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## AUSBIOTECH 2010 NATIONAL CONFERENCE SPEAKERS' PROFILE

### **Ian Thompson** **Managing Director & General Manager** **Amgen Australia & NZ**

Ian was born in England; he completed his undergraduate degree in Leeds and his MBA at Macquarie University in Sydney.

Ian's career began as a buyer with Marks & Spencer Plc in London. Following a period of travel, he gained his Australian citizenship and commenced a 14 year career with multi-national pharmaceutical company Eli Lilly & Company.

Ian worked for Lilly in Sydney from 1994 to 2002 in a variety of sales & marketing functions. In 2002 he relocated with his family to the USA where he took up a role at Eli Lilly's Corporate Headquarters in Indianapolis. Whilst in the US, Ian worked as a Global Brand Manager and International Marketing Leader with responsibility for a diverse geography that included Japan, Australia, Asia, Canada, Latin America, Africa, Eastern Europe and Russia.

Ian returned to Australia in 2005 to become the Sales Director for Lilly, leading a team of +220 people covering a range of therapeutic areas including neuroscience, oncology, diabetes and critical care.

In October 2008, Ian joined Amgen Australia as their Managing Director and in May 2009 he was also elected onto the Board of Medicines Australia.

Beyond his career, Ian has been an accomplished cyclist, winning multiple National Titles on both the road and track. He represented Great Britain on the National Track Cycling Team and competed at the Junior World Cycling Championships.

Today, Ian enjoys a competitive element to his recreation, combining philanthropy with much of this activity. He has competed in Ironman, won the Simpson Desert Mountain Bike Classic, raced in the Murray River Kayak Marathon and crewed in a multitude of ocean sailing events. In doing so, he has raised money for The



Red Cross, The Smith Family, Carers Australia, The Poche Centre, MS Australia and the Quadriplegic and Paraplegic Association.