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Scientific leaders gather at the MCEC

Friday 28 October 2011

Australia's leading scientists attended the Scientific Leaders Cocktail Reception last week at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre (MCEC), an event hosted by the Club Melbourne Ambassador Program and the Australian Academy of Science.

The event brought almost 100 scientists, industry representatives and government leaders together for a rare opportunity to network and share knowledge.

The guest speaker, Minister for Technology Gordon Rich-Phillips announced a \$10million plan to support Victorian industry and improve productivity through the use of small technologies.

The Australian Academy of Science's President and Club Melbourne Ambassador Professor Suzanne Cory said: "The collaboration with the Club Melbourne Ambassador Program was an outstanding success. It was a fantastic opportunity for the Academy's fellows to network with industry and government and to underline the importance of investment in science and maths education."

"Part of the evening's success was due to the impressive catering and staff at the MCEC who always deliver an excellent event" Cory said.

The Australian Academy of Science represents Australia's leading research scientists. It recognises research excellence, advises government, organises scientific conferences and promotes science education and public awareness of science and technology.

Professor Suzanne Cory AC, PhD, FAA, FRS is one of Australia's most distinguished molecular biologists and the Academy's 17th President, the first woman to have been elected to the post since the Academy was established in 1954 by Fellows of the Royal Society of London.

The Club Melbourne Ambassador Program is a collaborative strategy supported by the MCEC, the Melbourne Convention + Visitors Bureau and the State Government of Victoria. The Program brings together medical, scientific and industry leaders who assist in the ongoing attraction of business events to Melbourne.

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Club Melbourne Ambassadors have been involved in securing 47 international business events for the MCEC which will bring over 68,000 delegates to Melbourne.

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