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Dear Colleagues,

We are pleased to send you the May e-mail bulletin on our developments in the last month 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 – We are pleased to announce that the Medical Journal of Australia has invited the convenors of the “Mars and Venus: Does Gender Matter in Ageing?” Special Conference to submit a conference report. The Special Conference will be taking place on **9-10 July 2007** in Newcastle so if you haven't registered now is the time to do so. A copy of the flyer/registration is available at www.ageingwell.edu.au/news_start.htm

Independent Living and Social Participation – The ILSP will be holding a joint workshop with the Healthy Ageing Theme on Food and Independent Living for Later Life. The workshop will take place on Tuesday **26 June 2007**. The workshop will be preceded by a Breakfast Colloquium on “The Importance of Nutrition to Healthy Ageing” with Professor Caryl Nowson, Professor of Nutrition and Ageing, Deakin University which will run from 7:15 – 9:00 am at Customs House, 399 Queen Street, Brisbane. More information on the colloquium series is available at www.uq.edu.au/aca

Population Research Strategies – The PRS Theme is hosting a 2-day workshop on Longitudinal Methods for Discrete Outcomes on **27-28 June 2007** in Canberra. The first day of the workshop is expected to cover terminology, generalised linear models, and correlation of repeated and clustered data. The second day of the workshop is optional and intended for participants who would like to work on specific problems with analysing their datasets. The workshop will be presented by Dr Adrian Barnett, Senior Lecturer in Biostatistics in the School of Population Health at the University of Queensland. There was strong interest in the workshop with all places being quickly filled.

Productivity and Economic Security – the PES Theme will be convening a forum in Sydney on **12 July 2007** on “Australia’s Demographic Challenges” as part of the Australian Social Policy Conference. The forum will discuss the recently released Intergenerational Report II and will include a panel session of key speakers including Phil Gallagher, Senior Executive Manager, Retirement and Income Modelling Unit, Commonwealth Treasury.

State and Central hub activities:

NSW - The Benevolent Society, in collaboration with the Social Policy Research Centre (SPRC) and the NSW Hub of the Network, ran a workshop on “Evidence Into Practice In Community Aged Care” on 2 May 2007. The workshop involved 16 key participants from research, policy and practice and focussed on the translation of research on community care into practice and the lack of an existing evidence base. Two main possibilities will be pursued following from the workshop: 1) a number of research projects will be considered by the SPRC to fill the evidence gap; 2) key participants will develop research summaries of two existing pieces of work to inform policy and practice.

The *Research and Aged & Community Care Collaborations Workshop* was run by the NSW State hub in collaboration with Aged and Community Services NSW & ACT today 6 June 2007 as part of the ACS State conference at the Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre Darling Harbour. The workshop was attended by around 30 participants from industry and research. A copy of the flyer is available at www.ageingwell.edu.au/news_start.htm. More details on the outcomes of the meeting will be made available on the website in due course.

South Australia – Mary Luszcz (SA Co-Convenor) will be chairing a 2-part symposium on the “Future Directions in Ageing Research – Showcasing the Successful AWAP Projects” at the Australian Association of Gerontology Conference in November. This symposium will bring together Chief Investigators from the six Ageing Well, Ageing Productively (AWAP) projects to provide information on the substantive directions that each project will pursue. Given the level of interest in the AWAP projects, this is guaranteed to be a well attended symposium.

The Central hub – The Network collaborated with the National Seniors Association and the Department of Health and Ageing to run a 2-day event on research collaborations with consumers on May 17-18 2007 in Melbourne. The first day, run by National Seniors, was a Productive Ageing Forum at which over 60 researchers, policy makers and consumer representatives which aimed to: promote the concept of productive ageing; showcase current research in productive ageing; and provide a forum for interaction and discussion. A copy of the program for this forum is available at www.productiveageing.com.au/docs/final_agenda.pdf

On the second day the Network convened the “Research Collaborations with Consumers” Workshop with over 30 participants. The primary aim was to: consider effective approaches and models for collaborative research; develop a dialogue across peak bodies, researchers and consumers; and feed into an ongoing Network program of work towards the production of best practice guidelines for collaborative research with consumers. The background materials for the workshop are available at www.ageingwell.edu.au/links_resources_3.htm and a workshop summary will be posted shortly. A brief issues paper building on the workshop and previous workshops held at the BARC Colloquium in June 2006 and in Queensland in December 2006 will be developed by the Network and the workshop participants and will be made available in due course.

International visitor:

We are pleased to announce that Dr Gita Mishra from the MRC National Survey of Health and Development (NSHD) in the UK has accepted the invitation of the Network to come to Australia and participate in a number of Network activities. Gita will be presenting a keynote address at the “Mars and Venus: Does Gender Matter in Ageing?” Special Conference. She will also be contributing to preliminary discussions leading into the “Food and Independent Living in Later Life” workshop to be run jointly by the Independent Living and Social Participant and Healthy Ageing Themes in late June. During her visit she will be based primarily with Professor Julie Byles at the University of Newcastle.

Recent publication in ageing:

Longevity and Social Change in Australia (Edited by Allan Borowski, Sol Encel & Elizabeth Ozanne) covers a wide range of issues, including health, retirement incomes, aged care, family relations, employment, housing and town planning. Special attention is given to the particular structural disadvantages affecting women, Aboriginal Australians and ethnic minorities. This comprehensive new volume will be an essential reference for policy makers and for students in social policy, sociology, gerontology and public health. Further details are available at www.unswpress.com.au/isbn/0868408891.htm

Ten commandments for the future of ageing research in the UK: a vision for action by Franco, Kirkwood, Powell et al. was recently published in BMC Geriatrics. This commentary reports on a Workshop in the UK where international experts from different disciplines gathered to share their perspectives and to evaluate the present status of ageing research in the UK. The paper provides a detailed assessment of potential improvements, including consideration of prospective secondary gains, which were subsequently distilled into a list of 'ten commandments'. The article is available online at www.biomedcentral.com/content/pdf/1471-2318-7-10.pdf

New open access journal - Current Gerontology and Geriatrics Research has been launched. The journal is targeted at scientists, geriatricians and health professionals interested in molecular, cellular, organismal aspects of gerontological research and in diagnosis, treatment, evaluation and educational aspects of geriatrics research. The journal also highlights new discoveries, approaches as well as technical developments in basic, clinical and discovery driven translational research. The journal is available online at www.hindawi.com/journals/cggr/

Call for participants for a survey on Successful ageing of Australian baby boom career women: Lynn Courtney at James Cook University is conducting the above national online survey and is seeking Australian baby boom career women to participate in the survey. Lynn is particularly interested in recruiting participants outside of Queensland. If you would like to know more about this study or to complete the survey online please go to www.soe.jcu.edu.au/successfulageing

Positions Vacant:

Director of Research – National Seniors Productive Ageing Centre

The National Seniors Productive Ageing Centre (NSPAC) is seeking to employ a Director of Research to provide leadership for NSPAC in the conduct of its productive ageing research and education agenda. A copy of the advertisement for this position and the job description are attached. Enquiries & e-mail applications should be directed to:

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The **closing date** for applications is **Friday 15 June 2007** (not July as previously indicated by us).

Internships in Ireland:

The Online Dublin Computer Science Summer School (ODCSSS) has just commenced for 2007. This is a paid research internship program for undergraduate students. In 2007 there are students coming from Universities in Austria, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Hong Kong, India, Ireland, Slovenia, Spain, Thailand and the USA. **The 2008 program opens for applications from 2nd and 3rd year undergraduate students in late 2007.** Successful candidates are offered a tax-free scholarship of €300 per week (for 12 weeks) along with travel support to contribute to projects related to aiding human memory. Projects to be undertaken in 2007 include work on aids to maintain a healthy diet, medicine regime, monitor physical activity etc. More information is available at www.odcsss.ie/

Upcoming conferences and symposia:

The next Eastern Australia Dementia Training and Study Centre (EADTSC) Guest Lecture will take place on **26 June 2007**. Professor Laura Gitlin, Director, Centre for Applied Research on Aging and Health, Jefferson College of Health Professions, USA will present a lecture on "Can we improve quality of life in persons with Dementia and their Family caregivers? The role of the environment". The lecture will be held in the Auditorium, Graduate School of Medicine, University of Wollongong from **4:00-5:30pm**. Details of lectures for the rest of 2007 can be found at <http://dementia.uow.edu.au/events.html>

The Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care (DADHC) Future of Ageing Seminar- Getting the Blueprint right – planning to meet the housing needs of an ageing Australia will take place at The Mint – 10 Macquarie St Sydney on Wednesday 27 June 2007 from 3 to 5 pm and will be followed by refreshments. The speakers are: [Dr Diana Olsberg](#) and [Assoc Professor Andrew Jones](#). To attend please RSVP to Daina Uebel on 02 8270 2427 or daina.uebel@dadhc.nsw.gov.au by Wednesday 20 June. More information on the seminar series is available at www.dadhc.nsw.gov.au/dadhc/Older+People/Future+of+Ageing+seminar+series.htm

Alzheimer's Australia Consumer Directed Care Forums will take place across Australia starting in the ACT on **28 June** and ending in Sydney on **20 July 2007**. The forums will include US Expert Dr Jane Tilly, Director, Quality Care Advocacy, Alzheimer's Association (Washington DC). Details of dates and locations for each state are available at <http://www.alzheimers.org.au/content.cfm?infopageid=3755>

Reminder - The 20th Anniversary Cognitive Ageing Conference - Down Under (CAC-DU) conference will be held on **12 – 15 July 2007** in Adelaide. Mary Luszcz, Co-Convenor of the South Australian Hub of the Network, is convening the CAC-DU conference and the Network has funded a number of postgraduate and postdoctoral conference travel awards. Keynote speakers this year are: Kaarin Anstey from the ANU; Cameron Camp from the Myers Research Institute, Ohio, USA; Roger Dixon from the University of Alberta, Canada; and Denise Park from the University of Illinois, USA. For more information or to register go to www.cos.gatech.edu/cac/cac_du.htm

The Dementia Collaborative Research Centres will be offering their first National Dementia Research Forum from **17-18 September 2007**. The Forum will be held in Sydney and will be offering a range of dementia-related presentations, debates and workshops for researchers and consumers. For a program, registration form and call for poster abstracts go to: www.dementia.unsw.edu.au

The Australian Psychological Society 2007 Psychology & Ageing Interest Group Conference will be held from **1-3 November 2007** at the Deakin Management Centre in Geelong, Victoria. Keynote speakers will be Professor Louis Burgio from the University of Alabama and Professor John Snowdon from the University of Sydney. More information is available at www.groups.psychology.org.au/GroupContent.aspx?ID=1192

The 2007 Emerging Researchers in Ageing (ERA) Conference website is now up and running at www.ageingwell.edu.au/era2007/. The website includes a copy of the call for abstracts which are due by **Friday 27 July 2007**. The conference will take place in Adelaide on 20 November 2007 just prior to the AAG National Congress. A copy of the ERA registration form is available on the above website.

The GeriAction National Conference 2007 will take place in Brisbane on **11-12 November 2007**. the theme of the conference is "Caring for the Aged in all Contexts: models, myths and magic". The call for papers is now open. More information is available from www.geriaction.com.au/conference or from Sally brown on sally.brown@uq.net.au or (07) 3201 2808.

The 2009 IAGG World Congress of Gerontology and Geriatrics will take place in Paris from **5 – 9 July 2009** at the Palais des Congrès. Details of the proposed major themes of the congress are available at <http://www.gerontologyparis2009.com>. The call for abstracts is expected to be released in January 2008 at which point registration for the congress will open. More details will be provided as the plans for the congress develop.

Conference reminders:

Closing the Gaps	10 – 11 May '07	www.nds.org.au/national/coe/PRNCMay07.pdf
2007 Alzheimer's Australia National Conference	29 May – 1 June '07	www.alzheimers2007conference.com.au
New Zealand ERA Symposium	5 – 6 June '07	www.ageingwell.edu.au/news_start.htm
Cultural Diversity in Ageing	7 – 8 June '07	www.culturaldiversity.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	www.ageingwell.edu.au/news_start.htm
Ageing Brain IBRO Satellite Meeting	10 July '07	http://ibro2007.org/satellite.html
Cognitive Ageing Conference – Down Under	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
APS Psychology and Ageing Interest Group	1 – 3 November '07	www.groups.psychology.org.au
Geriation National Conference	11 – 12 November '07	www.geriation.com.au/conference
New Zealand Association of Gerontology Conference	12 – 16 November '07	www.gerontology.org.nz
6 th Emerging Researchers in Australia (ERA) Conference	20 November '07	www.ageingwell.edu.au/era2007/
The 40 th National Aust. Association of Gerontology Conference	21 – 23 November '07	www.aagconference.com
World Congress of Health Professions	March '08	www.worldhealthcongress.org/
IAGG World Congress of Gerontology and Geriatrics	5 – 9 July '09	www.gerontologyparis2009.com

General reminder – Stay in Touch:

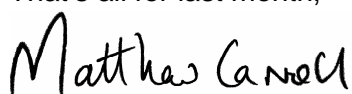
To stay in touch with the broad range of ageing-related activities in Australia we encourage you to go to the websites of the Australian Association of Gerontology and the Ageing Research Online. Links to the relevant sections are provided below:

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

Network News:

Finally, welcome to Linda Peach who recently commenced as the Network's part-time Project Officer in Queensland working with Queensland State and Independent Living and Social Participation Theme Convenor Helen Bartlett.

That's all for last month,



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6 June 2007