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Dear Colleagues,

We are pleased to send you the April 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 – preparations for the “Mars and Venus: Does Gender Matter in Ageing?” Special Conference to be held in Newcastle on 9-10 July 2007 are well underway. 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 first day will include invited presentations and proffered papers and the second day will include workshops on:

- Gender Diversity - Public Health Implications;
- Understanding needs of GLBTIQ communities;
- Insight into Australian Longitudinal Study on Women's Health (ALSWH);
- Gender and family - carer responses to dementia;
- Getting Together - comparing and contrasting;
- Issues, approaches and finding of gender studies;
- Gender, Ageing and Sexuality;
- Older Women speaking for themselves; and
- Men Ageing Well.

A copy of the flyer/registration form will be available shortly at www.ageingwell.edu.au/news_start.htm

Healthy Ageing and Independent Living and Social Participation – a cross-Theme Research Workshop on Nutrition/Food and Nutrition is being planned for late June. The workshop will bring together key researchers from across the country to generate ambitious research projects.

Independent Living and Social Participation – the ILSP is also planning a further Research Workshop for late August which will look at legal issues and ageing.

State hub activities:

The *Research and Aged & Community Care Collaborations Workshop*, which is being presented by the NSW State hub in collaboration with Aged and Community Services NSW & ACT, will take place from 9:30-12:30am on **6 June** as part of the ACS State conference at the Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre Darling Harbour. The workshop will include the following:

- University perspectives and research mechanisms – Hal Kendig
- Research Collaborations- an industry perspective – Gillian McFee (UnitingCare Ageing) and Andrew Fleming (Southern Cross Care (NSW & ACT))
- Case Study of an existing collaboration – June Heinrich (Baptist Community Services) and Julie Byles (University of Newcastle)
- Discussion of possible research topics
- Small group discussion how to structure collaborative relationships with research students, initiate research projects and promote research dissemination and translation
- Summing up of key themes and discussion of next steps

A copy of the flyer is available at www.ageingwell.edu.au/news_start.htm. To register for this workshop go to http://www.agedservices.asn.au/docs/products/ACS_State_Conference_Final.pdf

Ageing Well Network Annual Report:

A provisional copy of the 2006 Annual Report for the Network has been posted on our website at http://www.ageingwell.edu.au/about_net_annual_report.htm. The report provides information on the 2006 activities of the Network's Theme and State hubs and special interest groups as well as core activities and details of future directions for the Network. The report is currently under review by the ARC and the final approved version will be posted when available.

The Eastern Australia Dementia Training and Study Centre (EADTSC) Guest Lecture

Series is underway. The details of the next two lectures are as follows:

21 May - Professors Leon Flicker and Gerard Byrne on "Dementia in Indigenous Remote, Rural Communities", at the Auditorium, Prince Charles Hospital, Brisbane from **9:00-1:00pm**

26 June - Professor Laura Gitlin, Director, Centre for Applied Research on Aging and Health, Jefferson College of Health Professions, USA 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>

Doctoral and Postdoctoral opportunities:

There are a number of Doctoral and Postdoctoral research opportunities which are available at the Faculty of Health Sciences (FHS) at the University of Sydney. Applicants are able to choose from a range of topic areas in one of the Faculty Research Groups (FRGs) and Research Centres, including the Ageing and Human Development FRG (led by Professor Mark Mathews) which includes the following research themes:

- Ageing, Health, and Services – Professor Hal Kendig
- Quality of Life, Quality of Care – A/Professor Cherry Russell
- Environments for Positive Ageing - Dr Catherine Bridge
- Safety, Participation and Ageing – Dr Lindy Clemson
- Indigenous Ageing - Dr Freidoon Khavarpour

(see www.fhs.usyd.edu.au/research_innovation/frg/ageing_human.shtml for more details on the Ageing and Human Development FRG and the specific research topics available within each theme)

It is essential for applicants to identify topic areas and liaise with an appropriate senior researcher within the FHS in order to complete the application process. This should be done **ASAP** in order to meet the deadlines for Postdoctoral and Doctoral applications, as outlined below:

Postdoctoral Fellowships - The Faculty of Health Sciences have established Postdoctoral Fellowships to support excellence in full-time research undertaken in any Research Group or Research Centre at the Faculty (including the Ageing and Human Development FRG referred to above). The Faculty will offer up to five new Fellowships in 2007. Applications should be submitted jointly by a mentoring senior researcher within the Faculty and the proposed Fellow. A copy of the application form and guidelines are attached and applications are due by **25 May 2007**. For more information contact Paul Sims on 02 9036 7321 or p.sims@usyd.edu.au

Doctoral Scholarships - The FHS is offering up to 6 research scholarships for full-time studies leading to a Doctoral degree. A copy of the flyer for these Doctoral Scholarships is attached. Applications for Semester 2 2007 are due by **1 June 2007**. For more information visit www.fhs.usyd.edu.au/scholarships or contact Fayrouz Kelaita on 02 9351 9355 or f.kelaita@usyd.edu.au

Upcoming conferences and symposia:

The Closing the gaps - Local Transport Solutions Conference in Action conference will be held on 10th and 11th of May at the Doomben Racecourse Function Rooms in Brisbane. The conference is being convened by the Transport Development and Solutions Alliance. For more details or to register for this conference go to <http://www.nds.org.au/national/coe/PRNCMay07.pdf>

The “Ageing in and out of place: Community and clinical issues for mental health in late life” symposium will be held by the Australian Psychological Society’s ACT Psychology and Ageing Interest Group at the Centre for Mental Health Research at the Australian National University from 9:30am – 12:30pm on **31 May 2007**.

The symposium will include the following presentations:

- **Dr. Nic Cherbuin:** “Dementia self-assessment: theoretical, practical, and ethical considerations.”
- **Dr. Kaarin Anstey:** “Impairment in ADLs, IADLs and cognitive decline are risk factors for increasing depression within individuals in an 8 year longitudinal study of a population-based sample of very old adults.”
- **Dr. Tim Windsor:** “Driving cessation and mental health.”
- **Ms. Maaria Haque:** “The distinction between early and late-onset anxiety: clinical comparisons and implications for the treatment of anxiety in late-life.”
- **Dr. Mike Bird and Ms. Annaliese Blair:** “Working as a clinical psychologist with older people: messy, hard to evaluate, but worthwhile and rewarding.”

To RSVP for this free symposium please contact Holly Mack (Holly.Mack@anu.edu.au) or Tim Windsor (Tim.Windsor@anu.edu.au) by **28 May 2007**.

The Cultural Diversity in Ageing 2007 National Conference will be held at the Sofitel in Melbourne on **7-8 June 2007**. The theme of the conference is “Behind every person is a long journey. Meeting the aged care needs of our culturally and linguistically diverse community” and the conference will explore issues around language and communication, current and future service responsiveness, culturally inclusive management and policy development. For more information or to register online go to www.culturaldiversity.com.au

The New Zealand Postgraduate Symposium for Emerging Researchers in Ageing will take place at the Rutherford House, Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand, on **5-6 June 2007**. **The call for papers is about to close on 6 May** so interested Australian emerging researchers should send papers in **ASAP** by sending an email to Virginia.Wilton@vuw.ac.nz with a WORD doc attachment with a 250 word abstract of what you would like to present for discussion at the symposium. Please head your email with the subject line: PGS Paper:SURNAME. The pattern is likely to be a 20 minute verbal presentation, with 10 minutes for discussion. Registration for the conference will be free, but must be made by 28 May 2007. A copy of the registration form is available at www.ageingwell.edu.au/news_start.htm

An International Brain Research Organization Satellite meeting on the Neurobiology of the Ageing Brain will be held in Hobart on 10 July 2007. Abstracts for poster presentations are invited and should be sent to Professor James Vickers (James.Vickers@utas.edu.au) by 31 May 2007. For further information on the call for poster abstracts or how to register go to <http://embi.nisma.arizona.edu/IBRO/IBROAgeingSatellite.html>

The New Zealand Association of Gerontology Conference will be held in Hamilton, New Zealand, on **12-16 November 2007**. The theme of the conference is “Ageing: The Everyday Experience”. Abstracts are invited and **close 5pm, Friday 15 June 2007**. For further information or a copy of the call for papers go to <http://www.gerontology.org.nz>

The 2007 Emerging Researchers in Ageing Conference has been confirmed for 20 November 2007 prior to the National Australian Association of Gerontology Conference. Dr Robert Penhall from the University of Adelaide will be convening the conference. More details on the conference will be made available on the Ageing Well website.

Conference Reminders:

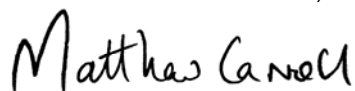
Closing the Gaps	10 – 11 May '07	www.nds.org.au/national/coe/PRNCMay07.pdf
2007 Alzheimer's Australia National Conference	29 May – 1 June '07	www.alzheimers2007conference.com.au
New Zealand ERA Symposium	5 – 6 June '07	www.ageingwell.edu.au/news_start.htm
Cultural Diversity in Ageing	7 – 8 June '07	www.culturaldiversity.com.au
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	website to be advised
Ageing Brain IBRO Satellite Meeting	10 July '07	see item above for link
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
New Zealand Association of Gerontology Conference	12 – 16 November '07	http://www.gerontology.org.nz
6 th Emerging Researchers in Australia (ERA) Conference	20 November '07	website under construction
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/

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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