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## **AUSTRALIAN CLINICAL TRIALS RESEARCHERS GET GLOBAL RECOGNITION**

Professor John Forbes, National Group Coordinator of Australia's premier breast cancer clinical trials research body, the Australian New Zealand Breast Cancer Trials Group (ANZ BCTG), has been named as one of the top 10 'hottest' researchers in the world, with his inclusion on the Thomson Scientific 'Hottest Researcher' list for 2005 - 2006.

John Forbes is the only Australian-based researcher on the prestigious international citation list, which recognises people reaching the highest level of success in scientific research each year.

Professor Forbes said his inclusion on the list was important as it recognised the researchers of the ANZ BCTG and the worldwide collaboration to improve outcomes for women diagnosed with breast cancer through clinical trials research.

"I am delighted that my inclusion on the list helps to recognise the unique and important work of the ANZ BCTG in Australia and its significant contributions to the global efforts in breast cancer research which ultimately benefits women," he said.

Professor Forbes is also the Medical Director of the Breast Cancer Institute of Australia, and Professor of Surgical Oncology at the University of Newcastle.

The 'Hottest Researcher' list is published each year in the Thomson Scientific Science Watch newsletter and this year includes seventeen researchers from eight countries.

A published work is identified as a 'Hot Paper' if it has achieved a rate of citations in scientific journals that is markedly higher than papers of comparable type and age. Professor Forbes co-authored five papers which have been recognised as 'Hot Papers'.

Ten of the seventeen researchers on the list are from the field of Oncology and nine are breast cancer clinical trial researchers and are collaborators with the ANZ BCTG.

"This reflects the significant global interest in clinical trials taking place in this highly important field," said Professor Forbes.

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