



THE UNITED INDUSTRY VOICE FOR AUSTRALIAN GENOMICS

CEO message - 20 November 2024

Dear Members and stakeholders,

It has been a month of impactful connections, collaborations, and milestones for InGeNA. Additionally, on Friday 15 November the Minister announced Genomics Australia, and we welcome this progressing. We are having positive discussions with the Department of Health and Aged Care, and we look forward to them joining our December 11 Member Meeting. Please read our response [Here](#).

Our recent activities have spotlighted crucial themes in genomics and precision medicine that are shaping our future.

AusBiotech24 Conference:

AusBiotech24 was a fantastic opportunity to connect with partners, industry leaders, and friends united in advancing healthcare. I was honoured to host the “Climbing the Mountain” session on Genomics Acceleration with insights from Robert Batchelor (Nutromics), Tiffany Boughtwood (Australian Genomics), and Tom Lin (SpeedX). Sponsored by Integrated DNA Technology, we discussed the path from concept to commercialisation, equitable access, Indigenous engagement, and the power of partnerships.

The panel session Precision medicine: Ensuring equity of access to timely diagnoses and treatments, while saving precious health budgets MC'd by Rob McBride from Illumina and featuring Duncan McIntyre, Department of Health & Aged Care, Sarah Powell, CEO of Inherited Cancers Australia and Professor David Thomas, CEO Omico. We look forward to strengthening our partnerships with the Department and industry to accelerate genomics access.

The Cell and Gene Summit was standing room only with excellent sessions featuring members including chairing by Warwick Shaw from J&J on market access, and Agnes from our CAG spoke on navigating beyond Phase 1 trials. We will discuss with members about interest in similar events with a genomics and precision medicine focus.

Networking Highlights:

Gathering with members and partners at Melbourne Cellar Door reminded us of the collaborative spirit driving InGeNA forward. It's inspiring to see our shared commitment to transforming genomics and precision medicine into accessible healthcare solutions.

Thermo Fisher Precision Oncology Forum

The impacts that our members are making to patients' lives globally drives us to make a difference locally in the lives of those battling cancer. There were great presentations from our members Thermo Fisher, SydPath and partner PTA. I was delighted to present about InGeNA and our priorities to work with our members to accelerate adoption of genomics. Well done to the Thermo Fisher team on a fantastic and informative evening.

MTAA Awards

Grateful to MTAA CEO and Chair for the invitation to their dynamic Awards event. It was inspiring to see the innovative technologies and connect with the brilliant minds driving healthcare advancements. Congratulations to all the winners and nominees - exciting times ahead for medical technology!

Engaging Academia and Industry:

Presenting at the Australian Deans of Science reinforced the importance of industry collaboration to drive improve Australia's commercialisation pipeline. Trusted partnerships and shared understanding are essential, and we're excited to continue building these.

AGM and Appreciation:

At our first AGM on November 13, we thanked our members and celebrated successes and our upcoming year. We acknowledged our retiring Chair, Kathy Campbell, whose leadership has been instrumental in InGeNA's journey to incorporation. Her contributions have been invaluable, and we are excited to build on her legacy.

Warm regards,
Erin

CEO, InGeNA



Welcomes our newest Associate Member:



Amazon Web Services



InGeNA is excited to welcome this month our newest Associate Member AWS. AWS empowers healthcare and life sciences organizations with innovative technologies that deliver scalable, secure, and cost-effective solutions to accelerate genomic discoveries. Find out more [Here](#).

Individual Memberships now open

We are often asked by individuals who are sole traders, researchers or students, how they can partner with InGeNA. In response we have created a membership category for Individuals. More information can be found in the Individual Membership Brochure with the Application form on our [Website](#).

Where's InGeNA This Month?

- **28 - 29 November - Brisbane Cancer Conference 2024**
Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre - Book [Here](#)
- **19 November - Commercialisation Summit in Canberra**

Read the Summit discussion paper here

Recent Events



Thermo Fisher Dinner 28 Oct

Great presentations from our members Thermo Fisher, SydPath and partner PTA. Well done to the Thermo Fisher team on an engaging and informative evening.

AusBiotech 30 Oct - 1 Nov

The AusBiotech conference was a powerful showcase of the latest in genomics and precision medicine. It was a fantastic opportunity for InGeNA to connect with partners, industry leaders, and friends who share our commitment to advancing healthcare.





Melbourne Cellar Door 31 Oct

Thursday Evening Networking at Melbourne Cellar Door

[#AusBiotech24.](#) A great opportunity to connect with InGeNA members, partners, and friends! These moments of collaboration and conversation underscore the shared passion and purpose that drive our work in genomics and healthcare forward.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who joined us—Your insights and energy made the evening truly memorable!

Industry News

Establishing Genomics Australia announcement

InGeNA Welcomes the Establishment of Genomics Australia.

[Read more](#)

Bupa to pilot whole genome sequencing for selected UK customers

Bupa becomes first UK major private healthcare provider to pilot whole genome sequencing for selected UK customers, identifying risk of disease across more than 36 conditions including 10 cancers.

[Read more](#)

Release of blueprint for blood cancers

The 10 year Research Roadmap was commissioned by The [Leukaemia Foundation](#) and developed in partnership with the [Australian Academy of Health and Medical Sciences](#).

[Read more](#)

Horizon Scanning Forum

Medicines Australia brings together sector leaders to chart the future. InGeNA Limited was delighted to participate in these critical conversations. We look forward to sharing with our members and working in partnership to improve genomics and precision medicine.

[Horizon Scanning Report](#)

Ethical, legal, and social issues related to genetics and genomics in cancer

A scoping review and narrative synthesis.

[Read more](#)

A call to action to scale up research and clinical genomic data sharing

Examining the current landscape of global genomic data sharing, including the evolution of data sharing models from data aggregation through to data visiting, and for certain use cases, cross-cohort analysis using federated approaches across multiple environments.

[Read more](#)



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