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The Stephen Sanig Research Institute (SSRI) is a not-for-profit organisation that was established to develop and disseminate methods for the prevention, treatment and management of meningococcal disease.

Bio-physicist Dr Tohsak Lee Mahaworasilpa and immunologist Dr Galina Kaseko were involved in extensive medical research into infectious diseases at UNSW when they were approached by a couple whose seven year old son had died of meningococcal disease. The boy's name was Stephen Sanig.

His parents established the Stephen Sanig Foundation, which now helps raise funds to support what became the Stephen Sanig Research Institute with Tohsak and Galina at the helm. They then relocated to the Biomedical Building in February last year.

"The facilities required to expand our research weren't available at the University," explains Galina. "We started to look for new premises and found that ATP not only had what we needed, it was also affordable."

Tohsak says their move to ATP has also proved invaluable in other ways.

"The reputation of the Park puts us in an excellent position when it comes to collaborating with other research Institutes both in Australia and overseas."

SSRI is one of only a handful of research institutes in the world dedicated to finding a universal vaccine for the disease. There is a vaccine available for Strain C, but not for the more deadly Strain B. The ultimate aim of SSRI is the development of a broad-spectrum vaccine to treat all strains.

While incidences are relatively rare (between 300 and 700 each year), it's estimated that around three-quarters of reported cases are preventable with earlier recognition and treatment.

Says Galina: "When you compare those statistics to other diseases such as cancer, it doesn't sound like much. But the hospitalisation rate compared to other childhood diseases is ten times greater".

Tohsak reinforces the importance of their research. "We have this tremendous plan, but it takes many years, a lot of Government funding and enormous public generosity. Our job is to maintain awareness and keep promoting the

need for this vaccine and the impact its development will have on so many lives."

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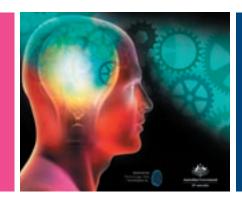
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At any given time, around 10% of the population carry meningococcal bacteria naturally in the throat and back of the nose without ever becoming ill. These bacteria are spread by saliva and in environments where people are in close contact. The danger results from picking up a strain you're not immunised against or don't have natural immunity to. Those at most risk are babies and children up to the age of 5, young adults as a result of their lifestyle, and smokers of all ages.

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#### **COVER STORY**



CELEBRATE SHOWCASE
2007 AND WORLD IP DAY
AT ATP - WHERE INNOVATION
COMES TO LIFE



ATP Showcase is a special one-day event being held in Bay 4 of the Locomotive Workshops on Thursday April 26. ATP tenants have been invited to display, demonstrate and discuss their work, while a VIP lunch, free seminars and a cocktail party will provide excellent networking and information sharing opportunities for tenants and their guests.

Come along and meet colleagues behind the cutting edge technology being developed at ATP, discover where technology is heading, and learn how Australia is keeping ahead in the technology stakes. As part of the event, ATP is also hosting World IP Day. This year's theme is Encouraging Creativity, with a focus on stimulating and safeguarding the forces of creativity and innovation. The World IP Day seminars will deliver essential information for inventors, business owners and innovation leaders on the practicalities and pitfalls of intellectual property for SMEs, corporations and universities.

The day will begin at 10am with an official opening address by a local Member of Parliament. Lunch (tat \$55 pp) will be hosted by New Inventors' James O'Loughlin with guest speakers

Federal Parliamentary Secretary, Hon Bob Baldwin MP and Ian Goss, General Manager Business Development and Strategy Group, IP Australia.

Seats for the seminars and lunch are limited. If you haven't already reserved yours, visit www.atpshowcase.com and look for the registration link.





## PLANNING APPROVAL FOR SEVEN

The NSW Government has given planning approval for the \$123m media complex at ATP. This will include a 12-storey commercial building and television studios for the relocation of

Channel Seven next year and Pacific Magazines in 2009. Early Works approval includes excavation and archaeological investigations which are due to commence before April.



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REGISTER TODAY!

A reminder that casual attendances are welcome for the yoga and pilates classes at ATP, for which Debra is also the contact for details and prices.

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### **BUILDING D INSPECTION**

January 30 was the first of many milestones in the current stage of development at ATP when delegates from the Defence Department visited the site to inspect the progress of Building D.

Escorted by several ATP/RWA executives and FRH Project Manager Scott Burfoot, Senior Managers from the Department were given the opportunity to see what will become their new Sydney offices in September. The

top three floors are yet to be completed and will be occupied by NICTA.

"This is the first they've seen of the building since it was a hole in the ground," said Snr Project Mgr, Eddie Swat. "They were extremely happy and also impressed by how smoothly the inspection was conducted."

DSTO Property Services Project Mgr, Greg Biddle sang ATP's praises. "We extend our thanks to the RWA, Tracy and the APP team and ERH for their efforts and hospitality. It was good to see the excellent progress being made and I certainly got the feeling the project is working well."





## OFF THE PARK

According to a recent Sydney Media press release, Redfern is 'red hot and open for business.' The \$20m upgrade of Redfern Street is nearing completion and the future face of the area is emerging.

Works have included burying power lines, widening and improving footpaths, and implementing new lighting, trees and street furniture to create a more pedestrian-friendly environment.

Meanwhile, the RWA and RailCorp are finalising a concept design study which will help inform the Government's decision to move forward on the upgrade of Redfern Station.

Australasia's leading business technology event is fast approaching. CeBIT Australia 2007 is being held at Darling Harbour 1 – 3 May

With over 25 targeted business areas on show, CeBIT is designed to enable businesses to find solutions to

challenges in areas such as e-Marketing, VoIP, e-Commerce, Digital Content, CRM and IT Security. This year, for the first time, the event will also include a dedicated Satellite & Broadcast Exhibition. ATP will have a stand in the IT Services section. Can you afford to MISS OUT?

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