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Ausbiotech says the founding director of Monash University's Australian Regenerative Medicine Institute Prof Nadia Rosenthal will deliver this year's Millis Oration.

The CSL-sponsored Millis Oration is named in honor of the University of Melbourne molecular biologist Prof Nancy Millis and is scheduled for October 21, the last day of Ausbiotech's annual conference.

Ausbiotech said Prof Rosenthal's research focused on developmental genetics of heart and skeletal muscle, the molecular biology of ageing and the role of growth factors and stem cells in tissue regeneration.

Ausbiotech said that over the last decade Prof Rosenthal's research concentrated on molecular mechanisms of mammalian development, ageing and regeneration.

Prof Rosenthal's longstanding interest in the biology of insulin-like growth factors and downstream effectors has led to the development of novel therapeutic approaches to the attenuation of muscle atrophy in ageing, treatment of muscular dystrophies and heart disease, Ausbiotech said.

Prof Rosenthal has been head of the European Molecular Biology Laboratory mouse biology unit in Rome since 2001.

Ausbiotech said Prof Rosenthal has served on numerous international grant review committees, advisory panels and editorial boards and coordinates several major European Union consortia on mouse genetics and disease models.

She holds a professorship of cardiovascular science and co-directs the Harefield Heart Science Centre with Sir Magdi Yacoub.

Ausbiotech said the Millis Oration was one of the most popular plenary speaker sessions at the annual conference and would include introductory remarks from CSL director of research and development and chief scientific officer Dr Andrew Cuthbertson.

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