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Ten international experts to address conference on keystone periodontitis pathogen

Dental scientists from around the world will come to Melbourne in May to share the latest research on the bacterium *Porphyromonas gingivalis*.

P. gingivalis has been recognised as a keystone pathogen in the onset and progression of chronic periodontitis, influencing the behaviours of other oral bacteria and the host response. The bacterium is the target of a vaccine currently being developed for chronic periodontitis which was the subject of recent media attention following an article in the journal [NPJ Vaccines](#).

'PgMelbourne2017' will be the 3rd international conference on *Porphyromonas gingivalis* and related species and will include presentations on periodontal microbiology and inflammation, and the translation of research into clinical applications.

Melbourne Laureate Professor Eric Reynolds AO is a co-convenor of the conference along with Professor Koji Nakayama of Nagasaki University and Professor Mike Curtis of Barts and The London School of Medicine and Dentistry.

Professor Reynolds says the conference will be a unique opportunity to hear the world's leading periodontal researchers and gain an understanding of current knowledge about the causes of and possible treatments for periodontitis.

"The *P. gingivalis* conference is held only every two years and is unlikely to be in Australia again for some time," says Professor Reynolds. "Having seen all of the presenters speak, I can attest to their outstanding knowledge and communication skills. Dental researchers and clinicians alike will find their sessions informative, exciting and useful."

Reference: <http://www.nature.com/articles/npjvaccines201622>

**PgMelbourne2017, 14-16 May 2017
Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre**

Full registration:	Standard - \$1,100	Earlybird - \$990 (until 28 Feb)
Student registration:	Standard - \$660	Earlybird - \$550 (until 28 Feb)

Information and registration: <https://pgmelbourne2017.com/>



