



THE UNITED INDUSTRY VOICE FOR THE FUTURE OF GENOMICS IN AUSTRALIA

InGeNA is making personalised healthcare accessible to all Australians by harnessing the collective skills and expertise of industry to accelerate the adoption of genomics.

In this newsletter, you'll find our latest industry updates, educational content, upcoming events, and a note from our CEO—straight to your inbox each month. We hope you find it valuable.

CEO message - 12 Oct 2024

Dear Members and Stakeholders,

It has been an exciting month for InGeNA.

It was wonderful to connect with members and the national and international leaders at the GA4GH Plenary and the OurDNA symposium in Melbourne.

We hosted a well-attended breakfast at the GA4GH Plenary, thanks to AWS for sponsoring, with diverse representation from industry, government, and researchers. A huge thank you to our sponsor [Amazon Web Services \(AWS\)](#) and to [Charlie Lee, PhD](#) and [Edwin Sandanaraj, PhD](#) for their support.

We also extend our heartfelt thanks to our insightful panellists: [Catalina Lopez-Correa](#), [Edwin Sandanaraj, PhD](#), [Monica Ferrie](#), and [Maxime Hebrard](#). Thanks also to [GA4GH](#) organisers and [Australian Genomics' Tiffany Boughtwood](#) for your support in hosting during GA4GH plenary.

The discussion was rich and dynamic, centred on Global Genomics: Pathways to Sustainable Integration in Healthcare.

It was fantastic to see a diverse group of attendees from government, not-for-profit, industry, research, and academia, both national and international. This broad representation is the recipe for a great event, where fostering shared listening and collaboration leads to meaningful outcomes.

Common challenges were tackled, including regulatory hurdles, policy, funding, data management, and the ever-important need for collaboration. Australia's forward-thinking insurance discrimination bill was highlighted as an example of progress in

the space.

[You can check out photos from the event by clicking here](#). Please tag yourself!

The OurDNA and the GA4GH sessions highlighted the growing importance of Indigenous data sovereignty and the challenges of underrepresented minorities in genomic research. We continue working on ensuring inclusivity in global genomic reference datasets.

Congratulations [Agnes Nsofwa RN MSN BBA DipAcc](#) and the [Australian Sickle Cell Advocacy Inc \(ASCA\)](#) team on the inclusion for newborn screening programs nationally.

We are proud to have Agnes as a member of our Consumer Advisory Group. Well done on such an outstanding outcome after long advocacy.

In policy work, we're actively involved in the review of the National Health Genomics Policy Framework. As part of the Department's consultation process, we are gathering feedback from our members on stakeholder engagement and barriers to participation.

Last week, our Chair, Kathy Campbell announced she will be stepping down in December. We extend our heartfelt thanks to Kathy for her contributions. We are currently recruiting two independent board members, with the new Chair to be selected by the Board. The application pack will be released shortly.

We extend a warm welcome to our new member, AGRF, whose national sequencing capabilities is a great asset and we look forward to our collaboration (see below). They will present at our November member meeting.

We look forward to catching up with you at the AusBiotech National Conference (30 Oct - 1 Nov) later this month.

Looking forward to seeing you soon!

Warm regards,

Erin

CEO, InGeNA



Pictured: InGeNA AWS Breakfast panellists



Pictured: Charlie Lee, and Edwin Sandanaraj, PhD, from AWS with Maxime Hebrard from GIS with the InGeNA Chair and CEO



Pictured: GeneS Cofounders Svetlana Baltic and Suzanna Temple with Laura Issa from Roche and InGeNA CEO at the Breakfast event



Pictured: Welcome to AGRF as our new member – thanks to Jessica Poy and the AGRF team for hosting InGeNA's Deputy Chair and CEO to their facility.



A Warm Welcome to Our Latest Member: Australian Genome Research Facility

AGRF (Australian Genome Research Facility) is Australia's largest genomics facility offering a comprehensive suite of 'omics' services, delivered through our national network of NATA accredited laboratories.

They work in partnership with clients across academia, health, commercial and primary industries to deliver high quality results for extraction, sequencing (short-read, long-read, and sanger), arrays, proteogenomics (Olink), advanced genomics and bioinformatics.

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Where's InGeNA This Month?

We highlight InGeNA hosted and key industry events in our newsletter. We are also highlighting where InGeNA will be visiting in the coming months.

Please reach out to us if you would like to connect while we are visiting.
Please advise us of events you would like us to share in future newsletters.

Upcoming Events



AusBiotech '24

In Person | Melbourne |

30 Oct-1 Nov 2024

Day 3 of the conference includes the Cell & Gene Summit focused on research and developments in the field. The conference includes an array of networking events and dinners for the biotech sector to connect. Early bird tickets available until 27 Sept.

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Some News From Our Members

Evaluating the cost-effectiveness of polygenic risk score-stratified screening for abdominal aortic aneurysm

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Improvements in Clinical Cancer Care Associated with Integration of Personalized Medicine

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Researchers are planning a clinical trial after four metastatic FGFR2 fusion-positive pancreatic cancer patients responded to FGFR-directed therapy

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

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