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Professor Suzanne Cory AC
to present the ABC's 55th Boyer Lecture series

Mr James Spigelman AC, Chairman of the Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC), is delighted to announce that the 2014 Boyer Lecture series will be presented by [Professor Suzanne Cory AC](#), one of Australia's most distinguished molecular biologists whose research has had a major impact on the understanding of immunology and the development of cancer.

"Since 1959 the ABC Board has selected a prominent Australian or group of Australians to present a series of radio lectures, expressing their thoughts on major social, cultural, scientific or political issues, and Professor Cory is no exception," Mr Spigelman said.

"Drawing on her distinguished career as one of Australia's preeminent scientists, I have no doubt she will stimulate debate and action across a number of scientific issues which are fundamental to the future of our nation. Her appointment is all the more apt this year, as we celebrate the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the ABC's science unit and the corporation's role as a leader in scientific broadcasting across all platforms."

[Professor Cory's lecture series](#), "**The promise of science: a vision of hope**", comprises four lectures which will be broadcast on [ABC RN](#), available [online](#) and published by [ABC Books](#):

1. **Science for life:** How research is enabling us to live longer, healthier, lives.
2. **Science for a healthy economy:** Using science and innovation to build a knowledge-based economy.
3. **Science for a healthy environment:** How science is helping to protect and remediate the environment.
4. **People for science:** The role of women in science.

"I am delighted to be presenting the 2014 Boyer Lectures and to have the opportunity to contribute to the national discussion about science through such an influential and historically significant platform," Professor Cory said.

"Via the Boyer Lectures, I hope to raise awareness of great scientific achievements, and of the vital importance of science to the future health and prosperity of Australia."

[Professor Suzanne Cory AC PhD FAA FRS](#) is currently an Honorary Distinguished Professorial Fellow in the Molecular Genetics of Cancer Division at the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research and a Vice-Chancellor's Fellow of the University of Melbourne. Her scientific achievements have attracted numerous honours, including the Charles S. Mott Prize (joint recipient) of the General Motors Cancer Research Foundation in 1998, a L'Oréal-UNESCO Women in Science Laureate award in 2001, and election as an inaugural fellow of the Academy of the American Association for Cancer Research in 2013. In 1999 she was appointed Companion in the General Division of the Order of Australia. She was the first woman to become Director of The Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical research (1996-2009) and the first woman to be elected as President of the Australian Academy of Science (2010-2014).

[The Boyer Lecture series](#) was named after former ABC Chairman, the late Sir Richard Boyer. Previous speakers selected to present Lectures include: historian Professor Geoffrey Blainey AC, author David Malouf, former Prime Minister Bob Hawke AC GCL (then ACTU President), Aboriginal leader Noel Pearson, business leader Rupert Murdoch AC, General Peter Cosgrove AC MC (Retd), Vice Chancellor of the University of Melbourne Professor Glyn Davis AC, author Geraldine Brooks, Chair of Australian Indigenous Studies at The University of Melbourne, Marcia Langton AM, and former Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia Quentin Bryce AD CVO.

[The 2014 Boyer Lecture series](#) will be recorded for broadcast on [ABC RN](#) on Saturday 6, 13, 20 and 27 September 2014 at 1pm and repeated at 8pm on Tuesdays.

[ABC Books](#) will publish the full text of the 2014 Boyer Lecture series on 1 October 2014. The paperback edition will be available through ABC Shops, ABC Centres and ABC Shop Online. An ebook edition will also be available.

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