

ECU's own Dr Carolyn McIntyre speaks at WA Innovation Summit for women in science

In collaboration with Deloitte, Parliamentary Alliance for Research and Innovation (PARI), Regional Development Australia (RDA – Perth) and Women in Technology, WA (WitWA), Innovate Australia held a special 'WA Innovation Summit' on women in science and innovation over WA's National Science Week (13-21 August 2016). Speakers were invited to showcase how the theme 'Women in STEM' is promoted in their respective fields.

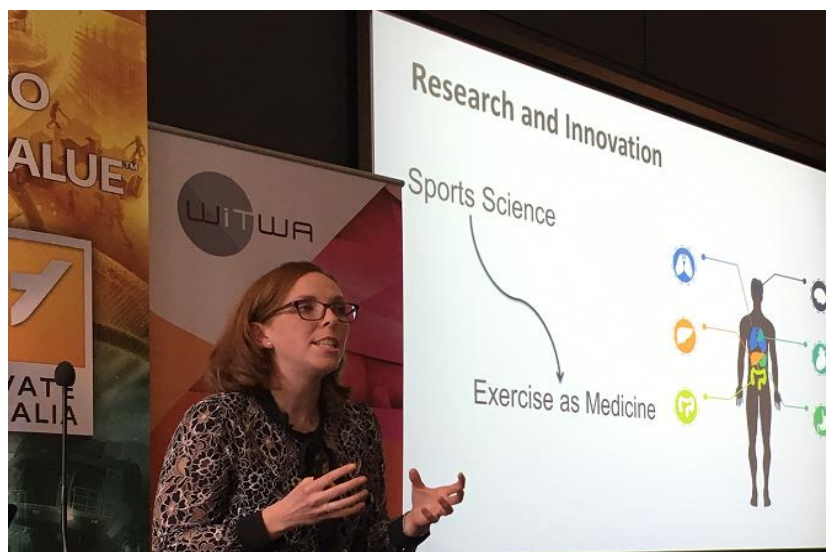
Moderated by WA Senator, Linda Reynolds CSC, speakers included Dr Carolyn McIntyre, Post Doctoral Research Fellow from the ECU Exercise Medicine Research Institute and Athena SWAN Self-Assessment Team member alongside:

- Daniela Mattheys Director – edoCEO futures and Executive Committee member WitWA (Women in Technology WA)
- Zara Fisher, General Manager Rail Operations for Rio Tinto Iron ore in Western Australia
- Siobhan Stuart, LEUT, Royal Australian Navy, Submarine Certification Manager
- Marnie Giroud, River Guardians Program Manager – Dolphin Watch Program, Department of Parks and Wildlife

Dr McIntyre discussed the journey as a female scientist and the challenges and inspirations she has experienced to date. Speaking about the attitudes relating to science that she faced from teachers growing up, Dr McIntyre spoke of important male champions who encouraged her to follow her passion and to not be limited by her gender. Often female academics face challenges as early career researcher. This time can coincide with starting a family and has implications on productivity and career development.

"What I enjoyed most was getting out of my 'research space' for the afternoon to meet with and hear from the other speakers. We all came from really diverse backgrounds, but in the end we were facing many of the same challenges. I found it quite inspiring."

Innovate Australia was co-founded by ECU's Associate Professor Adam Osseiran and has been organising innovation events for the last five years, the first two taking place at ECU Joondalup in 2011. For more information visit the [website](#).



Picture: ECU Athena SWAN Self-Assessment Team member, Dr Carolyn McIntyre talks about her experiences as a women progressing in STEMM, 19 August 2016. Click [here](#) to see Dr McIntyre's Staff Profile video for more.