

# Newsletter

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## **CE INNOVATION FORUMS –**

Exciting CE Innovation Forums are being planned for 2008. Check out our website for upcoming topics and dates: <http://www.officeofcommercialisation.com/site/pag26.php>

## **RESEARCHERS GUIDELINES FOR GOOD RECORD KEEPING**

The importance of carefully keeping a laboratory notebook may be paramount to the chances of obtaining a valid patent. If properly kept it is invaluable in proving the right to own a related patent in Australia, or obtain one in the United States (where patent rights used to be assigned on a 'first to invent' basis, rather than the 'first to file' system that applies in Australia).

The SWAHS Office of Commercialisation has put together a short guide designed to help you ensure that all the requirements are met (in your particular circumstances). Specific advice should be sought on a case by case basis. This guide can be downloaded from [http://www.officeofcommercialisation.com/dnl/SWAHS\\_Researchers\\_Guidelines\\_for\\_Good\\_Record\\_Keeping.pdf](http://www.officeofcommercialisation.com/dnl/SWAHS_Researchers_Guidelines_for_Good_Record_Keeping.pdf)

## **The Importance of Early Consultation**

Substantial expenditure will be required to bring your research to a stage where the satisfaction of seeing your work benefit patients occurs. Commercial organisations with the ability to fund that expenditure must be able to see potential for a return on their investment. Almost invariably that potential is maximised, and hence the potential for bringing your research to the benefit of patients is maximised, if secure IP protection is in place.

The SWAHS Office of Commercialisation and our IP attorneys, Spruson&Ferguson Patent and Trade Mark Attorneys, are here to assist in securing that protection. In a recent Newsletter article we highlighted the importance of securing IP protection prior to public disclosure of an invention. There are other benefits to early consultation with

the SWAHS OOC and IP attorneys. For example, we can assist you in identifying commercial possibilities, in ensuring good lab records keeping protocols, in reviewing results to assess patentability and even in offering suggestions on further research to more completely distinguish an invention from what is previously known. We encourage you to contact us at an early stage so we can work together to securely protect the IP hard won through your research.



## **Diversity in Health Conference 2008** **Strengths and Sustainable Solutions**

10-12 March 2008

Sydney Convention Centre, Darling Harbour, Sydney

The Diversity in Health Conference will bring together Australian and International leaders in diversity health practices across Australia and internationally, and provide an opportunity to engage in dialogue at all levels about priorities in health including the physical, mental, social and emotional well-being of individuals, communities and society. For Details visit <http://www.dhi.gov.au/conference/>

## **2008 IP CONFERENCE – New Date**



The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual IP Management and Commercialisation for Hospitals Conference is now to be held at Westmead Hospital, Westmead, Sydney on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2008. Further details will be available in the coming months

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