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Elsevier recognizes achievement of Australia and New Zealand's scientists at Scopus Researcher Awards 2017

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Elsevier (<http://www.elsevier.com>), the information analytics business specializing in science and health, announced winners of the Scopus Researcher Awards 2017 in three categories at Powerhouse Museum, Sydney, Australia. The awards are open to and recognize the academic contribution of Australia and New Zealand's researchers who are building a career in academic research, and help them gain broad recognition at home and abroad for their work.

First launched in 2010, the awards aim to help support early career researchers in their quest to advance the frontiers of science across disciplines.

This year, Elsevier introduced three new award categories to recognize innovative and original research across different fields of science.

The award recipients, representing academic research excellence in three different categories, are:

1 Excellence in Innovative Research Award

Winner : Professor Rajkumar Buyya, University of Melbourne

Runner-up : Professor Peng Shi, University of Adelaide

2 Excellence in Sustainability Research Award

Winner : Professor Ranjith Pathegama Gamage, Monash University

Runner-up : Professor Paresh Kumar Narayan, Deakin University

3 Women in Research Award

Winner : Professor Monika Janda, Queensland University of Technology

Runner-up : Dr. Michelle Colgrave, CSIRO

The Women in Research Award was created to inspire and encourage more female researchers who choose to pursue academic work in response to the findings of Elsevier's benchmark report, "*Gender in the Global Research Landscape*" (<https://www.elsevier.com/research-intelligence/resource-library/gender-report>), which highlights that despite their lower scientific output when compared to their male counterparts, female researchers in Australia are on par in research quality.

“The award categories recognize outstanding researchers who have made significant contributions to research in Australia and New Zealand. The quality of the applicants was excellent and we were heartened to see the strength of applications from women. The decision process was not easy, we have to try our very best to find a winner in each category,” said Professor Aidan Byrne, Provost at University of Queensland and chief panelist of the awards.

“Elsevier is honored to recognize these highly talented researchers. In a digitally connected world, the Australasia region represents excellence in academic research with a strong spirit of innovation and originality, said Richard Baskus, Elsevier’s Regional Director for Australia and New Zealand. “The 2017 award winners are all excellent examples of this interconnectedness. Our aim at Elsevier is to support researchers in their discoveries that will bring great benefits to society.”

The award ceremony is held at the Powerhouse Museum and attended by guests representing Australia and New Zealand’s top scientific fraternity, including guest-of-honor, Scientia Professor Veena Sahajwalla, Director of Centre for Sustainable Materials Research and Technology (SMaRT) at UNSW Australia, who was one of the award presenters.

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