



July 2008



Faculty of Health Sciences Executive Dean's News

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Dear all

I never ceased to be amazed at the talent and energy of the staff who work within the Faculty. It is really pleasing when this ability is acknowledged. I have highlighted a number of staff in the Newsletter who have recently won international, national and faculty research and teaching awards - well done. I am always happy to hear about other staff who have been acknowledged for their outstanding work.

On another note, I have recently circulated a proposed draft Mission and Vision for the Faculty. I have received a number of excellent comments and will integrate these into a new Faculty Mission and Vision statement.

Professor Justin Beilby
Executive Dean

Staff



Professor Gary Slade, School of Dentistry has been awarded the prestigious Trendly Dean Memorial Award from the International Association for Dental Research. This award rewards distinguished accomplishments in research and development in the fields of behavioural science, epidemiology and public health.



Professor Sandy McFarlane, Centre for Military and Veterans' Health is to be congratulated for winning the prestigious 2008 Organon Senior Research Award. The award recognizes excellence in research in Psychiatry in Australia and New Zealand.



Associate Professor Jon Karnon, Discipline of Public Health and a team of researchers from the Faculty and South Australian Department of Health have been successful in winning an ARC linkage grant worth \$300,000. This grant will examine the long term cost and benefits of community based initiatives, with particular reference to the northern part of Adelaide.



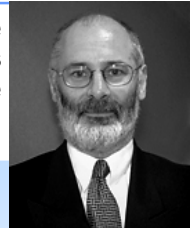
Professor Janet Hiller, Discipline of Public Health has been awarded the "Basil Hetzel Award for Leaders in Public Health" to recognise the valuable contribution made by leaders of public health in South Australia.

Professor Hiller has also been elected to the Board of Directors of Health Technology Assessment International for a 3 year term.

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Professor Roger Byard, Discipline of Pathology will be presented with an Australian Federal Police Operations Medal with Alliance and Cawdor Clasps at the SAPOL Medal Parade in July, 2008. This award is awarded to eligible person involved in prescribed operations or activities deemed by the Commissioner to be significant.



Operations Alliance

On Saturday 12 October 2002, two bombs were detonated in Kuta Beach, Bali, killing two hundred and two people, including eighty eight Australians. Invited to assist in the Indonesian National Police (INP) investigation, the AFP launched "Operation Alliance" with the support of other Australian and international agencies.

Operation Cawdor

On the morning of Sunday 26 December 2004 a severe earthquake in the ocean off the coast of northern Sumatra occurred, resulting in tsunamis that devastated communities in neighbouring countries. The AFP in conjunction with State and Territory police services responded and deployed to Thailand as members of "Operation Cawdor" to provide assistance with the Disaster Victim Identification process.

Professor Byard has also been presented with the Alice Davey Award for fostering the development of research in the field of SIDS.



The Executive Dean's Teaching and Learning Awards were presented on 3rd June at the Art Gallery of South Australia. Over 100 staff members attended this celebration. Seven staff were presented with their awards. The recipients were:

Associate Professor Anne Tonkin – School of Population Health and Clinical Practice
 Mr Frank Donnelly – School of Population Health and Clinical Practice
 Mr Dane Horton – School of Molecular and Biomedical Sciences
 Dr Paul Duggan – School of Paediatrics and Reproductive Health
 Dr Eleanor Pierce and Dr Mario Ricci – School of Medical Sciences
 Dr Corinna Van Den Heuval - School of Medical Sciences

Staff cont.



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Learning and Teaching

The Centre for Military and Veterans Health (CMVH), within the School of Population Health and Clinical Practice continues to develop wider and more substantial links with the Defence sector in the areas of occupational, environmental and mental health. The Masters of Applied Psychology (Defence) will be submitted to Program Approval Committee in the near future. It is pleasing that this new and innovative program is a partnership between the CMVH and School of Psychology.



The School of Dentistry, under the Dean Professor Johann de Vries is currently developing a new rural dental student training program to be based in Whyalla. This is to be fully funded by the Commonwealth Government and will link with the medical student rural health training program.



On the 12 June 2008 the Acting Vice-Chancellor and President approved (on behalf of Council) the introduction of the School of Population Health and Clinical Practice's "Master of Health Economics and Policy" degree with effect from Semester 1, 2009.



The official opening of the new Bioskills Laboratory and Ray Last Anatomy Laboratory will take place in July. These new facilities will be situated within the basement of Medical School, North and South. The Faculty has been a number of inquiries from postgraduate training programs to use the facility and we are currently negotiating with staff of the Royal Adelaide Hospital to share computerised simulation dummies.

Florey Foundation

The Florey Foundation "For the Love of Art" exhibition is on Wednesday 8th October 2008 in the Bonython Hall and will run until Friday 10th October.

Opening night cocktail party is \$30 per head showcasing great food and wine, and featuring over 250 paintings by well-known national and South Australian artists, celebrities and promising art students. Opening the show are fashion designers, George Gross & Harry Watt. Every painting is the same size (50cm x 40 cm) and all are priced at a mere \$250.00. The artists are not identified previous to sale. so there is a real opportunity for you to buy a painting by a very significant artist for a fraction of its true value! All funds raised from this exhibition will assist research into brain injury. The Florey Foundation can be contacted on 8303 5211.



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Internationalisation

The Faculty Internationalisation Committee has commenced the development of a new three-year plan with the operational plan for 2008 proceeding successfully. Support provided from the Faculty Office by Sandra Taddeo has been extended from one to three days a week pro-tem to deal with the workload.

An important recent development has been the establishment of a new protocol and documentation for the management of International agreements. The protocol articulates with the requirements of the Internationalisation Strategy Committee that has been set up by the DVC (A) and VP. Staff contemplating a new agreement should contact Sandra Taddeo (sandra.taddeo@adelaide.edu.au or ext 35336) or the ADI, Viv Burgess (vivian.burgess@adelaide.edu.au or ext 37364) for advice in the first instance.

If you are travelling overseas in the second half of the year and would be interested in helping to promote the Faculty and its programs please contact Sandra or Viv. Depending on the destination and the opportunity a small number of support packages that can assist with travel costs are available.

Discussions are well advanced for the Faculty to join with the University Sains Malaysia to stage a Research Career Expo in May 2009 in Penang. Details will be available in the coming months.

The Faculty regularly hosts international visitors. Recently the Managing Director of the Ngee Ann Adelaide Education Centre, an important campus of the University of Adelaide in Singapore, was in Adelaide for discussions about our Nursing programs. Staff from the University Kerabangsa Malaysia also visited the School of Dentistry. If you or your group, discipline or School are hosting a visit please let us know. Not only is it good to highlight these activities but it gives the chance for other areas of Faculty to make contacts and explore opportunities.

Internationalisation will be one of the areas highlighted for attention by the Australian Universities Quality Agency during its audit of the University of Adelaide this year. A site visit by AUQA will take place later in the year. More info. to follow.

City to Bay Fun Run

This event will take place on Sunday 21 September 2008.

This year, the Sunday Mail City to Bay Fun Run is helping to connect runners with the charities and causes that they care most about. The Florey Foundation is currently being set up as a listed charity. We will keep you posted about this fundraiser as it rolls out.

The Faculty will be supplying t-shirts for participants which will advertise the University, Faculty of Health Sciences and the Florey Foundation.

If you would like to participate in the City to Bay Run, and require a t-shirt could you please email

leanne.winter@adelaide.edu.au



Admissions

The Faculty of Health Sciences played host to approximately 80 students from Rural and under represented schools as part of the University's "Aim for Adelaide" event.

Students visited the University and participated in activities to excite and inspire them to consider different career options and aim for university once they complete high school.

Thanks go to the Schools of Dentistry and Medical Sciences, who provided interesting and exciting activities for the visiting students.

If your school or area would like to host a group of students for activities during the next "Aim for Adelaide" event in November, please contact the Faculty Office.



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Research

The Neurosurgical Research Foundation annual dinner was recently held at the National Wine Centre. At this event, a \$300,000 cheque was handed to Pro Vice Chancellor Research Strategy, Professor Mike Brooks to fund the Abbie Simpson Clinical Fellowship. This brought the total that the Foundation has donated to Faculty and University to \$1,000,000 dollars.



A number of Faculty staff continue to be very actively involved in the developments around the proposed Marjorie Jackson Nelson Hospital. There is increasing realisation of the importance of teaching and research in the proposed new facility.



On 22nd July 2008 the Faculty of Health Sciences will hold its second Research Expo for PhD students in the National Wine Centre of Australia. 94 posters will be presented in the morning session between 10am and 12.00am. The posters will be judged by seven teams of reviewers who will award seven poster prizes with an amount of \$1,000 to the best poster presenters.

In the afternoon session eight PhD students are invited to present their research in a 10 minutes PowerPoint presentation to the audience.

The PhD students are from the Disciplines of Public Health, Medicine, Pathology, Pharmacology and the Research Centre for Reproductive Health, Cardiovascular Research Centre and the Centre for Human Decision Making and Expertise.

I am delighted about the excellent response from our PhD students to participate in the event and am looking forward to meeting you there.

RSVP (for catering purposes) - Leanne Winter, phone 8303 4084 or email leanne.winter@adelaide.edu.au



The infrastructure needs of the proposed National Institute for Reproductive Health and Early Development (NIRHED) have now been determined. These plans include the Lyell McEwen Hospital, the Norwich building, opposite the Women's and Children's Hospital and Medical School South. Importantly the plans include moving the School of Dentistry to 233 North Terrace to allow for the expansion of NIRHED into the Medical School and the creation of new laboratory space for oral health research in the Dental Hospital. This fully integrated infrastructure plan will provide an excellent capital base for two of the key research strengths of the Faculty and University.