

# 9th World Rett Syndrome Congress - Australia -

2nd to the 5th October 2024

"From Evidence to Excellence: Living Stronger"



With just under 4 months to go, the organisation of the 9<sup>th</sup> World Rett Syndrome Congress by the Rett Syndrome Association of Australia (RSAA), will be held on Australia's beautiful Gold Coast at the newly renovated QT Hotel in Surfers Paradise, Queensland, in collaboration with other Rett syndrome groups from around the world, is nearing completion. It just needs you!!.

Please join us to be a part of the most up to date information on all aspects of Rett including the latest in; scientific research, non/clinical innovations, drug trials and more. This will be a dual stream event, with a comprehensive scientific component specific to the world wide research community and a family centric stream designed to empower. Seminars will be presented by world renown experts in Rett as well as, interactive discussion forums, and social networking events, all designed to unite the delegates. Together, we will continue to break down barriers and discuss ways to leverage learning in the lab to be rapidly deployed to the clinic. The sessions will consist of both poster and oral presentation sessions focused on basic, translational, and clinical work on Rett syndrome. Its not too late to book now! Bring the family and take a holiday, explore the beautiful surrounds of Queensland and Australia.

Registrations and abstract submissions are open!.





## Confirmed Presenters

With 54 confirmed presenters The 9<sup>th</sup> World Rett Syndrome Congress will consist of world renown experts in their field of Rett syndrome and other related disorders travelling tens of thousands of kilometres to be a part of this extraordinary event.

These people include-

### Opening of World Congress - Dame Margaret Brimble (New Zealand)

**Ashley Anderson**, Baylor College of Med, Houston  
**Juan Ausio**, University of Victoria, Canada  
**Nadia Bahi-Buisson**, French Inst.of Health, Medical Research, Paris  
**Joe Zhou**, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia  
**Tim Benke**, University of Colorado, Denver  
**Marith Bergstrom-Isacson**, Swedish National Rett Center, Frosron  
**Walter Kaufmann**, Anavex Life Sciences , New York  
**Eric Marsh**, University of Pennsylvania  
**Hanneke Borst**, Maastricht Uni, Netherlands  
**Lieselot Carrette**, Uni of California, San Diego  
**Frank Caruso**, University of Melbourne  
**Qiang Chang**, University of Wisconsin, Madison  
**John Christodoulou**, Murdoch Children's Research Inst., Melbourne  
**Shani Waninger**, Ulysses, Ireland.  
**Paul Chojecki**, Fraunhofer Heinrich-Hertz-Institute, Berlin  
**Monica Justice**, Hosp. for Sick Children, Toronto  
**Stuart Cobb**, University of Edinburgh  
**Jenny Downs**, Telethon Kids Inst., Perth  
**Carolyn Ellaway**, University of Sydney  
**James Ellis**, University of Toronto  
**Ron Emeson**, Vanderbilt University, Nashville  
**Rosa Fabio**, University of Messina, Italy  
**Michaela Fagiolini**, Harvard Med. School, Boston  
**Wendy Gold**, University of Sydney  
**Antonia Gurgone**, University of Torino, Italy  
**Honey Huessler**, University of Queensland, Aust.

**Nicoletta Landsberger**, University of Milan  
**Jane Lane**, University of Alabama, Birmingham  
**Robyn Langham**, Therapeutics Goods Admin. Canberra  
**Helen Leonard**, Telethon Kids Inst, Perth  
**Leszek Lisowski**, University of Sydney  
**Meir Lotan**, Ariel University, Israel  
**Kathleen Motil**, Baylor College of Med, Houston  
**Jeffrey Neul**, Vanderbilt University, Nashville  
**Bennett Novitch**, UCLA Brain Research Inst. Los Angeles  
**Alan Percy**, University of Alabama, Birmingham  
**Gayle Porter**, Cerebral Palsy Education Cent., Melbourne  
**Jan (Nino) Ramirez**, Seattle Children's Hosp.  
**Gerna Scholte**, Dutch Rett Syndrome Assoc.  
**Asa-Sara Sernheim**, Swedish National Rett Center  
**Sarah Sinnett**, UT Southwestern Medical Center, Dallas  
**Frank Symons**, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis  
**Paramala Santosh**, King's College, London  
**Sue Thompson**, Children's Hosp. at Westmead, Sydney  
**Gillian Townend**, Reading University, England  
**Marielle van den Berg**, Dutch Rett Syndrome Assoc.  
**Aglaia Vignoli**, University of Milan  
**Helena Wandin**, Uppsala University, Sweden  
**Heather Way**, Aust. Centre for Genomic Analysis, Brisbane  
**Yvonne Lai**, Telethon Kids Inst., Perth  
**Joe Zhou**, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia  
**Jeff Hughes**, PainChek, Sydney

## Program

The 9<sup>th</sup> World Rett Syndrome Congress will consist of a number of oral plenary sessions preceded by a keynote presentation by one of our invited speakers. The various presentations will be separated into two streams; the Preclinical/Clinical which will include the latest news, research, and developments, and the Family which will cover therapeutic and family-focussed themes.

Topics Include-

### Preclinical/Clinical

- Discovery Science
- Stem Cell Technology
- Gene Therapy
- MeCP2 Mosaicism & Duplication Syndrome
- Animal models
- MeCP2 Gene Manipulation
- Biomarkers
- Neurobiology
- Rett syndrome -related disorders
- Emerging therapies

### Family

- Current and Proposed Clinical Trials
- Communication
- Cognition
- Physical Wellbeing, Therapies & Programs
- Rett Syndrome in Adulthood
- Behavior, Pain
- Nervous System
- Digestive System
- Musculoskeletal System
- Living with Rett syndrome