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Networking in the information age

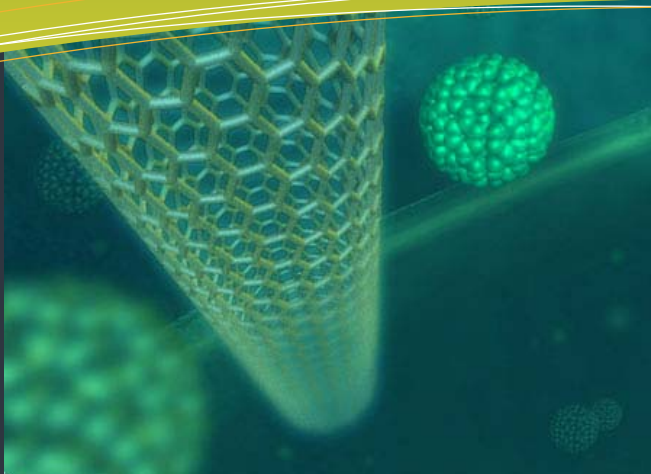
The ATN-ISTA NanoNetwork is currently developing an interactive website through which researchers from across the ATN can share information around their nanoscience related capabilities and seek to enhance their research profile and productivity through the NanoNetwork members.

In this way it is expected that the NanoNetwork will provide an invaluable asset to all ATN and ISTA nanoresearchers.

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*“to promote collaborative
 research projects and
 research training ;
 addressing key
 contemporary research
 challenges through nanoscience”*

Sino-Australian partnership on nanotechnology research

At the recent 2009 annual meeting of the ATN its Chair, Professor Margaret Gardner joined with the Chair of ISTA, Dr Lui, in signing an ATN-ISTA Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) establishing the ATN-ISTA NanoNetwork.

Under the agreement, Australian researchers from across the five member network will partner those at Chinese universities in the field of nanotechnology. During 2007-8 nanoscience technology researchers from all ATN member universities have met with researchers from the 20+ strong ISTA member base of Chinese universities. The aim of these discussions was to begin to build professional and personal networks whilst gaining further understandings how their various research capabilities in nanoscience might be harnessed via a collaborative research network.

The ATN/ISTA NanoNetwork MOU provides an operational framework through which



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ATN and ISTA researchers can build multi-university research teams and seek endorsement for their proposed projects. Key elements of the MOU are:

- priority research themes as health diagnostics, environment and renewable energy;
- researcher exchanges between ATN and ISTA member universities;
- encouragement for the joint supervision of research students between ATN and ISTA universities;
- co-ordination support and assistance for Research Grant Applications for NanoNetwork projects from the ATN/ISTA secretariats;
- bi-annual NanoNetwork research workshops (in Australia and China).

