



International Day of
Immunology
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The human immune system's vital role in protecting us from disease will be revealed at **International Day of Immunology** events on **29 April**.

It's only when our immune system fails that we notice its role in preventing diseases such as cancer, AIDS, multiple sclerosis and type 1 diabetes.

On the International Day of Immunology, some of Australia's top immunologists will give a public lecture on what improvements understanding immunology has brought to human health and what the future may bring.

Interactive displays and working immunologists will be available throughout the day to illustrate how we all benefit from immunological research.

What: International Day of Immunology 2010

When: Thursday 29 April 2010, 10am - 8.30 pm

Where: State Library of Victoria forecourt

Program

10am-5pm: Interactive displays and general information

6-8.20pm: Public lectures at the Village Roadshow Theatrette, followed by a forum discussion .

Lectures will be given by:

Professor Phil Hodgkin, Walter and Eliza Hall Institute

Professor Len Harrison, Walter and Eliza Hall Institute

Professor Tony D'Apice, St Vincent's Hospital Melbourne

Nobel laureate Professor Peter Doherty, University of Melbourne

The lectures will be chaired by Professor Fabienne Mackay, Monash University.

RSVP by 21 April is essential for the public lecture: doi2010vic@gmail.com

About the International Day of Immunology

The Day of Immunology was established in 2005 by the European Federation of Immunological Societies. It is held annually on 29 April and aims to strengthen public awareness of the importance of the immune system to each person's health and wellbeing. The success of the European awareness-raising program has led to the International Day of Immunology being celebrated worldwide since 2007.