A Strategic Appointment

In February 2016, the **ISCAST** Board reappointed Rev. Dr Chris Mulherin, changing his title from Executive Project Officer to Executive Officer and increasing Chris's time to two days per week. Since his appointment, he has brought direction and focus, and developed new ventures so that **ISCAST** might achieve its goals.

The EO's role is to

1. **encourage** the **ISCAST** network around Australia through visits and other contact;
2. promote **engagement** with the wider community through contributions to public discussion on matters of science and Christianity; and
3. **establish relationships** with organisations that have an interest in the conversation between science, faith and culture.

Supporting the EO

The budget for the EO position is $60,000 including salary and expenses. If each supporter of **ISCAST** were to contribute $300 the cost would easily be covered. Our hope is to extend the EO position into next year and beyond. Please think about supporting an EO into the future as **ISCAST** plays an increasingly significant role in the dialogue between science and Christian faith.

About Chris Mulherin

Rev. Dr Chris Mulherin is an Anglican minister whose doctorate dealt with the relationship between scientific and theological knowledge. His academic background is engineering, philosophy, and theology.

In the past Chris has worked for Scripture Union, taught engineering at RMIT, and spent 13 years in Argentina as a missionary with his wife Lindy and their five boys.

In Argentina, Chris worked for the national student Christian group and pastored a church in the northwest city of Tucumán.

Chris has published articles and book chapters in the media and in academic works. He has also produced ABC Radio National programs and he blogged on the Global Atheist Convention for ABC RN. He currently teaches and tutors at various universities in Melbourne in philosophy, history of science, Christian apologetics, and climate change.

Chris can be contacted on 0431 330 380 or at ChrisMulherin@ISCAST.org. He welcomes your opinions and suggestions.

Donation Form

I wish to support the initiative of **ISCAST** to employ an Executive Officer and to this end I will commit to:

Monthly payments of:

☐ $10 ☐ $20 ☐ $30 ☐ $50 ☐ Other $....

Per month until . . . . / . . . . / . . . .

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How to pay:

- Direct transfer by one-off or regular payments to **ISCAST** (BSB: 032187, Account: 510786)
- Cheque to "ISCAST Pty Ltd"
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What is ISCAST?

ISCAST is an Australian organisation dedicated to exploring the interface between science and the Christian faith. Our membership consists of scientists, theologians, and professionals with standing in their own fields and a commitment to the Christian faith.

Our Vision

To see a healthy interactive relationship between science and Christian faith within the Australasian community.

Why is an EO important?

In order to fulfil the **ISCAST** vision, it is important that someone dedicate energy and thought to our ongoing engagement with the issues, and the role of **ISCAST** in that conversation.

The EO will provide consistency and creativity as **ISCAST** moves forward to tackle these challenges.

Chris says,

"In an increasingly global and secular scientific culture the cutting edge of Christian engagement is the science-faith conversation.

*The **ISCAST** community has a wealth of resources and experience, which can be mobilised to enter into thoughtful dialogue with contemporary culture.*

***ISCAST** aims to be a catalyst at the forefront of this conversation about the relationship between science and religious belief as it offers a coherent worldview that includes the truths of science and of the Christian faith. **ISCAST** should also face the challenge of engaging a younger generation in this crucial conversation."*

Our Mission

The **ISCAST** mission is to develop and advocate for a Christian perspective in the science-religion dialogue wherever it occurs: within the science community, the Christian community, and in society more broadly, at both the Australasian and international levels.

Our Core Values

- **Christian commitment**

We affirm the Gospel of Jesus Christ, as expressed in the Bible and outlined in the Nicene Creed, as central to our faith.

- **Scientific commitment**

We are committed to rigorous scientific and technological research, particularly the insight this gives to our understanding of our creator and the benefits it brings to our planet and humanity.

- **Moral accountability**

We are committed to understanding and working within the limits of our knowledge and seek to minimise the adverse impacts of the application of our science and technology.

- **Biblical interpretation**

We seek to interpret the Bible within the mainstream evangelical tradition while respecting the stance of others.

- **Theological and academic safe space**

We will encourage people to be free to explore new areas of discovery without fear of unfair or inappropriate criticism or theological ostracism.

- **Mode of debate**

We seek to speak the truth in love and firm humility while being open to new ways of thinking and without rejecting the insights of the past.

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