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Our worthy and distinguished winner in 2015 is Professor Maria Byrne from the University of Sydney who has undertaken pioneering research in several fields and amassed a significant body of peer reviewed scientific literature that continues to rise annually, with over 4000 citations from 250 refereed papers and other publications.

Most significantly Prof. Byrne's studies of larval ecologies of marine invertebrates (in particular sea stars and their relations) has led to discovery of new species and has shown that these species are highly responsive to environmental change (especially climate change) and can evolve rapidly. Prof Byrne has also shown ongoing grace and integrity across science advocacy and is the mentor and supervisor of multiple generations of graduate students.