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Dear Colleagues,

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

Preparing for an Ageing Society - 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 have collaborated in providing an exciting new series of seminars on key issues to do with preparing for an ageing society. This series will provide topical information and debate on key issues affecting older Victorians. There is no cost for attendance.

The first seminar in the series will be held on Wednesday **June 25 2008** at the State Theatre, 1 Treasury Melbourne from 10.00 am to 1.00 p.m. Lunch will be provided at 1.00 p.m. The subject of the first seminar will be "Assessing Affordable and Nutritious Food: Influences on healthy ageing". The details of the subsequent seminars 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. Please book this date in your diary. To RSVP please send an email to ageingseminars@bsl.org.au stating name, organisation and contact details.

Horiba-APRU Conference at University of Tokyo – The Network is pleased to congratulate those Australian emerging researchers who were successful in gaining a place at the conference in Japan from **8-12 September 2008**. We understand that the conference was oversubscribed and that the organisers awarded both full and part (conference only – no travel/accommodation) bursaries. The **Ageing Well Network** is considering providing travel support to local researchers who have been offered a place at the conference but not offered travel support. If interested, please send a brief email to me at m.carroll@usyd.edu.au with details of the level of support required.

Building the community care research agenda Workshop - Aged and Community Services Australia (ACSA), the Ageing Well Network and the Australian Association of Gerontology ran a joint workshop on 15 May 2008 as part of the ACSA National Community Care Conference. The workshop was attended by around 40 care providers, policy makers and researchers. Speakers included Greg Mundy (ACSA CEO and Network Advisory Group Member), Hal Kendig (Ageing Well Network) and Gill Lewin (AAG) who set the scene for a wide-ranging discussion of community care research priorities and is the first step in an ongoing program of work between the Network, ACSA and the AAG aimed at building the research agenda over the course of this year. A summary of the workshop will be provided at www.ageingwell.edu.au/links_resources_3.htm shortly. Network members and others with an interest in the community care sector are invited to email me on m.carroll@usyd.edu.au with details of priority research issues.

This program of work builds upon an earlier workshop with Paul Sadler and Jill Pretty from ACSA (NSW & ACT) in 2007 on Research and Aged & Community Care Collaborations in collaboration (see www.ageingwell.edu.au/links_resources_2.htm for details of the presentations and discussion at this earlier workshop).

ANU Forum for Research on Ageing and Longevity - The Australian National University (ANU) hosted a forum which was sponsored by the Ageing Well Population Research Strategies Theme on 24 April 2008. Over 80 academics and students attended the Forum, alongside a number of representatives from government departments and other organizations. The aim of the forum was to bring together researchers from across the ANU to network, discuss current issues in ageing research and to consider research priorities to address Australia's population ageing. The forum was host to two keynote speakers, Professor Felicia Huppert (Director of the Well-being Institute, Cambridge University) and Professor David Melzer (Peninsula Medical School, Universities of Exeter and Plymouth). Following the keynote addresses, representatives from key research areas provided overview presentations of the research that is being conducted across a broad range of areas, including history, demography, epidemiology, economics, biology, genetics and technology.

A poster session was held at the conclusion of the forum. This gave academics and students the opportunity to network, to discover more about individual research projects being conducted at ANU and to discuss research agendas with policy makers. This time was also used for academics to discuss the potential to collaborate on research projects and to discuss how research in the different areas could be applied across disciplines. A copy of the Canberra Times story on the forum is available at http://cmhr.anu.edu.au/ageing/pdf/Canberra_Times_report.pdf

National Innovation Review – As part of the Australian Government Review of the National Innovation System, we made a submission on behalf of the Network (see www.innovation.gov.au/innovationreview/Documents/407-ARC_NHMRC_Research_Network_in_Ageing_Well.pdf). The Network was also involved in a round of discussion with our fellow Research Networks and a joint submission was made (see www.innovation.gov.au/innovationreview/Documents/413-ARC_NHMRC_Research_Networks.pdf). We will keep you informed of any outcomes from the above submissions.

Congratulations to Arthur Everitt:

The Network would like to congratulate Dr Arthur Everitt who has been awarded the 2008 Distinguished Achievement Award of the American Aging Association. The award is one of the highest international awards for research in ageing. For more information see <http://www.americanaging.org/awards.html>

For those that haven't met Arthur, he is an Honorary Associate Professor at the University of Sydney in the School of Medical Sciences and the Centre for Education and Research on Ageing (CERA), at Concord Hospital. Arthur has also been a long time contributor to the AAG.

Publications in ageing:

The Australasian Journal on Ageing (AJA) June 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

[Healthy ageing in rural Australia: Issues and challenges](#)

Sandra Davis and Helen Bartlett. Pages 56–60

Research Articles

[The challenges of clinical trials in the exclusion zone: The case of the frail elderly](#)

Iman Ridda, Richard Lindley and Raina C MacIntyre. Pages 61–66

[Issues of active ageing: Perceptions of older people with lifelong intellectual disability](#)

Laurie Buys, Gillian Boulton-Lewis, Jan Tedman-Jones, Helen Edwards and Marie Knox and Christine Bigby. Pages 67–71

[Perceptions of personal safety among older Australians](#)

Susan Quine and Stephen Morrell. Pages 72–77

[Ageing, social capital and the Internet: Findings from an exploratory study of Australian 'silver surfers'](#)

Cherry Russell, Andrew Campbell and Ian Hughes. Pages 78–82

[Influence of different health-care systems on health of older adults: A comparison of Hong Kong, Beijing urban and rural cohorts aged 70 years and older](#)

Jean Woo, Xin Hua Zhang, Suzanne Ho and Aprille Sham and Zhe Tang and Xiang Hua Fang. Pages 83–88

[Dying with dementia: The views of family caregivers about quality of life](#)

Cherry Russell and Heather Middleton and Chris Shanley. Pages 89–92

Research training opportunities:

Analysis of Linked Health Data – D'Arcy Holman will be teaching two short courses in Singapore designed to equip quantitative researchers with additional skills needed to analyse linked health data files. The courses will take place at the University of Western Australia Singapore School. An introductory course will be run from **7-11 July 2008** and the advanced course from **14-18 July**. For more information, go to www.sph.uwa.edu.au/go/sph/singaporeschool

Principles of Epidemiology workshop - The University of Auckland's School of Population Health is very excited to announce Ken Rothman will be running his four day workshop on Principles of Epidemiology in Auckland, NZ from **4-7 November 2008**. The course will stress the conceptual foundations of epidemiologic research, and present the methodological approaches that stem from these conceptual foundations.

There is no prerequisite knowledge requirement, but those with a basic knowledge of statistics and some experience in epidemiology will benefit most from the course. Further information and the registration flyer can be found on the course website at www.epidemiology2008.co.nz

Current Aging Science – new peer-reviewed journal:

A new peer-reviewed journal in the field of aging entitled "Current Aging Science" has been launched in by Bentham Science Publishers. "Current Aging Science" aims to publish frontier review and experimental articles in all areas of aging and age-related research that may influence longevity. This multidisciplinary journal will help in understanding the biology and mechanisms of aging, genetics, pathogenesis, intervention in normal aging processes and preventive strategies for age-related disorders. See the journal's website at www.curragingsci.org for the listing of the editorial board, aims & scope, and the Instructions for Authors.

Research opportunities:

Knowledge Transfer Officer

To assist the Dementia Collaborative Research Centres in translating their dementia research into practice, an exciting new position has been created for an enthusiastic Knowledge Transfer Officer. The position will be located at UNSW with some requirement for travel. This position would suit an excellent communicator with health (dementia) knowledge who enjoys working in a dynamic and collaborative environment. Details can be found at

www.hr.unsw.edu.au/services/recruitment/jobs/16050808.html

PhD and Research Assistant positions at the University of Wollongong

A PhD Scholarship and a Research Assistant position are available within the Faculty of Informatics at the University of Wollongong as part of an ARC Linkage project on Introducing Computer-based Documentation to Residential Aged Care: A Multi-method Evaluation of Success. Further information regarding the project can be obtained by contacting Dr Ping Yu on (02) 4221 5412 or ping@uow.edu.au or from <http://employment.uow.edu.au/jobapp/index.shtml>.

Upcoming Conferences and Symposia:

EADTSC Guest Lecture "The challenges of Behavioural and Psychological Symptoms of Dementia (BPSD) in hospitals" - Dr David Lie, Aged Care Mental Health Services, Princess Alexandra Hospital (Brisbane), will present the above lecture on Wednesday **28 May 2008** from 4pm to 5.30pm at the University of Wollongong (first floor Building 28 Auditorium Graduate School of Medicine). Please RSVP to Jennifer Lowe (jennyj@uow.edu.au) or phone on 02 4221 5927.

COTA Over 50s forum on Affordable Housing for Older Australians - The forum will take place at the National Press Club in Canberra on **29 May 2008** with opening and closing addresses by the Ministers for Ageing and Housing respectively. The forum will feature addresses by Hal Kendig, Debra Kuhn, Bruce McKenzie and John McInerney and will be followed by a luncheon address by Noeline Brown (Ambassador for Ageing) and Tom Calma (Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner). For more information see <http://www.cotaover50s.org.au>

Feeling Good: People with Dementia, Communication and Creativity - This full day session will appeal to all those involved in providing care/support to people with dementia, including researchers and students. The workshop will take place in Sydney on **June 13 2008**. Please contact Michelle Andrews at Hammond Care on 02 829 50381 eadtsc@hammond.com.au if you have any further enquiries.

Round Table Discussion – Ageing and Globalisation

The Centre for Cultural Research at University of Western Sydney is hosting a round table discussion on *Ageing and globalisation: transitions and limits in the governance of ageing* from 9:30 am – 4:30 pm on **25 September 2008** at the UWS Parramatta Campus. The purpose of this round table is to facilitate discussions on current research on ageing cultures and globalisation in order to investigate how globalization impacts on the construction and management of the ageing experience. The round table will include addresses by Julie Byles, David le Couteur, and Helen Bartlett. Places are limited for the round table so please RSVP as soon as possible by emailing Beatriz Cardona: b.cardona@uws.edu.au

Conference reminders:

Alzheimer Europe Conference	22 - 25 May '08	www.alzheimer-conference2008.org
ACSA NSW & ACT State Conference	11 – 13 June '08	www.agedservices.asn.au
International Dementia Conference	16 – 17 June '08	www.hammond.com.au/dsdc
World Elder Abuse Awareness Day 2008, Ottawa	16 – 17 June '08	www.iagg.com.br
Alzheimer's & Parkinson's Disease Symposium	21 June '08	www.bmri.org.au
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
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
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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