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Dear Colleagues,

We are pleased to send you the March e-mail bulletin on our developments and plans for the Ageing Well Research Network. If you have items that you wish to be included in future bulletins please do not hesitate to forward them to us. Please feel free to forward this bulletin on to anybody else who may be interested. If you have received this bulletin via secondary sources and would like to be added to the distribution list please e-mail your request to ageingnet@usyd.edu.au.

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Research Theme activities:

Healthy Ageing – The “Mars and Venus: Does Gender Matter in Ageing?” Special Conference will be held in Newcastle on 9-10 July 2007. The conference is being presented by the NSW and Hunter Chapters of the Australian Association of Gerontology, the Research Centre for Gender, Health and Ageing at the University of Newcastle, and the Network’s Healthy Ageing Theme. The conference will feature key researchers from large-scale longitudinal studies exploring the health of men and women as they age (sponsored by the Healthy Ageing Theme). The **call for abstracts** for oral, workshop or poster presentations **closes on 2 April 2007** with abstracts to be sent to info@eastcoastconferences.com.au

Independent Living and Social Participation – The ILSP Theme have completed a scoping paper which examines the context and background for the Theme. Key definitions and broad research questions are described and relevant theoretical considerations, international and Australian policy contexts and research agendas are examined. Key research questions were identified in three overarching areas of research; namely: the nature of independent living and social participation; the determinants of independent living and social participation; and the facilitation of independent living and social participation. A copy of this paper scoping paper is available in the Resources section of the Network website (www.ageingwell.edu.au/links_resources.htm).

State hub activities:

The NSW State hub is collaborating with Aged and Community Services NSW & ACT to run a workshop on research collaborations between universities and the aged care industry. The workshop will take place at the ACS State Conference in June and aims build a deeper and more long-term collaboration between researchers and the aged care industry. More details will be provided closer to the date.

Network Research Workshop Program:

The Network Theme areas and Central hub sponsored a number of research workshops aimed at bringing key researchers from across states and disciplines together to generate ambitious research projects. The workshops that have taken place to date are as follows:

- Support Services for Healthy and Productive Ageing in Rural Australia, convened by Professor Judi Walker, University of Tasmania and sponsored by the Central hub of the Network
- Wound Healing in Older People, convened by Professor Helen Edwards, Queensland University of Technology and sponsored by the Healthy Ageing Theme.
- Transport and Older People, convened by Professor Colette Browning, Monash University and sponsored by the Healthy Ageing Theme.

Additional workshops on ageing and place, gender (see [Research Theme Activities](#) above), and the baby boomer generation will be taking place in the coming months with other workshops being planned. More information on the Research Workshop program, along with an application form, is available at http://www.ageingwell.edu.au/news_start.htm

Network website – additional materials added:

We are working to provide a comprehensive listing of Network presentations and activities in the resources section of our website (www.ageingwell.edu.au/links_resources.htm). In line with this, we have loaded copies of presentations at a range of Network events and conferences.

Of particular importance are the notes from the joint meeting between the Network and the International Research Centre in Healthy Ageing and Longevity (IRCHAL) on “*Integrating the biomedical into psychosocial research on ageing*” which was held in Melbourne on 16 October 2006.

ARC/NHMRC Call for access to research findings:

The Network would like to support the recent call from the CEO's of the ARC and the NHMRC for researchers to make the results of research funded by the Australian Government publicly available, whenever possible and appropriate. A copy of the media release is available at http://www.arc.gov.au/media/releases/media_18Jan07.htm

The CEO's are calling for researchers, at the earliest opportunity, to deposit their data and any publications arising from government-funded research in an appropriate repository that has free public access. One such repository for data is the Ageing Well Data Archive set up by the Network as part of the Australian Social Science Data Archive (ASSDA) at the ANU (see <http://ageing-well.anu.edu.au/webview/index.jsp>). ARC and NHMRC funded researchers are also invited to make research progress reports available on the Ageing Research Online website (www.aro.gov.au).

Internet Resources:

ABS Age Matters – Don't forget that the National Ageing Statistics Unit (NASU) produces a regular e-mail newsletter which provides information on ageing-related activities within NASU and the ABS. To subscribe to the e-mail newsletter send an e-mail to j.pang@abs.gov.au with your contact details. To access copies of previous newsletters go to www.abs.gov.au and click on “Themes” on the navigation bar below the ABS logo then click on “Ageing” and then “Noticeboard”. The upcoming edition of Age Matters will include a snapshot on older indigenous Australians taken from the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Survey (NATSIHS).

Dementia Collaborative Research Centres – the Dementia Collaborative Research Centres have just launched their website which provides useful information on collaborative Dementia Research, the National Dementia Research Forum, PhD Scholarships and more. For more information, please visit: www.dementia.unsw.edu.au

Positions Vacant:**Research Officer position to support the Network's activities at the University of Queensland -**

The Australasian Centre on Ageing is seeking to appoint a Research Officer to support the Ageing Well Network activities that are led by the University of Queensland including Queensland State Hub, Independent Living and Social Participation Theme, and Emerging Researchers in Ageing (ERA) activities. The position is being offered for a 12-month term. A copy of the position description is available at <http://seek.com.au/jobsearch/index.aspx?AdvertiserID=852832>.

Interested applicants should respond directly to Professor Helen Bartlett on h.bartlett@uq.edu.au or on (07) 3346 9084. The closing date for applications is **Monday 2 April 2007**.

Fellowship positions:

Post-Doctoral position in cognitive ageing at the University of Queensland – Professor Bill von Hippel is seeking a Research Fellow to work in his lab for one year, with a second year available pending good progress. The research focus of the lab is on how age-related deficits in executive functioning can lead to losses in social control. A strong background in social cognition, cognitive aging, or a related area of social psychology is highly desirable. Salary starts at \$58,632 AUD per year.

Consideration of applications will begin on **30 March 2007**, and will continue until the position is filled. The start date for the position is negotiable, but should be between July and November, 2007.

Applicants should send a cover letter, CV, two articles, and arrange for three letters of reference to be sent to billvh@psy.uq.edu.au

Postdoctoral Fellow or Research Fellow positions at the Australian National University – The Centre for Mental Health Research is about to advertise two 2-year positions available for dynamic and energetic early career researchers to contribute to an NHMRC/ARC funded project concerning longitudinal studies of ageing to investigate factors that impact health and wellbeing in late life. Applicants should have a PhD in psychology, epidemiology, gerontology, biostatistics or a related discipline, an interest in research concerning ageing, and high level skills in the management and analysis of data using packages such as SAS, STAT or SPSS.

Selection criteria are available at <http://info.anu.edu.au/hr/jobs/> or from Jenni Harris on 02 6125 9705, or Jenni.Harris@anu.edu.au. Enquiries should be directed to Associate Professor Kaarin Anstey, Dr Peter Butterworth or Dr Tim Windsor on 02 6125 2741 or on Kaarin.Anstey@anu.edu.au , Peter.Butterworth@anu.edu.au, or Tim.Windsor@anu.edu.au. The closing date for applications is **24 April 2006**.

Post-Doctoral Fellowship at the Gerontology Research Centre & Department, Simon Fraser

University, Vancouver Canada - Simon Fraser University seeks a recent PhD graduate with strong research skills and interest in developing a career in gerontology. This is a one-year position with the possibility of renewal. A copy of the position description is available at www.sfu.ca/grc/positions/GRC_positions.html

Applications should arrive no later than **April 30, 2007** with a flexible start date. Address correspondence to Professor Andrew Wister, Acting Director, Gerontology Research Centre and Chair, Department of Gerontology, 515 West Hastings, Vancouver, B.C. V6B 5K3.

Are you an investigator preparing Linkage grant and other funding applications involving a Post-Doctoral Fellow and/or Research Fellow?

Would you like early career researchers to contact you about possibly being nominated for appointment in your proposal? If so, please send a brief description of the project and the kind of person you are looking for to ageingnet@usyd.edu.au and we will include a notice in our next e-mail bulletin.

Funding schemes:

2007 Dementia Grants Program - Alzheimer's Australia Research (AAR) has released the details of the 2007 Dementia Grants Program including research grants (\$20,000), travel grants (\$5-10,000) and scholarships. Applications for research and travel grants will close on 4 June 2007 and applications for Postgraduate Scholarships Grants will be open in September 2007. Application forms and further information can be found at www.alzheimers.org.au/content.cfm?topicid=250

ARC Funding schemes - Forms are now available in GAMS (<https://gams.arc.gov.au/>) for the following ARC schemes for funding to commence in 2008:

- 2008 Discovery Indigenous Researchers Development;
- 2008 Linkage Projects (Round 1); and
- 2008 Linkage Infrastructure, Equipment and Facilities.

Upcoming Conferences:

The Australian Social Policy Conference will take place at the University of New South Wales from **11-13 July 2007**. The Network's Productivity and Economic Security Theme will be presenting a forum on "Australia's Demographic Challenges" as part of the conference. More information about the conference is available at www.sprc.unsw.edu.au/ASPC2007/index.htm, including the **call for papers which closes on 9 April 2007**. Abstracts (preferably as a Microsoft Word attachment to an e-mail) should be sent to ASPC2007@unsw.edu.au.

The 20th Anniversary Cognitive Ageing Conference – Down Under (CAC-DU) will take place Adelaide from July 12 – 15 2007. **Early Bird registration is about to close on April 3**. More information on the conference and the registration process is available at www.cos.gatech.edu/cac/cac_du.htm

The Australian Psychological Society Psychology and Ageing Interest Group Conference will be held from 1-3 November 2007. More details on the conference will be available shortly at www.groups.psychology.org.au/paig/

Conference Reminders:


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| Ageing & Disability Conference | 2 – 3 April '07 | www.acrod.org.au |
| 2007 Alzheimer's Australia National Conference | 29 May – 1 June '07 | www.alzheimers2007conference.com.au |
| FICCDAT – Toronto Canada | 16 – 19 June '07 | www.ficcdat.ca |
| Successful Ageing: Countering Depression in Old Age | 28 – 29 June '07 | www.hammond.com.au |
| Australian Social Policy Conference 2007 | 11 – 13 July '07 | www.sprc.unsw.edu.au |
| Mars and Venus: Does Gender Matter in Ageing | 9 – 10 July '07 | website to be advised |
| The 20 th Anniversary Cognitive Ageing Conference | 12 – 15 July '07 | www.cos.gatech.edu/cac/cac_du.htm |
| 2007 HILDA survey research conference | 19 – 20 July '07 | www.melbourneinstitute.com/hilda/ |
| Regional Congress of Gerontology & Geriatrics | 22 – 25 October '07 | www.aog2007.org |
| The 40 th National Aust. Association of Gerontology Conference | 21 – 23 November '07 | www.aagconference.com |
| 6 th Emerging Researchers in Australia (ERA) Conference | 20 November '07 | website to be advised |
| World Congress of Health Professions | March '08 | www.worldhealthcongress.org/ |

General Reminder – Stay in Touch:

To stay in touch with the broad range of ageing-related activities in Australia we encourage you to go to the websites of the Australian Association of Gerontology and the Ageing Research Online. Links to the relevant sections are provided below:

AAG recent news www.aag.asn.au/recent_news/about_news.htm
ARO newsletters www.aro.gov.au/newsletters/index.html

That's all for this month,



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