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South Australian Life Science Student Wins National Excellence Award

The AusBiotech-GlaxoSmithKline (GSK) Student Excellence Awards were presented at AusBiotech 2009 by Dr Ashley Bates, Head of R&D Alliances Australia/NZ, with GSK and Dr Anna Lavelle, AusBiotech CEO.

Mr Tony Carlisle from Flinders University won the State Award and the inaugural National Award for his work on developing a nasogastric tube insert simulator.

"The AusBiotech-GSK Student Excellence Awards aim to recognise and encourage promising researchers and to raise awareness of



Mr Tony Carlisle

commercial aspects to biomedical research," said AusBiotech CEO, Dr Anna Lavelle.

"This year for the first time since these awards were conceived five years ago, a national winner was announced – providing further recognition for the next generation of bio-innovators."

"I am pleased to announce that the inaugural national winner comes from South Australia, a state committed to bioscience innovation and a resonating passion for the bio-industry."

Nominations for the 2010 AusBiotech-GSK Student Excellence Awards will open in June 2010.

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Taking South Australia to the World at AusBiotech 2009

Over 1400 delegates from 30 countries gathered at AusBiotech 2009 – the premier biotech conference for the Asia Pacific region.

The conference held at the Melbourne Exhibition Centre from October 27-30 featured 3,683 requests for business matching meetings, resulting in 2,159 confirmed meetings through AusBiotech's advanced Business Matching Program.

One hundred and eighty-six speakers participated as part of the comprehensive program, including 61 from overseas. The BioIndustry Exhibition showcased 181 exhibitors.

International delegates came from the United Kingdom, Canada, Singapore, South Korea, the United States, New Zealand and for the first time, South Africa – to create a world-class event.

Represented on the BioSA stand were: Mayne Pharma International Pty Ltd, Hospira Adelaide Pty Ltd, Acuvax Limited, Sonidean Pty Ltd, GeneWorks Pty Ltd, The Australian Wine Research Institute, The Australian Centre for Plant Functional Genomics, the Adelaide Integrated Bioscience Laboratories, Terra Rossa Capital, BioAngels and the Medical Devices Partnering Program who utilised the exhibition to showcase their products and services.



The highly successful Australasian Life Science Investment Summit was held for the first time in conjunction with AusBiotech 2009, and attracted over 100 investors from Australia and overseas.

"I'm delighted to report that AusBiotech 2009 was a bigger and better event than ever, perhaps reflecting the up-swing in the biotechnology sector in recent months," said AusBiotech CEO, Dr Anna Lavelle.

"There has been a visible improvement in the state of the sector with a significant rise in both local and international funding of companies over the last three months, and a clear flow of capital back into the sector opening up a number of new opportunities for Australian biotechs."

"We look forward to bringing AusBiotech 2011 to Adelaide from the 17-20 October," said Dr Lavelle.

Planning has also begun for AusBiotech 2010, scheduled for October 19-22 at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre, Victoria. To register your interest email julie.chmielowski@bioinnovationsa.com.au