

Database to track talented Aussie expats

LONDON: Australians living and working abroad are being encouraged to register with an online database designed to tap into the nation's wealth of offshore talent.

Nobel Laureate and former Australian of the year Professor Peter Doherty launched

Expatriate Connect at Australia House last Wednesday.

Developed by the Southern Cross Group and the Australian Institute for Commercialisation, the database — found at www.expatriateconnect.com — targets the more than one million Australians living and working

overseas. Doherty said the initiative would provide Australian business with a resource of knowledge.

"It's naive to think that we should or can prevent our skilled and talented professionals from going abroad in this era of globalisation," Doherty said.