

Garvan Institute of Medical Research

# Leaders in Science



## Professor Peter Klinken

Chief Scientist of Western Australia  
Harry Perkins Institute of Medical Research

**“A model for red blood cell production and lineage switching”**

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October, 2014 @ 12PM IN THE AUDITORIUM, L2**

**Host: Professor Robert Brink**

Professor Klinken is a leading Western Australian medical research scientist, highly regarded for his work in advancing the understanding of genes involved in leukaemia, cancer and anaemia. His many research achievements include the discovery of a gene that suppresses the growth of tumours. After obtaining his PhD from The University of Western Australia, he undertook research at the US National Institutes of Health in Washington and the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute in Melbourne. His previous roles have included Professor in Clinical Biochemistry at The University of Western Australia; Director of Research at the Royal Perth Hospital; and the Director of the Harry Perkins Institute of Medical Research (previously the Western Australian Institute for Medical Research). Under his stewardship, the Perkins Institute attracted world-class national and international researchers to the State and made numerous acclaimed medical discoveries. He also spear-headed the development of two new state-of-the-art medical research facilities, Perkins North in Nedlands (QEII Medical Centre) and Perkins South in Murdoch (Fiona Stanley Hospital). Professor Klinken brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise to the role of Chief Scientist. His input will support the Government in growing the State's science industries to achieve future prosperity for Western Australians.