

FACULTY OF HEALTH RESEARCH NEWSLETTER

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Did you know?

10 of the Best Research Showcase

On the 17th September the Faculty held it's 10 of the Best Research Showcase where RHD students shared their research stories. The winners of the Oral presentation were:

Gerard Kaiko – Centre for Asthma & Respiratory Disease
Meredith Kelleher – Reproductive Science
Lauren Watt – School of Biomedical Sciences & Pharmacy

The Poster winner was:

Feili Zhao – School of Biomedical Sciences & Pharmacy

Congratulations to all of our participants and winners.

The Showcase will take on a new format in 2011 – stay tuned!

New Faculty Brochure

The Faculty will be producing a brochure in 2011 that will profile our Schools, Centres and our researchers. Academics Level C and above who do not have a RPM profile will not be featured in this brochure. Please update your profile now to be included! For further information contact Shirley.Savy@newcastle.edu.au.

Orientation to RHD Supervision Seminar

This seminar will be held on Tuesday 9th November from 2:30 to 4:00 pm in the Committee Room, The Chancellery and will also be run via videoconference to Ourimbah AV3 (IRC), Library Building. Registration is via HR Online.

2010 Block Funding

All 2010 allocations of Block Funding (RIBG, JRE, RTS) must be spent by the 30th November 2010.

2010 TOM REEVE ORATION AWARD

COSA (Clinical Ontological Society of Australia) is pleased to announce the 2010 recipient of COSA's Tom Reeve Oration Award for Outstanding Contributions to Cancer is Professor John Forbes.

This COSA Award for Outstanding Contributions to Cancer Care is to recognise a national cancer leader who has made a significant contribution to cancer care through research, clinical leadership and community service during the year.

John will be presented with his award during the COSA ASM Conference dinner on Wednesday 10 November.

Our warmest congratulations go to John, a very worthwhile recipient.



NEW RESEARCHER STAFF PROFILES

As a result of the redevelopment of Research Portfolio Manager (RPM), Research Division is launching significantly improved Staff Profiles. These profiles capture information held in RPM and display it on the web in a format similar to the current static, manually created staff profiles and in a manner far superior to the current Researcher Report (WARP1) pages. The new profiles can be found at <http://wwwdemo.newcastle.edu.au/staff/research-profile/>.

The new profiles will contain, amongst other things, both affiliated and non-affiliated publications, grants and RHD supervision. All affiliated data will be refreshed nightly from the central research systems, ensuring that this information is as up to date as possible. The new profiles will also contain free text fields for a personal Biography, Research Expertise, Teaching Expertise and Admin Expertise. The owner of each profile can update these fields via RPM with all updates automatically moving through to the web within 24 hours. Any photos, courses, related links and gallery content currently contained in your static staff profile will be transferred to your new profile.

Please remember that any information contained in your web profile is public information and is therefore bound by the University Media Policy (<http://www.newcastle.edu.au/policy/000894.html>) and the University Code of Conduct (<http://www.newcastle.edu.au/policy/000059.html>). Researchers have the capacity to exclude an individual publication, grant or RHD supervision if confidentiality or sensitivity issues require it.

To qualify for a profile in the demonstration web site, a researcher must meet several criteria:

1. They must have a valid UoN email address
2. They must have at least 1 keyword recorded in RPM (these are harvested by search engines)
3. They must have a Research Expertise statement in RPM and,
4. The Generate Profile flag must be ticked in the RPM identification section (contact era@newcastle.edu.au if not flagged)

If your page is not available at <http://wwwdemo.newcastle.edu.au/staff/research-profile/> please log into RPM via <http://www.newcastle.edu.au/division/research/era/research-portfolio-manager.html> and check that at least one keyword is recorded in the "Expertise / Keywords, Languages" section of RPM and a Research Expertise statement (max 4000 characters) has been placed in the "Expertise / Research, Teaching" section of RPM. Both of these fields are free text and are located under the Portfolio section on the left side of the RPM home screen. Other 'attention' icons may be present on your RPM home page, it is not necessary to have all of these removed to qualify for a web profile. Quick Reference Guides and FAQs on making changes in RPM are available at <http://www.newcastle.edu.au/division/research/era/research-portfolio-manager.html>, changes made in RPM may take up to 24 hours to flow through to the web page.

In this initial stage pages can only be viewed internally via the demonstration site until the 15th of November. At this time all valid pages approved by the relevant Head of School will be placed onto the public UoN web page and replace the current static staff profiles maintained by the schools. The static profiles will be retained on the demonstration web page to allow researchers to move information into their new profiles until the end of February 2011. The existing WARP1 profiles will remain in place until the 17th of December.

Whilst the new profiles are a considerable improvement on the existing WARP1 pages we acknowledge that researchers may desire to have additional information captured and displayed, to accommodate this "Related Links" can be added to your profile by your school web publisher (<http://www.newcastle.edu.au/service/web/web-publisher.html>). The RPM project team welcome any feedback on potential future enhancements for the staff profiles web pages. Please email any comments to era@newcastle.edu.au.



SUCCESSFUL GRANT OUTCOMES

ARC Linkage Grants

A/Prof John Wiggers, Dr Patrick McElduff, Dr Elizabeth Campbell, Dr Luke Wolfenden, A/Prof Jenny Bowman, Dr Megan Freund, Ms Paula Wye, Ms Karen E Gillham, Mr Scott M McLachlan

Project Title : The effect of a practice change intervention in increasing, on a network-wide basis, the provision of preventive care by community health clinicians
Total of \$436,919 for 3 years

David Sibbritt was part of a team where the administering institution is University of Sydney:

Dr Alexander F Broom, A/Prof Jonathan Adams, Prof Kathryn Refshauge, A/Prof David W Sibbritt
Project Title : Navigating back pain care: a sociological study of women's illness pathways within and between intersecting social worlds
Total of \$391,622 for 3 years

Prof Rob Sanson-Fisher and Prof Cate Deste are part of a

Centre of Research Excellence, based at the University of Western Sydney and headed by Prof Sally Redman:

Centre for Informing Policy in Health with Evidence from Research (CIPHER)
University of Western Sydney
Total of \$2,496,375

ARC Discovery Project Grants

A/Prof Phil M Hansbro, Prof Paul Foster (with Rakesh Kumar from UNSW)
Project Title: Development of microbial bioproducts for the suppression of inflammation
Total of \$285,000 over three years

Prof Keith T Jones (with Sergio Moreno from the Univ of Salamanca, and Eileen McLaughlin from SELS)
Project Title: Gamete-specific knockout of Fizzy-Related to examine its meiotic role in oocytes and sperm
Total of \$600,000 over four years.

Australian Learning and Teaching Council Grants

Team Leader: Assoc Prof Tracy Levett-Jones (School of Nursing and Midwifery)
Project: 'Enhancing the teaching of medication safety to nursing, pharmacy and medical students through interprofessional education (IPE)'
Project team: Dr Helen Bellchambers, Dr Conor Gilligan, Dr Teresa Stone, Dr Sue Outram, Joyce Cooper, Assoc Prof Rohan Rasiah, Samuel Lapkin, Prof Alison Jones (University of Western Sydney), Prof Gregory Peterson (University of Tasmania)
Funding: \$217,000



2010 HMRI AWARDS NIGHT

Wednesday 3rd November

Celebrating the Hunter's research excellence

Join Carol Duncan from 1233 ABC Newcastle as she leads a celebration of the world class research and tireless community support happening in the Hunter.

This year's Awards Night has a new format, giving you the chance to celebrate with the winners and meet our wonderful donors for drinks, following the ceremony.

When: Wednesday 3rd November 2010

Time: 5:30 pm Welcome Drinks

6:00-7:15 pm Ceremony

7:15 – 9:00 pm Drinks & Entertainment

Where: Newcastle City Hall, King Street Newcastle

Cost: \$40 p/person/\$30 concession (student/pensioner)

Dress: Business attire

RSVP: Register online at www.hmri.net.au... Now!

RHD SUCCESS... GABRIELLE BRIGGS

Gabrielle Briggs, a PhD student from the School of Biomedical Sciences and Pharmacy, was the winner of the University of Newcastle Three Minute Thesis (3MT) competition. Gabrielle represented the University of Newcastle in the Inaugural Australian and New Zealand 3MT Competition in Brisbane involving 33 Universities from across Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific.

Having won her preliminary round Gabrielle was one of 10 finalists and was the runner up in the overall competition. The feedback on her performance from both the judges and members of the audience indicated that it was a very close call. The overall winner from the University of Western Australia has just submitted his thesis and was therefore able to be more conclusive about his outcomes. Bernie Hobbs from ABC Science and The New Inventors, who was the Master of Ceremonies for the final, said after Gabrielle's presentation "I think we've just found my replacement". This is an outstanding achievement and we should all be very proud of Gabrielle.

Gabrielle has agreed to provide feedback to 3MT participants in 2011 and she will also be a judge in the final, having experienced what the panel of judges are looking for at the national level. She has also agreed to assist with our ongoing efforts to communicate the benefits of being a research student.

Congratulations Gabrielle.

ADAM COLLISON

Adam Collison, a PhD student from the School of Biomedical Sciences and Pharmacy, was the winner of the 2010 New South Wales AusBiotech-GlaxoSmithKline (GSK) Student Excellence Award. The AusBiotech-GSK Awards are national research awards that aim to recognise and encourage research students and to raise awareness of biotechnology research that translates basic biological knowledge into applications with practical and commercial impact. Adam's achievement is a testament to his intellect, the research strength of the Faculty and the team work between Adam and Newcastle Innovation to communicate the commercial potential of his research.

Adam's award covers his travel, accommodation and registration for the 2010 AusBiotech National Conference in Melbourne (October 19-22) where he will present his work and compete with the other State finalists. We have just learned that Adam was one of two runners up in the national competition and received a special commendation.

Congratulations Adam.

SCHOOL OF BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES & PHARMACY

Congratulations to Dr Rebecca Lim from the School of Biomedical Sciences and Pharmacy who was the recent recipient of two awards:

"Best poster prize" at recent Frontiers in Otorhinolaryngology Conference Melbourne – July 28-30th 2010 (170 registrants).

"Young Scientist Scholarship" at 26th Barany Society Meeting, Reykjavik Iceland – August 18th – 21st 2010. The Barany society is the major International meeting for clinicians and basic scientists who are interested in vestibular system function and disease (350 registrants).



A WORD FROM THE DHoF RESEARCH

Awards for Research Excellence

It was my great pleasure to present three Awards for Research Excellence at the Faculty Awards Evening held on Wednesday October 27 at the University Art Gallery. The recipients were:

Mrs Paula Jarvie (School of Biomedical Sciences and Pharmacy) for excellence and leadership in the support of research. Paula's leadership and co-ordination of the

School's Research Support Unit has been central to the School's research productivity.

Professor Zsolt Balogh (School of Medicine and Public Health) for dedication and commitment to enhancing the research environment within the School and Faculty. Zsolt's enthusiasm for training undergraduate and postgraduate students and his research leadership has laid the foundation for a coherent research group in traumatology that is expected to grow strongly.

Dr Jennifer Dempsey (School of Nursing and Midwifery) for leadership in research publications. While a Level B academic at the Ourimbah campus in 2009, Jennifer produced a very substantial number of research publications providing significant leadership in the School at this campus.

50:50 RHD Scholarships

As the deadline for RHD scholarship applications is fast approaching, I want to remind all potential RHD supervisors that the Faculty has promised to support up to twelve 50:50 Scholarships. These scholarships share the cost of the RHD scholarship 50:50 between the University and the Faculty and the Faculty shares its contribution 50:50 between the supervisor's funds (or funds made available by the School) and the Faculty's funds. This means that for the cost of 25% of an APA stipend (i.e. 25% of \$22,860 for 2011) a supervisor/School could secure a full time RHD student, funding for a laptop computer, support of \$5000 or \$3000 per year plus, if the student is international, a fee waiver scholarship from the Faculty. This is a very strategic way of maximising the benefit from our investment in RHD scholarships.

Potential RHD students need to apply for a scholarship in the normal way. Their academic standing will be assessed along with all other applicants thereby generating a ranked merit list of applicants. The University will award a certain number of full RHD scholarships to applicants at the top of the merit list and then allocate 50:50 scholarships to applicants further down the list based on the availability of matching funds from the Faculty and/or supervisor/School.

If you are able to provide 25% or more of a scholarship and are interested in one or more applicants you need to let me know (John.Rostas@newcastle.edu.au) before the end of November. I will send you a UNRSC 50:50 Nomination Form to fill in identifying the applicant(s) you wish to support, the source of funds, whether you are able to provide 25% or 50% of the scholarship amount (those offering 50% of the scholarship fee will get priority), whether you can provide more than one partial scholarship and, if you are interested in more than one applicant, your personal priority order. The full scholarships will be awarded purely on merit so identifying the availability of a partial scholarship will not disadvantage any applicant from securing a full scholarship if their academic ranking warrants one.

Professor John Rostas
Deputy Head of Faculty (Research)

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