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Dear Colleagues,

We are pleased to send you the e-mail bulletin for July 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:

Emerging Researchers in Ageing (ERA) initiatives

ERA 2008 Bursaries – The Network is pleased to provide bursaries to support the attendance of students presenting at the ERA 2008 conference in Fremantle, WA on 18 November 2008. Bursaries are available to individuals who are not in receipt of any other financial assistance or as a top-up for those already receiving some financial assistance to attend the ERA conference. A copy of the flyer for the ERA bursaries outlining the application criteria and process is available at www.cra.curtin.edu.au/eduTrain/ERA_2008Conference/printDocs/ERA2008Bursaries.pdf and applications should be made by e-mail to mpreece@brightwatergroup.com

ERA Lunchtime Seminars - Regular lunchtime seminars for emerging researchers in ageing are about to commence by video link around Australia. The first of these will be on Monday **15 September 2008** from 11.45am – 13.15pm. Professor Hal Kendig will give the inaugural keynote on the direction of ageing policy in Australia under the new government. We have secured the participation of 10 universities around Australia (listed below). Not every university has an Access Grid node, so apologies if your university is not on the list. If you are near a university which does have a node, then you are welcome to go to that one to join the seminar.

Node Name, University Host, Room Location

UQ Access Grid, University of Queensland Room 621, Bldg 78 (General Purpose South)

James Cook University (Townsville) DB17, Room 32

University of Melbourne Research Computing Services, G61

University of Adelaide Physics Bldg, Room 114F

Australian National University CS&IT Bldg, Room N101

University of Sydney IT Bldg, Room 212

Flinders University Physical Sciences Bldg (52), Room 1002

Queensland University of Technology (KG Campus) IHBI – Q Bldg, Room 321

University of Tasmania Maths & Physics Bldg, Room 243

University of Western Australia Physics Bldg, Room G11 (WASP)

Please RSVP to ERA@UQ.edu.au by **1 September 2008** if you wish to attend.

Reminder - 2009 Masterclass – The Masterclass will be held at the University of Queensland St Lucia Campus on Thursday & Friday **5-6 February 2009**. Applications for this important event should be submitted online at www.zoomerang.com/Survey/?p=WEB227X9TKABEW. Please contact Linda Peach with any queries – L.Peach@uq.edu.au or (07) 3365 4548.

Reminder - ERA Exchange Programme - Applications are invited for the ERA Exchange Programme for Australian PhD and Professional Doctorate candidates. The Network has made available funding for either one international or two national exchanges in 2008, and for one international and two national exchanges in 2009. The deadline for the 2008 application round is **1 September 2008** and for the 2009 round is **27 February 2009**. To apply, please go to www.zoomerang.com/Survey/?p=WEB227Y4NBSPR8 and fill in the detailed application form. Please direct any enquiries to Linda Peach on L.Peach@uq.edu.au

Involving Older People in Research: A Guide for Researchers and Community Groups

The Network and the Australasian Centre on Ageing at the University of Queensland have produced a guide for involving older people in research. The Guide is a product of an ongoing program of work within the Network in Ageing Well and builds on a series of workshops held in 2006-2007. The Guide is intended to assist researchers, older people, community and peak organisations to work together to achieve positive outcomes from research on ageing. It provides some practical tips on how working together can help make a difference to the lives of older people. A copy of is available at www.ageingwell.edu.au/agenda_res_guide.htm

The Guide was written in collaboration with the National Seniors Association and a range of key stakeholder groups in Australia including Alzheimer's Australia, Council on the Ageing, Carers Australia and The Benevolent Society and includes brief details of how each of these organisations is embracing involving older people in research. The Network and collaborating organisations will disseminate the document to ensure that it reaches the broadest possible audience and is implemented in research. A journal article outlining the development of the Guide is in the process of being submitted for publication.

WA Workshop - Responding to Social Isolation and Loneliness Amongst Older People -

Professor Duncan Boldy, WA State Convenor for the Network, hosted the above workshop at the Centre for Research on Ageing, Curtin University of Technology on 6 June 2008. Around 70 people participated in the workshop, with the majority being service providers along with stakeholder representatives, policymakers and researchers. The workshop identified a number of key challenges and an interest in an ongoing discussion forum in WA. A summary of the report is available at www.ageingwell.edu.au/links_resources_2.htm

Network-supported activities

The Ethics of Technology in Ageing: What can it do? What should it do? – the Australian Association of Gerontology (NSW) in collaboration with the Network, Baptist Community Services and the Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care will be presenting the above seminar from 9.00 am – 3.30 pm on **28 August 2008** at the Mary Jane Barker Room, Y Conference Centre, 5-11 Wentworth Avenue Sydney. The seminar will include presentations on the challenges and opportunities arising from the use of technological innovations in the care older people and will be followed by a panel discussion facilitated by Jennie Brockie (presenter of the Insight program on SBS). A copy of the seminar brochure is available at www.ageingwell.edu.au/links_resources_2.htm

Victorian Seminar Series – Preparing for an Ageing Society – The Victorian Hub of the Network is collaborating with the Ministerial Advisory Council of Senior Victorians, Monash Research for an Ageing Society (MonRAS), Council on the Ageing Victoria, Brotherhood of St Laurence and La Trobe University to present the above series. The first seminar on “Accessing affordable and nutritious food: Influences on healthy ageing” took place on 25 June with over 200 registered participants. A report on the seminar is available at www.ageingwell.edu.au/links_resources_2.htm. The details of the remaining 2 seminars for 2008 are provided below. Both seminars will be held at the State Theatre, 1 Treasury Place, Melbourne from 10.00 am – 1.00 pm followed by a networking lunch.

28 August 2008: Urban and rural renewal: The impact on older people –

27 November 2008: Building an environment for an ageing society: Physical and social planning

A copy of the brochure for the series including registration details is available at www.ageingwell.edu.au/download/Vic_Ageing_Seminars.pdf

AIPAR Data Day – The Network is pleased to be supporting the Australian Institute for Population Ageing Research (AIPAR) Data Day at the University of NSW on **17 October 2008**. The workshop will highlight a number of Australian datasets related to population ageing. Presenters will include the Australian Bureau of Statistics, the Australian Institute for Health and Welfare, Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, the Australian Prudential Regulatory Authority, the Australian Government Actuary, and a number of specific data organisations. Further details will be available soon.

Driving Better Longer: Driving Assessment and Rehabilitation for Older Drivers – The Network is also pleased to support the above AAG (NSW) Seminar which will feature the AAG Gary Andrews Travelling Fellow Professor William Mann from the University of Florida. The seminar will take place from 1.30 – 4.30pm, **13 November 2008** at the Mitchell Theatre, Sydney Mechanics School of Arts, Level 1, 280 Pitt Street, Sydney. More details will be available shortly.

MEDLINE listing for the Australasian Journal on Ageing (AJA)!!!

The AJA is a Journal unique to the Asia-Pacific region and recent developments have placed it in an extremely good position to grow further and expand its reach in the coming years. In 2006 the journal was accepted for listing in the Thomson Scientific ISI Database and in 2009 will receive its first impact factor. In July 2008 the journal was accepted for MEDLINE listing. While the content of the journal is already of a high quality, this recognition is likely to result in both a larger number of manuscripts submitted and an even higher quality of the contents. The Editor-in-Chief A/Professor Susan Quine would like to thank the associate editors (Professors Richard Lindley, Len Grey, Helen Bartlett, and Dr Yvonne Wells), and the editorial staff at Wiley-Blackwell, for their effort and support in achieving this recognition.

Upcoming Conferences and Symposia:

COTA NSW Healthy Ageing Talk Series – Council on the Ageing (COTA) NSW is hosting a series of talks on healthy ageing. Each talk will take place at 10.30 am at the Auditorium, Level 1, Sydney Mechanics School of Arts Building, 280 Pitt Street, Sydney. The details of the talks are as follows:

7 August 2008	Prof Colleen Cartwright	Advance Care Planning
30 September 2008	Tam Ho	Macular Degeneration – Are you at risk?
15 October 2008	Chris Tzar	Healthy Ageing – Exercise for Youthfulness

For more information contact COTA NSW on (02) 9286 3860 or exec@cotansw.com.au or go to www.cotansw.com.au

Eastern Australia Dementia Training and Study Centre (EADTSC) Guest Lecture Series – the EADTSC will be hosting the following lectures in 2008:

Date	Presenter/s	Institution / Group	Topic
19 August	Dr Jan Sansoni	Australian Health Outcomes Collaboration	Dementia Outcomes Suite
17 September	Prof Murna Downs	Bradford Dementia Group	Primary Care Dementia Education
21 October	Profs Flicker & Broe, Drs Chalkley & Kellet	Indigenous Workshop group	Indigenous Issues in Dementia
11 November	Prof Jennifer Abbey	Dementia Collaborative Research Centre, QUT	Palliative Care and Dementia

The lecture venue alternates between the Wollongong and Brisbane centres with videoconferencing to other sites. For more information on times and venues and videoconference sites please contact the Wollongong centre on (02) 4221 5062/ 5927 or dementia@uow.edu.au or see <http://dementia.uow.edu.au/activities/pdfs/eadtsc-series-flyer08.pdf>

People-centred technologies for empowered ageing and aged-care – the HISA Aged Care Informatics SIG Annual Symposium will be held from 9.00am – 3.00 pm on **31 August 2008** as part of the Health Informatics Conference at the Melbourne Convention Centre. The symposium will be convened by Jeffrey Soar, Judith Symonds, Lemai Nguyen, Ping Yu and Louise Shaper. More information is available at www.hisa.org.au/agedcare or from soar@usq.edu.au

Transition Care Forum – a forum on transition care will be held on **10-11 September 2008** immediately after the ANZSGM conference at the Crown Casino Complex in Melbourne, Victoria. The forum will include international keynote speakers Howard Bergman MD and Steven R. Counsell MD. The forum is being convened by the Transition Care - Innovation and Evidence (TIE) project which was awarded an NH&MRC awarded a 5 year Strategic Initiative Grant and involves 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 or register for this important forum go to www.mja.com.au/public/ads/TransitionCareForum2008Registration.pdf. Note, the early bird rate of \$50 closes today (31 July) after which it will be \$80 - so register today!

The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists (RANZCP), Faculty of Psychiatry of Old Age Annual Scientific Meeting – the above meeting will take place from **27-28 November 2008** at the Dame Elisabeth Murdoch Theatre at the University of Melbourne. The theme for this year will be "Ageing and Mental Health: Preparing for Our Future". For further information is available from Sacha Rodier on (03) 9601 4985 (ph), (03) 9642 5652 (fax) or sacha.rodier@ranzcp.org or from www.ranzcp.org/images/stories/ranzcp-attachments/About_Us/College_Structure/Faculties/fpoa_conf.htm

Conference reminders:

3rd International Academy on Nutrition and Ageing Meeting	1 – 2 August '08	www.serdi-fr.com/ABQ.htm
COTA NSW Healthy Ageing Talk 1	7 August '08	www.cotansw.com.au
4th National Ageing and Spirituality Conference	17 – 20 August '08	www.centreforageing.org.au
Growing Old Well – Indigenous Workshop	15 August '08	www.aag.asn.au/news_events.php
EADTSC Guest Lecture Series	19 August '08	http://dementia.uow.edu.au
Ethics of Technology and Ageing AAG (NSW) Forum	28 August '08	www.ageingwell.edu.au/news_start.htm
Preparing for an Ageing Society – Seminar 2	28 August '08	www.ageingwell.edu.au
People-centred technologies HISA Aged Care Symposium	31 August '08	www.hisa.org.au/agedcare
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/tie/
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
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
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
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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