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Dear Colleagues,

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

2009 Masterclass – We are pleased to announce that applications are now open for the 2009 Masterclass for Emerging Researchers in Ageing. The Masterclass will be held at the University of Queensland St Lucia Campus on Thursday & Friday **5-6 February 2009**. PhD students whose research is in the field of ageing are invited to apply. 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@ug.edu.au or 07 3365 4548.

There will be no attendance fee for successful applicants, and those who live more than 100 kms from the University of Queensland will be provided with bursaries to cover the cost of flights (where applicable). Accommodation will also be provided on campus. Please note - delegates who attended the 2008 Masterclass cannot apply to attend the 2009 Masterclass.

ERA Exchange Programme - We are also pleased to announce that 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. An 'exchange' means that a successful applicant will spend three months or longer working at a university other than their own, under the supervision of an academic expert in their field.

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.

To be eligible for the ERA Exchange Programme, PhD/PD candidates must:

- have participated in an ERA Masterclass or have presented a paper at an ERA conference;
- be currently enrolled in a PhD/PD programme at an Australian university;
- have been enrolled in their PhD/PD for at least 1 year full-time (2 years part-time);
- have not submitted their thesis;
- are conducting research that is strongly ageing-related; and
- intend to remain in the field of ageing research in Australia post-PhD.

Please direct any enquiries to Linda Peach on L.Peach@ug.edu.au

COTA Over 50s' Postgraduate Research Awards – as part of the 2008 ERA Masterclass, participants were invited to submit research paper proposals for consideration under the COTA Over 50s' Postgraduate Research Awards scheme. The proposals from the Masterclass were of such a standard that the COTA Over 50s selection panel selected six proposals for further development into full research papers. These papers have now been prepared and are available on the COTA Over 50s' website at http://www.cotaover50s.org.au/e107_plugins/links_page/links.php?cat.19

Building the community care research agenda – as noted in a previous email, The Network is collaborating with Aged and Community Services Australia (ACSA) and the Australian Association of Gerontology (AAG) on an ongoing program of work aimed at developing a community care research agenda. This program of work commenced with a workshop at the ACSA Community Care Conference in May where a group of providers and policy representatives highlighted preliminary thinking about research priorities. A summary of the workshop and the preliminary research priorities is available at www.agedcare.org.au/General_PDFs/CommCare-Research-Agenda.pdf.

ACSA, the AAG and the Ageing Well Network are inviting our members to review the research areas identified in the attached summary document and to let us know if there are any other areas they think should be included on this list. Once we have feedback a final list will be forwarded to a Reference Group – working on behalf of the three organisations – and they will commence the task of developing research questions and priorities. Consultation on the questions and priorities will occur. Based on the outcomes of the consultation a community care research agenda will be prepared and be supported by an advocacy strategy to attract funding and resources to action the agenda.

Time is running out to comment on the priorities or suggest new ones. Please forward any comments you may have to me at m.carroll@usyd.edu.au by next **Monday 30 June 2008**. Please feel free to forward this information on to colleagues who may be interested in community care research.

New Network Participant – The Network is pleased to welcome to Dr Yvonne Wells who has accepted an invitation to become a Participant of the Network. Dr Wells is contributing the Network's program of work on building the community care research agenda collaboration with ACSA and the AAG and heads the Lincoln Centre for Research on Ageing at La Trobe University.

Australia 2020 Summit – reports back and details of the final summit report:

There have been a couple of report backs from the Australia 2020 summit of relevance to research on ageing:

- **Dr Anna Howe** – Dr Howe, a participant at the Summit, has released a report on "Australia 2020, Ageing 2020 and Ageing Australia 2020" on behalf of the Australian Association of Gerontology participants at the Summit. In her report, available in the AAG June e-Newsletter (see www.aag.asn.au/filelib/newsletters/AAG_eNews_June08.pdf#1) Anna remarks that critical ageing issues did not feature in the priority themes and big ideas identified at Australia 2020.
- **Professor Hal Kendig** reported that the Summit was a unique opportunity to provide input into directions for government policy. Discussions regarding a *Long term national health strategy* took a lifespan approach, with the participants recommending that we 'support the health of all Australians at all stages of life'. A copy of Prof Kendig's summary is available at www.usyd.edu.au/news/84.html?newscategoryId=1&newsstoryid=2252

The Final Report from the Summit is now available at www.australia2020.gov.au/final_report/index.cfm. It is pleasing to note that ageing has been recognised as a priority under the *Long-term national health strategy* policy challenge area with *Recognising individual and population ageing as major opportunities*; *Health, ageing and wellness: alternative models*; and *Productive ageing* listed among the ambitions of Summit participants. Ageing was also highlighted as a challenge and opportunity in the discussions relating to the *Economy* and *Strengthening communities* policy challenge areas.

Publications in ageing:

Australian Dementia Research - Alzheimer's Australia has released a report 'Australian Dementia Research' that recommends annual funding for dementia research be increased three-fold to \$36 million in response to the growing economic and social impact of the dementia epidemic.

Prepared by the Dementia Collaborative Research Centre at the University of NSW, the report concludes that current investment over the last six years in dementia research was about \$13 million, 0.6% of the total direct costs of the condition. It recommends investment in dementia research should be maintained at 1.5% of the direct cost of dementia to keep pace with the increasing costs of treatment and care. A copy of the report and media release is available at

www.alzheimers.org.au/content.cfm?infopageid=4951

Recent AIHW Reports:

Residential aged care in Australia 2006-07: A statistical overview – this report provides comprehensive statistical information on residential aged care homes and their residents. The report contains information on the capacity of residential aged care homes, their residents and resident characteristics, levels of dependency among residents, and admissions and separations. A copy of the report is available at www.aihw.gov.au/publications/index.cfm/title/10589

Australia's health 2008 - Australia's health 2008 is the 11th biennial health report of the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare. It provides statistics and informed commentary on: - patterns and determinants of health and illness - health across the life stages - the supply and use of health services - expenditure and workforce - and health sector performance. A copy of the Australia's health 2008 is available at www.aihw.gov.au/publications/index.cfm/title/10585

Call for Papers - International Journal of Health and Ageing Management – the IJHAM is a double blind peer reviewed online journal published by Academic Global Publications Pty Ltd. The journal is aimed at an audience that includes Academics, Practitioners of the health and aged care industry, Policy Makers, Researcher and Students and has released a call for papers. Papers should be submitted to the editor at ed_ijham@academicglobalpublications.com or directly to shankar.sankaran@uts.edu.au. Information for authors can be found at www.academicglobalpublications.com/info_aut.htm. Past papers can be found at <http://academicglobalpublications.com/ijham/index.htm>

Call for research participants - Retaining older workers study:

The Griffith University School of Psychology is conducting a pilot research study into the retention of older workers. The study needs employees aged 55 years and older who have a supervisor and a younger work colleague to complete a short survey, indicating opinions on the issues pertinent to older workers. For more information or to register your participation please contact Suzie Drummond on S.Drummond@griffith.edu.au or on 07 3735 3327. All respondents gratefully received and can elect to enter a competition draw to win a pair of Gold Class movie vouchers or a \$50 petrol voucher.

Research support opportunities:

National Seniors Productive Ageing Centre Research Grants 2008 - NSPAC has announced that funding is available for a broad range of researchers to undertake consumer oriented research into productive ageing. As a guide, NSPAC is looking at funding a number of projects up to a maximum of \$50,000 (including GST) per individual project. Funding will be allocated through an open competitive selection process and NSPAC will not increase the amount at a later stage.

Intending applicants should read the *Conditions and Guidelines for Applicants* before completing the *Research Grants Application Form* (see www.nationalseniors.com.au/ebiz/content/wsc.aspx?ID=64). The deadline for receipt of proposals is 5pm on Friday **18 July 2008**. Applications received after this time will not be considered.

ASSA international exchange - The Academy of the Social Sciences has advised that its International Exchange Programs for travel in 2009 are now open for applications. The programs have the following 2008 closing dates:

France – Monday 7 July

China – Thursday 31 July

Netherlands – Thursday 31 July

India – Friday 19 September

United Kingdom – Friday 26 September

More information can be found at www.assa.edu.au/international/exchange.htm. For any enquiries, please contact William Douglas, on 02 6249 1788 or assa.admin@anu.edu.au.

HARC Travel Grants for 2009 IAGG World Congress in Paris – the Healthy Ageing Research Cluster (HARC) has announced that they will be providing four travel grants for PhD and early postdoctoral South Australian researchers presenting at the IAGG conference. More information is available at www.adelaide.edu.au/harc or by contacting Susan Gravier on 08 8303 3452 or susan.gravier@adelaide.edu.au.

Upcoming Conferences and Symposia:

Growing Old Well - A Life Cycle Approach for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples – The AAG Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Ageing Committee is holding the inaugural national workshop on Friday **15 August 2008** at the University of NSW. The workshop will be convened by Professor Tony Broe, Convenor of the Network's Aboriginal Ageing Special Interest Group. For more information see www.aag.asn.au/news_events.php or contact Sandra Forster on 02 9382 4259 Sandra.Forster@sesiahs.health.nsw.gov.au

The ethics of technology in ageing: What can it do? What should it do? – The AAG (NSW) will be holding a one-day forum in Sydney on **28 August 2008** prior to their AGM. The forum will include national experts in the field of ethics and technology and ageing and will conclude with a panel discussion. The Network is pleased to co-sponsor the event along with other partner organisations. More details will be available shortly but make sure you lock this time into your calendar.

Reminder – the Preparing for an Ageing Society – The Victorian seminar series being convened jointly by the Ageing Well Network, 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 is now underway. Details of the remaining seminars for 2008 are as follows

Thurs 28 August 2008	Urban and rural renewal: The impact on older people
Thurs 27 November 2008	Building an environment for an ageing society: Physical and social planning

Further details about the seminar series are available at www.ageingwell.edu.au/download/Vic_Ageing_Seminars.pdf. To RSVP please send an email to ageingseminars@bsl.org.au stating name, organisation and contact details.

International College of Geriatric Psychoneuropharmacology 8th Annual Scientific Meeting – the ICGP conference will take place in Sydney from **3-6 September 2008**. **Early bird registration** has been extended until Monday 14 July. To register on-line at go to www.icgp.org/forms.html (remember to select the from the early bird category). The **poster abstract deadline** has been extended until 16 July 2008. A preliminary program is available on the web at www.icgp.org with a number of renowned speakers already confirmed including Prof Nancy Pederson (Karolinska Institute, Sweden), Prof John O'Brien (Newcastle University, UK), Prof William Jagust (University of California), Prof Karen Ritchie (INSERM, France), Prof Dilip Jeste (University of California), and Prof Brent Reynolds (University of Florida).

HARC Ageing Research Expo - The Healthy Ageing Research Cluster will host its inaugural Ageing Research Expo to showcase the breadth and scope of current ageing-related research in South Australia. The Expo will be held from 9.30 -1.30 on Thursday **30 October 2008** at National Wine Centre, Adelaide. More information is available at www.adelaide.edu.au/harc or by contacting Susan Gravier on 08 8303 3452 or susan.gravier@adelaide.edu.au.

7th National Emerging Researchers in Ageing Conference – ERA 2008 will take place on **17 November 2008** at the Esplanade Hotel, Fremantle Western Australia. The theme for this year is "Shaping Research Landscapes". The **call for abstracts** for the conference closes on Friday **25 July 2008** and registration for the conference is now open. For more information see www.cra.curtin.edu.au/eduTrain/ERA_2008Conference/ERA_2008ConferenceIndex.html

41st AAG National Conference: Ageing Landscapes – registration is open for the next national conference to take place from **18-21 November 2008** at the Esplanade Hotel, Fremantle, WA. To see the registration brochure and to register online go to www.aagconference.com

The 10th International Federation on Ageing (IFA) Global Conference on Ageing – a bid by the Victorian Council on the Ageing has secured the right to host an international conference on ageing in 2010. The conference is expected to attract more than 2,000 participants to discuss ageing populations and new ways to improve the quality of life of older people. More information on the IFA is available at <http://www.ifa-fiv.org/en/accueil.aspx>

Conference reminders:

Population Health Congress 2008	7 – 9 July '08	www.populationhealthcongress.org.au
Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders, Chicago	23 – 31 July '08	www.alz.org/icad/overview.asp
3rd International Academy on Nutrition and Ageing Meeting	1 – 2 August '08	www.serdi-fr.com/ABQ.htm
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
Ethics of Technology and Ageing Forum	28 August '08	details soon
Preparing for an Ageing Society – Seminar 2	28 August '08	www.ageingwell.edu.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
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
Australian and New Zealand Falls Prevention Conference	12 – 14 October '08	www.anzfpconference.com
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
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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