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Western Australian researchers are internationally recognised for their expertise.

Three Western Australians have been accepted to speak on panels at the BIO 2008 Conference in San Diego, 17-20 June 2008.

Professor Steve Wilton

*Head of the Molecular Genetic Therapy Group
University of Western Australia*

Professor Steve Wilton, Head of the Molecular Genetic Therapy Group, Centre for Neuromuscular and Neurological Disorders, University of Western Australia, will be chairing a session called “New Therapeutic Modalities: Opportunities and Challenges” in the Track “Bench to Products”.

Professor Wilton is the head of the Molecular Genetic Therapy Group where he is responsible for the development of antisense oligomers capable of redirecting gene expression through altered splicing patterns. The primary focus of his group is to develop personalised genetic treatments for Duchenne muscular dystrophy.

Before relocating to Western Australia, Professor Wilton worked with biotech companies in Adelaide and Perth. He is the Vice President of the Australian Gene Therapy Society and supervises a high through-put genotyping facility and was recently awarded a Paul Harris fellowship by Rotary.



Professor Ming Hao Zheng

*Director of Orthopaedic Research
University of Western Australia*

Professor Zheng, Director of Orthopaedic Research at the University of Western Australia will be chairing a session called “Opportunity Knocks: Cell Therapies in Regenerative Medicine”

Professor Zheng is the Director of Orthopaedic Research at UWA and a Professor at the School of Surgery. He is also a founder of Orthocell Pty Ltd, a cell therapy company in Australia.

Professor Ming Hao Zheng has a distinguished academic research record in autologous cell therapy, regenerative medicine and musculoskeletal sciences. He has successfully developed Matrix-induced autologous chondrocyte implantation (MACI) which has been used widely in Europe and Australia. Prior to working with UWA, Professor Zheng was a Director at a number of organisations including Verigen.

Professor Zheng has been actively involved in the organisation of national and international societies in bone and cartilage research. He has also been the Convenor of three Australian Biotherapeutic & Regenerative Medicine Forums.



Mr Paul Anderson

*Managing Director
Orthocell Pty Ltd*

Paul Anderson, CEO of Orthocell Pty Ltd will be speaking in the session “Opportunity Knocks: Cell Therapies in Regenerative Medicine”

Paul Anderson is the CEO of Orthocell Pty Ltd where he is responsible for introducing innovative cellular therapies. The primary focus of his work is to develop tendon regeneration therapies and collagen scaffold development.

Previously Mr Anderson worked with Verigen as Sales and Marketing Manager, whereby he was appointed to the Managing Director's role in 2002 and assisted in the international group's trade sale in 2005 to Genzyme Inc.

Mr Anderson's expertise lies in his intimate knowledge of the orthopaedic biologics field, his understanding and management of GMP production facilities and the know how of taking cellular therapeutic technologies from research to service.



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