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Dear Colleagues,

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

PRS International Travel Bursaries Scheme

The Network's Population Research Strategies (PRS) Theme, convened by Associate Professor Kaarin Anstey at the ANU, has released an International Travel Bursaries Scheme for postdoctoral members of the Network seeking travel support to participate in international conferences. Applicants must have completed their PhD within the last five years and be conducting research that is relevant to the PRS Theme area, for example, in epidemiology, population based studies, demography etc. Five bursaries of up to \$2000 will be available for travel to international conferences.

A copy of the application form is available at

www.ageingwell.edu.au/download/PRS_Theme_International_Travel_Bursaries_Flyer.doc.

Completed applications should be emailed to Mark Petricevic (Mark.Petricevic@anu.edu.au) by **20 March 2009**. For more information about this scheme please contact Mark on (02) 6125 1456.

Emerging Researchers in Ageing activities:

The first Lunchtime Video Seminar for Emerging Researchers in Ageing was held on Monday 15 September 2008. Professor Hal Kendig spoke on the direction of ageing policy in Australia under the new government with over 30 emerging researchers from 10 sites across the country participating in the ensuing discussion. A copy of the presentation along with a range of background materials are available at www.ageingwell.edu.au/links_web.htm#era

The next videoconference lunchtime seminar is being planned for early November and details will be available at the above link soon. Suggestions from emerging researchers are welcomed regarding future seminars. Please send your ideas to Linda Peach on L.Peach@uq.edu.au or (07) 3365 4548.

The ERA 2009 Masterclass will be held at the University of Queensland St Lucia Campus on Thursday & Friday **5-6 February 2009**. Applications for this important event **close on 15 October 2008** and should be submitted online at www.zoomerang.com/Survey/?p=WEB227X9TKABEW. Please contact Linda Peach on L.Peach@uq.edu.au or (07) 3365 4548.

Other ERA Reminders

ERA 09 Conference - travel bursaries still available see www.cra.curtin.edu.au/
Exchange programme see www.ageingwell.edu.au/links_web.htm#era
Emerged and established researchers survey see www.ageingwell.edu.au/links_web.htm#era

Network-supported activities

Driving Better Longer Seminar – the Network, along with COTA (NSW), the Curran Chair Health Care of Older People and the Rehabilitation Studies Centre at the University of Sydney, are pleased to be supporting an Australian Association of Gerontology (NSW) seminar featuring the AAG Gary Andrews Visiting Fellow Professor William Mann. The seminar will take place from 1:30-4:30pm on **13 November 2008** at the Sydney Mechanics School of Arts. A copy of the flyer is available at www.ageingwell.edu.au/download/Older_Drivers_Flyer.pdf

Annual ACT Intergenerational Forum – the Network is pleased to support the 2nd annual forum run by the student section of the AAG. The Forum will take place from 10:00am – 2:00pm on **30 October 2008** Old Canberra House, ANU. Themes will include: retirement and mental health; health and physical activity in later life; use of brain imaging technologies; and lifestyle choices and successful ageing. Panels will cover health and vitality in later life as well as memory and dementia. RSVP to Natalie Chan at natalie.chan@anu.edu.au or (02) 6125-1448. Further information about the forum can be found online at <http://www.aagstudents.anu.edu.au>

HORIBA-APRU Research Conference - The Network was pleased to co-sponsor the participation of Associate Professors Lindy Clemson and Catherine Bridge at the inaugural - APRU Research Conference on Gerontology. This conference was specifically organised to bring together junior gerontologists across professions and regions and had as its focus strategies for "Aging in Place". A key outcome of the conference was to form an Asian Studies Network (ASNET) (www.asnet.dir.u-tokyo.ac.jp/en) in gerontology spanning the Pacific Rim countries.

The second last day was spent within one of four interdisciplinary groups developing and presenting a fundable research proposal. The winner of the \$10,000 USD research proposal competition was the group lead by A/Prof Bridge and concerned an analysis of informal care across seven Asia-Pacific countries. This group is now working together to implement the project with a view to completing this research in time to present their findings at an International Geriatric Conference next year.

Preparing for Change in an Ageing Society - this 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, has proved to be most popular.

The first seminar, held in June, focused on food security and sustainability. The presentations are available at <http://med.monash.edu.au/sphc/haru/news/seminar-reports1.html>

The second seminar took place on 28 August 2008 and was entitled 'Urban and rural renewal: The impact on older people'. Over a hundred people crowded into the venue to hear presentations from Victorian and interstate presenters. The seminar ended with a facilitated discussion with the audience during which a broad range of issues were raised. The presentations are available at <http://med.monash.edu.au/sphc/haru/news/seminar-reports2.html>

The remaining seminar for 2008 on 'Building an environment for an ageing society: Physical and social planning' will take place on **Thursday 27 November 2008** at the Monash Conference Centre, Level 7, 30 Collins St, Melbourne. Further details about the seminar are available <http://med.monash.edu.au/sphc/haru/news/index.html>

Publications in ageing:

Social inclusion and older people – this paper by Associate Professor Gerry Naughtin from the Brotherhood of St Laurence outlines the issues of social inclusion and older people which have received relatively little academic and policy attention in Australia. It particularly considers the Social dimensions of social exclusion.

This paper was presented at the Social Inclusion Down Under symposium hosted by the Brotherhood of St Laurence at the University of Melbourne 26 June 2008 and is available at http://www.bsl.org.au/pdfs/Naughtin_symposium_paper_26Jun08.pdf .

Health expenditure Australia 2006-07 - The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare has released a new report on health goods and services in Australia for 1996-97 to 2006-07. This report presents expenditure estimates: at the aggregate level; as a proportion of gross domestic product (GDP); on a per person basis; by state and territory; by comparison with selected OECD and Asia-Pacific countries; and by source of funding (Australian Government, other governments and the non-government sector). A copy of the report is available at www.aihw.gov.au/publications/index.cfm/title/10659

Exploring the Experiences of GLBTI Seniors in Aged Care Services – Matrix Guild Victoria Inc., in conjunction with Vintage Men Inc., have released a report which outlines the first stage of a program to reduce disparities for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and intersex seniors in aged care services. A copy of the report is available at www.matrixguildvic.org.au/MyPeopleReport2008.pdf

Research opportunities:

COTA (NSW) Policy Officer position - The NSW branch of the Council of the Ageing is seeking to employ a policy officer to contribute to COTA (NSW) policy development and undertake research. A copy of the advertisement for this position is attached. For further information please contact Anne-Marie Elias, Policy & Communications Manager on (02) 9286 3860 or anne-marie.elias@cotansw.com.au

Reminder - A PhD scholarship is available in the Healthy Ageing Research Unit (HARU) within the School of Primary Health Care, Monash University. 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 funding:

New NHMRC Partnership scheme – the NHMRC has released a new scheme that aims to build direct relationships between health providers and researchers, to strengthen the evidence base that decision makers work from. The scheme is ongoing, with the initial funding of over \$100m available in the first two years.

The new scheme will initially fund two types of awards: NHMRC Partnership Projects and NHMRC Partnership Centres for Research Excellence. The first round of Partnership Projects grants is currently open and submissions are due to the NHMRC by **19 December 2008** with the first Centres round expected in 2009. For more information go to <http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/grants/partnerships/index.htm>

Upcoming Conferences and Symposia:

The 4th Annual National Conference on Elder Abuse will take place at the Kimberley Gardens Function Centre, St Kilda, Melbourne on **1–3 October 2008**. The conference is convened by the Elder Abuse Prevention Association and should attract aged care, medical, legal, research, law enforcement, disabilities, academic, political, advocacy, multi-cultural, human rights, and private industry professionals from throughout Australia and beyond. For a registration form or brochure go to www.eapa.asn.au

Self neglect and squalor among older people: The ethics of intervention – Dr Shannon McDermott from the Social Policy Research Centre, UNSW, will be presenting a seminar from 12:30-1:30pm on Tuesday **7 October 2008**. The seminar will take place at Level 2, Room 250, Robert Webster Building (G14), UNSW. RSVP to Megan Griffiths on (02) 9385 7817 or megangriffiths@unsw.edu.au by Friday 3 October 2008.

Indigenous Issues in Dementia – the EADTSC will be running a workshop facilitated by Professor Leon Flicker, Professor of Geriatric Medicine, University of Western Australia. The workshop will take place from 10:00am – 3:00pm on **21 October 2008** at the Illawarra Aboriginal Corporation Culture Centre, 22 Kenny Street, Wollongong. Places are limited so please book now by emailing dementia@uow.edu.au

The 2009 HILDA Survey Research Conference is being held on **16- 17 July 2009**, at the University of Melbourne. The aim of the conference is to provide a forum for the discussion of research based on the Household, Income and Labour Dynamics in Australia Survey. The call for papers is now open. For more information go to www.melbourneinstitute.com/hilda/Biblio/conf2009papers.htm

Reminder – Bursaries available for the Emerging Researchers in Ageing 2009 Conference.

Registrations are still open for the ERA 2008 conference in Fremantle WA on **18 November 2008**. A limited number of travel bursaries are available to students presenting at the conference. For information on how to register for the conference or apply for a bursary please go to www.cra.curtin.edu.au

Reminder – the Australian Association of Gerontology 2008 National Conference will take place from **19-21 November 2008** in Fremantle WA. The program for the conference is now available at www.aagconference.com along with instructions on how to register online. The Network's Productivity and Economic Security Theme is pleased to sponsor a session on *Older people working: an economic perspective* and the Network is also pleased to co-sponsor the plenary address by Professor Judith Phillips, Head of the School of Human Sciences, Swansea, University, UK.

Conference reminders:

Annual National Conference on Elder Abuse	1 – 3 October '08	www.eapa.asn.au
Self neglect & squalor among older people – SPRC symposium	7 October '08	www.sprc.unsw.edu.au
Indigenous Issues in Dementia – EADTSC Workshop	21 October '08	http://dementia.uow.edu.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
2009 HILDA Survey Research Conference	16 – 17 July '09	www.melbourneinstitute.com/hilda
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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