

## **Festschrift for Professor John Pollard: PROGRAMME**

9am: Welcome Dr Michael Barnett

### **SESSION 1**

9.15am: **Eat, Drink and Be Numb** Prof Eva Feldman

9.45am: **Inflammatory neuropathies : pathological origins** Prof John Prineas

10.15am: **Autonomic neuropathies** Dr Judy Spies

10.45am: *Morning Tea: 30 min*

### **SESSION 2**

11:15am: **Guillain Barre syndrome: past, present, and future** Prof Hugh Willison

11:45am: **Pyridostigmine: friend or foe?** Dr Stephen Reddel

12:15pm: **What's new in inherited myopathies** Prof Kathryn North

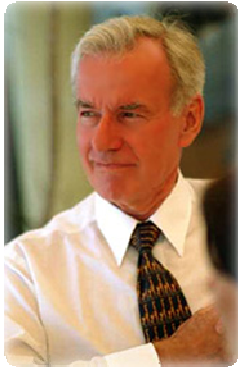
### **SESSION 3**

1:00pm: *Lunch: 1 hour*

2:00pm: **Parsonage-Turner syndrome revisited** Prof Austin Sumner

2.30pm: **Paraneoplastic neuropathies** Dr Ian Sutton

3.00pm: **FINISH**



### **FESTSCHRIFT - PROFESSOR JOHN D. POLLARD**

Please find attached the final program for Professor John Pollard's Festschrift, to be held at the Centenary Institute on Monday June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2008. As you will see, three outstanding international speakers will participate in the meeting, in addition to a number of homegrown renowned experts. The calibre of these speakers is testament to John's own stellar contribution to Neurology, and the neuromuscular flavour of the meeting a recognition of his first love, peripheral nerve. The Academic meeting is open to all – please RSVP to the contact below by May 1<sup>st</sup>. A dinner will also be held on the same evening, commencing with pre-dinner drinks at 7pm, in The Refectory, Holme Building, The University of Sydney. A small cost will be required for partners who wish to attend the dinner.

**PLEASE RSVP BY May 1<sup>st</sup> 2008 by email to: [perri@sydneyneurology.com.au](mailto:perri@sydneyneurology.com.au)**

- I will be attending the Academic Symposium
- I will be attending the Dinner (no charge)
- My partner will also attend the dinner (@\$100 per person).

## INVITED SPEAKERS

### Professor Eva Feldman



**Eva L. Feldman** is the Russell N. DeJong Professor of Neurology at the University of Michigan School of Medicine and also one of its foremost biomedical investigators. She received an undergraduate degree in Biology and Chemistry from Earlham College after which she undertook a Masters in Zoology at the University of Notre Dame. She pursued her Ph.D. training in Neuroscience at the University of Michigan, subsequently studying medicine at the University of Michigan School of Medicine from which she earned her M.D. Professor Feldman completed her residency in neurology at The Johns Hopkins Hospital, where she served as chief resident, and completed a fellowship in clinical neuromuscular disease at the University of Michigan. She has authored more than 129 articles and 48 book chapters covering a spectrum of issues in the diagnosis and treatment of patients with neurological diseases. Dr. Feldman's current investigative activities emphasize an understanding of the pathogenesis and treatment of neuromuscular disorders with an emphasis on diabetic neuropathy and Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS).

### Professor Hugh Willison



**Hugh Willison** leads the Neuroimmunology Research Group within the Glasgow Biomedical Research Centre, and is an Honorary Consultant Neurologist with the South Glasgow University Hospitals NHS Trust. He also directs a diagnostic Neuroimmunology laboratory. He received his clinical training in Neurology at the Royal Free Hospital and National Hospital, London and took up posts at Glasgow University and associated hospitals in 1990. His research primarily concerns the pathogenesis of autoimmune neuropathies, with particular emphasis is on the role of anti-ganglioside antibodies in Guillain Barré syndrome and Miller Fisher syndrome (MFS). He is the author of a wide range of articles on clinical and experimental aspects of peripheral nerve disease.

### Professor Austin Sumner



**Austin Sumner** is the Richard M. Paddison Professor and Chairman of Neurology at Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center. He was born in Hokitika, New Zealand where he received research training in neurophysiology and graduated with his medical degree from the University of Otago in 1963. After completing his internship and residency at Wellington Hospital, he received his specialty board equivalent as member of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians, later Fellow of the RACP. In 1967, he was awarded the Nuffield Foundation Postdoctoral Traveling Fellowship in Medicine which he took up at the National Hospital, London. At the completion of his neurology training in England, he was appointed assistant professor of neurology at the University of California San Francisco and later was appointed assistant through full professor of neurology at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. Dr. Sumner's research interests focus on the diagnosis and treatment of peripheral neuropathies, neuromuscular diseases, multiple sclerosis, and clinical neurophysiology. He is widely published in all of these fields.

### **Professor John Prineas**



**John W. Prineas** is Honorary Professor, Department of Medicine, University of Sydney; adjunct Professor, Departments of Neurosciences and Pathology, UMD-New Jersey Medical School, USA; and Visiting Professor of Pathology, Albert Einstein College of Medicine, The Bronx, NY, USA. He trained in clinical neurology at the National Hospital for Nervous Diseases (Maida Vale) in London, and in neuropathology at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine, New York. Professor Prineas' research career has been devoted to the neurobiology and neuropathology of diseases of myelin, particularly the experimental autoimmune disease EAE, and three important autoimmune diseases of myelin in man – the Guillain Barre syndrome, chronic inflammatory demyelinating polyneuropathy, and multiple sclerosis. He has spear-headed many of the seminal advances in the understanding of myelin pathology and its contribution to human and experimental disease, and has over 80 publications in peer-reviewed journals, and 15 book chapters.

### **Professor Kathryn North**



**Kathryn North** is the Douglas Burrows Professor of Paediatrics at the University of Sydney and the Children's Hospital at Westmead. She trained as a paediatric physician, neurologist and clinical geneticist and in 1994, was awarded a doctorate from the University of Sydney for Research into Neurogenetics. She completed a postdoctoral fellowship in Boston at Harvard Medical School and worked in the laboratory of Professor Louis Kunkel, discoverer of the dystrophin gene. She returned to Australia in 1995 as the recipient of the Children's Hospital Research Career Development Award. In 2000, she received the Sunderland Award from the Australian Neuroscience Society. At the Children's Hospital at Westmead, Professor North is Head of the Neurogenetics Research Unit and Deputy Head of the Institute for Neuromuscular Research. Her laboratory research interests focus on the molecular basis of inherited muscle disorders - particularly the muscular dystrophies and congenital myopathies – as well as genes which influence normal skeletal muscle function and elite athletic performance. Her clinical research focuses on clinical trials of therapies for muscular dystrophy as well as the development of interventions for children with learning disabilities. Professor North also runs the clinical Neuromuscular Service at the Children's Hospital.

### **Dr Judy Spies**



**Judy Spies** is a Staff Specialist in Neurology and Director of the Autonomics Laboratory at the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, Sydney; and Senior Lecturer at the University of Sydney. She completed her training in Neurology at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital and subsequently completed Fellowships in autonomic disorders and peripheral nerve disease at The Mayo Clinic and Johns Hopkins hospital respectively. Her PhD studies, completed in Professor Pollard's laboratory at the University of Sydney, focussed on the synergy of T and B cells in the pathogenesis of autoimmune neuropathies and generated several key publications in this area. More recent work has centred on autonomic dysfunction, particularly in the context of small fibre neuropathies.

### **Dr Stephen Reddel**



**Stephen W. Reddel** is a Staff Specialist in Neurology at Concord Hospital, Sydney; Senior Lecturer, The University of Sydney; Clinical Fellow in the Department of Molecular Medicine and the ANZAC Institute; and Consultant Neurologist, Brain and Mind Research Institute. He completed his PhD at the University of NSW, examining the pathogenesis of the Antiphospholipid Syndrome and SLE. He was previously Fellow in Neurology at the Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford, UK and trained with Professor John Newsom-Davis. Dr Reddel has subsequently established a neuroimmunology clinic specialising in the treatment of myasthenia gravis at Concord hospital; and is currently researching the immunopathogenesis of MUSK antibody related myasthenia syndromes.

### **Dr Ian Sutton**



**Ian Sutton** is a Staff Specialist in Neurology at St Vincent's Hospital, Sydney and is appointed to the Multiple Sclerosis Clinic at the Brain and Mind Research Institute. He trained in neurology at the Queen Elizabeth Neurosciences Centre, Birmingham (UK) and the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, Sydney. He completed his PhD in the pathogenesis of neurologic paraneoplastic syndromes at the MRC Centre for Immune Regulation, Birmingham, and is internationally recognised for his contribution to this field. His research interests include the regulation of T-cell activity and the influence of macrophage and microglia activation on the development of axonal injury in animal models of neuroinflammatory disease.