

# Australian Toll-Like Receptor Research Network

## Meeting Report: 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 2006, Melbourne

A booklet was distributed that contained TLR-related research of the days participants to give an idea of who's doing what, which I would be happy to distribute to anyone who is interested.

I also wanted to give a bit of a brief overview of what was discussed and decided upon at the meeting for those that couldn't attend, but may be interested in what happened on the day.

- One area that received quite a bit of discussion was the possibility of submitting an **ARC linkage-infrastructure Grant or a NHMRC Enabling Grant** to form a centralized mouse facility for all TLR and related gene-deficient and transgenic mice. The idea is to import all of these mice that are currently unavailable in the country [and that is quite a few] that would then be available on a subsidized/user pays scheme for use in all our research.
- There is a hope to shortly have our own TLR website up and going which can be used by researchers to keep up to date on TLR research in Australia, learn more about who's doing what in the country, download methods and protocols for use in TLR research, and importantly act as a means of sourcing reagents related to TLR research. The actual format and content of the website is still to be decided, but everyone will be notified when things go forward or TLROZ goes online.
- We spoke extensively on the possibility of holding of a National TLR meeting in 2008 with the opportunity of a 2-3 day meeting to allow researchers across Australia to present and hear the best of TLR research in the country, with the possibility of some international speakers attending. An organizing committee was formed and further details will be forwarded once the committee meets. There was also discussion regarding the possibility of holding the bi-annual international Toll meeting [last in 2006- Brazil], which I will hold further discussions with the current convener Prof Doug Golenbock during a visit to his laboratories this month. This meeting would be an excellent opportunity to hear the world leaders in TLR research in our own backyard while highlighting the quality of TLR research being carried out in Australia.

Finally, you will find attached a list of the TLR-deficient mice currently available in Australia and the person to contact in regard to those animals. Also included are any other related mice and TLR and reporter cell lines.

Once again, I'd like to thank all those that took part last week at the meeting and I hope to see you all at some stage as we expand our knowledge and interactions as relating to TLR research in Australia.

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