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DIABETES RESEARCH FUNDING: 48 RESEARCH PROJECTS TO BE SUPPORTED IN 2012

The Diabetes Australia Research Trust (DART) has today announced funding of \$2.8 million for 48 new projects for 2012. Over the past 6 years alone, DART has invested \$ 15.8 million.

The 2012 round sees an increase in funding of 40% over last year, and is part of Diabetes Australia's response to the growing challenges of diabetes in Australia.

"But more can always be done," said Lewis Kaplan, CEO of Diabetes Australia. "We recognise that it is only through collaboration and partnerships that the diabetes epidemic can be turned around in Australia."

DART relies on the generosity and support of our member organisations, of trusts and foundations, special sponsorship from Underworks Socks and from individual donors. Established by Diabetes Australia in 1987, the Trust supports and develops the field of diabetes research in Australia through providing funding towards the prevention, management and cure for diabetes, as well as enabling and fostering young and upcoming researchers in diabetes research.

The 2012 grants have been awarded to researchers across Australia through a rigorous merit-based peer-review process. This year three major grants were allocated to the following researchers:

Congratulations to the Viertel Award Winner:

Dr Karly Sourris, Baker IDI Heart and Diabetes Institute
Interactions between glucagon like peptide (GLP-1) and the receptor for advanced glycation end products (RAGE) in the development and progression of diabetic nephropathy

Congratulations to the Millennium Award Winners:

Professor Julie Owens, University of Adelaide
Identifying epigenetic pathways from maternal obesity to type 2 diabetes in offspring

Dr Cecile King, Garvan Institute
Interleukin-21 as a therapeutic target in type 1 diabetes

45 General Research Grants were awarded to researchers in NSW, South Australia, Queensland and Victoria.

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