



Prof. Donald Peter McManus

Announcement of the Sornchai Looareesuwan Medal Winner 2018

The Sornchai Looareesuwan Medal Committee, chaired by Prof. Dr. Srivicha Krudsood, was convened on September 13th, 2018 to review the list of nominations for the 2018 Sornchai Looareesuwan Medal. In contention were ten highly deserving nominees from seven international institutions. After extensive review, discussion, and consideration, The Sornchai Looareesuwan Medal Committee, together with the Advisory Committee, resolved to award the Sornchai Looareesuwan Medal 2018 to one outstanding nominee.

The 2018 winner is Professor Donald Peter McManus, Senior Scientist from the Molecular Parasitology Laboratory, QIMR Berghofer Medical Research Institute, Brisbane, Australia for his distinguished achievements in tropical medicine research.

Professor McManus has an outstanding reputation in respect of the excellence of his research and his distinguished sustained contributions to the field of eliminating parasitic helminth diseases. He has spent the past nearly 50 years' research to find the way to prevent and control helminthiases of human and animals. He was recognized as a key of discovered virulence molecules derived from *Schistosoma japonicum* and others that may advantage for drug and vaccine development. His visionary approach continues to link basic and applied research, and his commitment to international field and laboratory studies with his multi-skilled team has translated into workable, innovative and practical control strategies. With decades of transformative-research contributions, Professor McManus's ultimate goal is the global elimination of diseases which are the cause of extensive human suffering.

Our sincere congratulations to the winner of the Sornchai Looareesuwan Medal 2018

Professor Donald Peter McManus