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Research and innovation stream gets an added dimension

Tim Besley AO, president of the Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering and **Professor Vicki Sara**, chief executive officer of the Australian Research Council, will join **Dr Christopher Chia**, chief executive of the National Library Board of Singapore on Monday afternoon as presenters in the Research and Innovation stream at the ALIA 2002 Conference.

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(Tim) Besley AO has been president of the Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering since 1998. He is also chancellor of Macquarie University and director of O'Connell Street Associates Pty Ltd. Previously Tim has been chairman of the Commonwealth Bank of Australia, chairman of Leighton Holdings, chairman of the CIG Group, and chairman of Redland Australia.



An engineer and barrister by training, Tim Besley had an auspicious career in the Commonwealth Public Service before his appointment as managing director of Monier Limited in 1982. His positions included first assistant secretary, Department of External Territories, executive member of the Foreign Investment Review Board, first assistant secretary, Department of Treasury, and secretary, Commonwealth Department of Business and Consumer Affairs, and comptroller general of Customs.

In 2000 he undertook an enquiry into the adequacy of telecommunications services in Australia on behalf of the Commonwealth.

Professor Vicki Sara

was appointed chief executive officer of the Australian Research Council in July 2001. From September 1997 to June 2001 she was the chair of the Council. She is a member of the CSIRO Board, the National Innovation Awareness Council, and the Co-operative Research Centres Committee. She is also a member of the Expert Advisory Pan-



els for the Information and Communications Technology Centre of Excellence, and the Biotechnology Centre of Excellence. She is a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Science, and the Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering. Professor Sara was appointed vice-chair of the OECD's Global Science Forum in 1999.

The Australian Research Council (ARC) provides research and research training policy and funding advice to the Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs. The ARC has special responsibility for basic research, research training and the higher education sector. It is the major funding agency in Australia supporting research across all disciplines with the exception of clinical medicine and dentistry.

Prior to her appointment to the ARC, Professor Sara was Dean of Science at Queensland University of Technology (QUT). Other appointments at QUT included Head of School of Life Science, and director of the QUT-based Co-operative Research Centre for Diagnostic Technologies.

After receiving a UNESCO post-doctoral fellowship to Sweden, Professor Sara held various research positions at the Karolinska Institute, Stockholm, heading the Endocrine Pathology Research Laboratory before returning to Australia in 1993. Whilst at the Institute she isolated the growth hormone responsible for foetal brain development.

She was awarded the Rolf Luft medal in 1993 for excellence in endocrine research by the Karolinska Institute in recognition of her work, and also received the Sir John Eccles Award from the NH&MRC in 1994. She was appointed as foreign Professor of Karolinska Institute in 1995.

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