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Dear Colleagues,

We are pleased to send you the e-mail bulletin for August with details of recent and upcoming ageing related activities. 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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Network Activities:

Ageing Research Challenge for Australia (ARCA)

The Network, in collaboration with the Australian Association of Gerontology, is making the case to Government for a sustained commitment to addressing the "Ageing Research Challenge for Australia" (ARCA) including a nationally integrated research structure and a dedicated research funding program. A proposal outlining the challenges and opportunities of population ageing has been developed in consultation with the Network Advisory Group and Management Committee, the AAG National Council and a group of leading biomedical and geriatric medicine researchers. A round of discussions has commenced including a meeting in April with the Minister for Ageing and further discussions are underway with funding bodies and Government departments. We will keep Network members up to date on this advocacy work.

ERA lunchtime video seminar series

The first Lunchtime Video Seminar for Emerging Researchers in Ageing will be on Monday **15 September 2008**, starting at 11.45 am and finishing around 13.15 pm. Professor Hal Kendig will give the inaugural presentation on the direction of ageing policy in Australia under the new government. This is a great opportunity for emerging researchers in ageing to touch base with other emerging researchers around the country, to keep up to date with ageing policy in Australia, as well as ask questions and participate in discussions with other researchers in your field. A copy of the flyer for the seminar and details of the locations are available at www.ageingwell.edu.au/links_web.htm#era

Network-supported activities

The Ethics of Technology in Ageing: What can it do? What should it do? – The Network was pleased to support the participation of Professors Colleen Cartwright, Branko Celler, and Elizabeth Ozanne in the seminar which took place in Sydney yesterday. The seminar was run by the NSW Division of the Australian Association of Gerontology. A report on the seminar will be made available shortly.

Victorian Seminar Series – Preparing for an Ageing Society – The second of three seminars planned for 2008 took place in Melbourne yesterday and a report on the seminar will be made available shortly. The next seminar will be on “Building an environment for an ageing society: Physical and social planning” and will take place on **27 November 2008**. For more information go to www.ageingwell.edu.au/download/Vic_Ageing_Seminars.pdf

Publications in ageing:

The Australasian Journal on Ageing (AJA) September issue is now available. The list of publications in the AJA is provided below. Click on the titles below to access the PDFs of each document:

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Review Article

[Ethnic aged discrimination and disparities in health and social care: A question of social justice](#)

Megan-Jane Johnstone, Olga Kanitsaki. Pages 110-115

Research Articles

[The acute-aged care interface: Exploring the dynamics of 'bed blocking'](#)

Catherine M Travers, Geoff D McDonnell, Gerald A Broe, Phil Anderson, Rosemary Karmel, Stephen J Duckett, Len C Gray. Pages 116-120

[Individual differences in South Australian general practitioners' knowledge, procedures and opinions of the assessment of older drivers](#)

Leah R Wilson, Neil H Kirby. Pages 121-125

[Determinants of work among older adults in urban China](#)

Davina C Ling, Iris Chi. Pages 126-133

[Antipsychotic use in the elderly: What doctors say they do, and what they do](#)

John Tiller, David Ames, Henry Brodaty, Gerard Byrne, Sudarshan Chawla, Graeme Halliday, John Snowdon, Graham Hepworth, Peter McArdle, Isaac Schweitzer. Pages 134-142

[Improving communicable disease outbreak preparedness in residential aged care facilities using an interventional interview strategy](#)

Keith Eastwood, Maggi Osbourn, Lynn Francis, Tony Merritt, Craig Nicholas, Patrick Cashman, David Durrheim, John Wiggers. Pages 143-149

AJA Editor-In-Chief - The AAG has let us know that the AJA is currently seeking to appoint a new Editor-In-Chief. This position plays a significant role in academic leadership on ageing issues in Australia and the region. The appointment will commence from October 2008 for the March 2009 issue.

A detailed position statement including selection criteria is available from the Association by telephoning Nicola Thurston on 08 8224 5510 or by email nthurston@cotasa.org.au. Applications should include a statement addressing the selection criteria with a covering letter and curriculum vitae, and be sent to: The Chairman, AJA Management Committee, C/- COTA SA, 45 Flinders Street, Adelaide SA 5000. The closing date for applications is Friday **12 September 2008**.

AIHW Publications

Aged care packages in the community 2006-07: a statistical overview - This publication presents key statistics on the provision of Australian Government funded aged care packages and the characteristics of care recipients. This includes packages provided through the Community Aged Care Packages (CACAP) program, the Extended Aged Care at Home (EACH) program, and the Extended Aged Care at Home Dementia (EACH Dementia) program. A copy of the report is available at www.aihw.gov.au/publications/index.cfm/title/10599

A picture of osteoporosis in Australia - This booklet is aimed at anyone with an interest in osteoporosis. It includes information on the causes, management and prevention of the disease, and brings together the latest data about its impact in Australia. A copy of the booklet is available at www.aihw.gov.au/publications/phe/aposia/aposia.pdf

Ageing news

We would like to extend our congratulations to two of our Network Participants who have taken up new roles:

Diane Gibson, formerly the Senior Executive, Welfare Group, Australian Institute of Health and Welfare is about to take up the position of Dean, Faculty of Health, University of Canberra.

Yvonne Wells has been appointed to the Chair in Aged Care Research and Policy Development, which is jointly funded by La Trobe University and Uniting Aged Care Victoria and Tasmania.

Well done Diane and Yvonne!

Research opportunities:

A PhD scholarship is available in the Healthy Ageing Research Unit (HARU) within the School of Primary Health Care, Monash University. This one-year stipend is funded by a philanthropic grant to support a full-time research student as part of their PhD program at Monash University. The successful applicant will join a vibrant multidisciplinary team and have access to training and supervision in the fields of gerontology, sociology and psychology.

The research will provide ground-breaking knowledge on the experiences of people over 70 years who have been married for more than 40 years and how they view the quality of the relationship. Copies of the scholarship notice and the application details are attached. Please refer to www.med.monash.edu.au/sphc/haru for further information about the activities of the Healthy Ageing Research Unit. The closing date for applications is Friday **3 October 2008**.

Research Fellow – Ageing, Health and Services, Faculty of Health Sciences, University of Sydney

The Ageing, Health and Services Research Team at the Faculty of Health Sciences is currently seeking an experienced, enthusiastic, and self-motivated Research Fellow to collaborate on a research program in Ageing and Health. The appointee will collaborate in analyses of longitudinal data on healthy aging and health services use; related literature reviews and pilot studies; development of research proposals, writing publications and liaison with research collaborators and service providers. The appointee will have a PhD or equivalent in a relevant health or social science discipline, and preferably, research experience focussed on ageing.

The position is full-time fixed term until 30 June 2010. For more information or to apply for the position go to <http://positions.usyd.edu.au> and search for position reference USYD/138969. Specific enquiries about the role can be directed to Professor Hal Kendig on (02) 9767 8338. Enquiries about the recruitment process can be directed to Taya Solodin on (02) 9036 6525. The closing date is **24 September 2008**.

Upcoming Conferences and Symposia:

The National Seniors Productive Ageing Forum on “Learning for Living: The health and wellbeing benefits from learning” will take place on Tuesday **2 September 2008** from 9.30am – 3.30pm at the Auditorium, Innovation Centre, University of the Sunshine Coast (90 Sippy Downs Drive, Sippy Downs, Queensland). A copy of the registration form is available at www.nationalseniors.com.au/ebiz/Downloads/NPO/PACLearningforLiving.pdf

The Transition Care Forum will be held immediately on **10-11 September 2008** following the ANZSGM conference at the Crown Casino Complex in Melbourne, Victoria. The NH&MRC awarded a 5 year Strategic Initiative Grant to a group of senior researchers from New South Wales, South Australia and Queensland to address key questions surrounding transition services and service integration. For more information go to www.rehab.med.usyd.edu.au/tie/TIEtuesday_files/page0002.htm

A conference on Creating socio-economic data for small areas: methods and outcomes will be run by NATSEM and ARCRNSISS in Canberra on **19 September 2008**. The conference will to showcase a broad range of examples of the latest developments in small area estimation and spatial microsimulation. Speakers will be presenting on the latest techniques and findings covering such examples as small area health, literacy, and poverty estimates. The workshop will be held in Room 22B19, Building 22, University of Canberra. To register go to www.canberra.edu.au/centres/natsem/attachments/pdf_folder/Registration-Form2.pdf

The Negotiating the Life Course Conference will be held at Innovations Lecture Theatre, The Australian National University on **29-30 September 2008**. The Negotiating the Life Course Project has been tracing the lives of Australians for ten years. This conference showcases some of the work resulting from this project focusing on the spheres of family, education and work. For more information go to <http://lifecourse.anu.edu.au/conference/index.html>

'More than the sum of its parts' – the Second National Symposium on Data Linkage Research will take place on **20-21 October 2008** at the National Wine Centre of Australia, Adelaide. The Symposium will discuss a range of issues and themes that will influence Australia's data linkage capability over the next two decades and how these might shape future development of data linkage research. The Call for Abstracts is open until 15 September 2008. More details are available at www.publichealth.gov.au

IAGG Paris Update - the online registration for the 19th IAGG World Congress of Gerontology and Geriatrics is now available at <https://www.colloquium.fr/ei/cm.esp?id=371&pageid=2E51DYLZT>. The deadline for early bird registration is 1 October 2008. The call for abstracts closes on 31 January 2009.

Conference reminders:

People-centred technologies HISA Aged Care Symposium	31 August '08	www.hisa.org.au/agedcare
NSPAC Forum – Learning for Living	2 September '08	www.nationalseniors.com.au
International College of Geriatric Psychoneuropharmacology	3 – 6 September '08	www.icgp.org/mission.html
European Union Geriatric Medicine Society, Copenhagen	3 – 6 September '08	http://eugms2008.org
IFA 9 th Global Conference on Ageing – Montreal, Canada	4 – 7 September '08	www.ageingdesignmontreal.ca
Aust & New Z'land Society for Geriatric Med Scientific Meeting	8-10 September '08	www.asgm.org.au
HORIBA-APRU Strategies for Aging in Place	8 – 12 September '08	http://gerontology.jp/conference08
Transition Care Forum	10 – 11 September '08	www.rehab.med.usyd.edu.au
EADTSC Guest Lecture Series	17 September '08	http://dementia.uow.edu.au
National Dementia Research Forum	18 – 19 September '08	www.dementia.unsw.edu.au
Creating socio-economic data for small areas	19 September '08	www.canberra.edu.au/centres/natsem
UWS Round Table Discussion – Ageing and Globalisation	25 September '08	email b.cardona@uws.edu.au
ACSA 08 Aged Care in the fast lane	28 Sept – 1 Oct '08	www.agedcare.org.au
Negotiating the Life Course Conference	29 – 30 September '08	http://lifecourse.anu.edu.au
COTA NSW Healthy Ageing Talk 2	30 September '08	www.cotansw.com.au
Australian and New Zealand Falls Prevention Conference	12 – 14 October '08	www.anzfpconference.com
COTA NSW Healthy Ageing Talk 3	15 October '08	www.cotansw.com.au
AIPAR Data Day	17 October '08	www.aipar.unsw.edu.au
Second National Symposium on Data Linkage Research	20-21 October '08	www.publichealth.gov.au/
EADTSC Guest Lecture Series	21 October '08	http://dementia.uow.edu.au
EADTSC Guest Lecture Series	11 November '08	http://dementia.uow.edu.au
Driving Better Longer AAG (NSW) Forum	13 November '08	www.ageingwell.edu.au/news_start.htm
Asia Pacific Geriatric Conference,	13 – 16 November '08	www.apgcbali.com
Emerging Researchers in Ageing Conference	18 November '08	www.cra.curtin.edu.au
Aust Association of Gerontology Conference	19 – 21 November '08	www.aagconference.com
Gerontological Society of America	20 – 24 November '08	www.geron.org
Preparing for an Ageing Society – Seminar 3	27 November '08	www.ageingwell.edu.au
RANZCP Faculty of Psychiatry of Old Age Scientific Meeting	27 – 28 November '08	www.ranzcp.org
IAGG World Congress of Gerontology and Geriatrics, Paris	5 – 9 July '09	www.gerontologyparis2009.com
13th Alzheimer's Australia Conference 2009	2 – 5 June '09	www.alzheimers.org.au
2nd International Microsimulation Conference, Ottawa	8 – 10 June '09	www.microsimulation.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
- AAG national newsletters www.aag.asn.au/publications/pub_newsletter.htm
- ARO newsletters www.aro.gov.au/newsletters/index.html

That's all for this month!



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