was made a Member of the Order of Australia for services to medical research, as a researcher in reproductive biology and as a medical administrator.

Professor Findlay is the Deputy Director of Prince Henry's Institute of Medical Research. He is Chairperson for the Infertility Treatment Authority of Victoria and member of the Scientific Committee and board member of the Victorian Breast Cancer Consortium Inc. Professor Findlay is a member of the National Health and Medical Research Council of Australia Management Committee and Member of Council and Chairperson in the Embryo Research Licensing Committee. Professor Findlay also served as Chair of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Group, Department of Reproductive Health and Research at the World Health Organisation in Geneva, Switzerland, from 1998 - 2003.

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