

# **- HARC UPDATE -**

*Healthy Ageing Research Cluster, University of Adelaide*

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## **HARC NEWS**

### **MANAGEMENT TEAM**

HARC Management Team met on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June and officially welcomed three new members:

- o Professor John Carver, Head of School, School of Chemistry and Physics, University of Adelaide.
- o Professor Andrew Gilbert, Director, Quality Use of Medicines and Pharmacy Research Centre (QUMPRC), Sansom Institute, School of Pharmacy and Medical Sciences, UniSA & Project Director, Department of Veterans' Affairs - Prescriber Intervention and Feedback Program – Veterans' Medicines Advice and Therapeutic Education Services.
- o Professor Mary Luszcz, Professor of Psychology and Gerontology, School of Psychology, Flinders University & State Convenor (SA) for ARC/NHMRC Research Network in Ageing Well (RNAW) & Adelaide Convenor of FLARE (Flinders Linking Ageing Research and Education) & Acting Director, Centre for Ageing Studies & long-standing active involvement in Australian Longitudinal Study of Ageing (ALSA).

A change in Convenorship was approved: Dr Lynn Ward, Senior Lecturer, School of Psychology accepted the position of co-convenor, following on from of Associate Professor Graham Mayrhofer who has been co-convenor since the inception of the cluster.

### **UPCOMING EVENT**

An open forum "**Generations at Work: Increasing Engagement and Productivity**" on **Monday 25th June at 5.30 p.m.** in the **Edgeloe Room, Mitchell Building, University of Adelaide.**

The forum will be followed by drinks and refreshments.

Dr Cynthia Scott will be our guest presenter. Dr Scott has a PhD in Psychology, a MPH in Health Planning and Administration and is a Senior Vice President of LHH Leadership Consulting Practice. She has over 20 years of experience as a coach and consultant with a broad range of organisations in the US and abroad assisting individuals, teams and organisations adapting to changes in process, culture, technology and strategy. She has recently been active in studying the issues to do with the ageing workforce.

### **WEBSITE**

I continue to update different elements of the [HARC website](#) with recent attention to [News and Events](#), [Ageing Research Events](#), and [HARC Update](#) has now been [included](#). Soon to be added is a 'Research Funding Opportunities' section.

### **HARC MEMBERS – RECIPIENTS OF ARC RESEARCH GRANTS**

Congratulations to the following HARC members from the Discipline of Biochemistry who have received ARC Research Grants for Linkage Projects Applications:

Dr. Briony Forbes: "Development of novel therapies for the treatment of cancer"

Dr. Dan Peet: "Characterisation of the oxygen-sensing asparaginyl hydroxylase, FIH-1, and hydroxylase-specific antagonists"

Prof. John Wallace: "Interactions of Insulin-like Growth Factors and their Binding Proteins with Vitronectin: a structural basis for antagonist design and development"

### **ERA 2007 CONFERENCE**

Abstracts and registrations for the Emerging Researchers in Ageing ([ERA 2007](#)) conference are now being accepted. The conference will be held in Adelaide on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2007.

## ERA 2007 CONFERENCE (cont'd)

ERA 2007 is part of the emerging researchers initiative of the ARC/NHMRC Research Network in Ageing Well.

ERA 2007 aims to showcase the latest ageing-related research from a range of disciplines. Previous ERA conferences have been organised by the Australasian Centre on Ageing at the University of Queensland and held in Brisbane annually since 2002. Last year the conference moved away from Queensland for the very first time and was successfully held in Sydney. Carrying on with the tradition, this year the conference is being held in Adelaide and future years will see the conference move around Australia.

This conference will be immediately followed by Australian Association of Gerontology [AAG 40<sup>th</sup> National Conference](#). Mary Luszcz will be chairing a 2-part symposium on the "Future Directions in Ageing Research – Showcasing the Successful AWAP Projects" during this conference. This symposium will bring together Chief Investigators from the six Ageing Well, Ageing Productively (AWAP) projects to provide information on the substantive directions that each project will pursue. Given the level of interest in the AWAP projects, this is guaranteed to be a well attended symposium. Mary Luszcz has just joined HARC Management team and is the State SA co-convenor for ARC/NHMRC Research Network in Ageing Well (RNAW)

## COGNITIVE AGEING CONFERENCE

[20th Anniversary Cognitive Ageing Conference - Down Under](#) will be held at Glenelg, 12<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> July with well-noted international speakers. The CAC-DU provides a unique opportunity to hear about both normal and 'abnormal' patterns of cognitive ageing from key national and international experts, so it could also be of interest to practitioners and those involved in care and policy. This is the first time it has been held outside the United States so attending is a chance not to be missed and there are now options for registering for parts of the conference, as well as all four days. Keynote speakers this year are: Kaarin Anstey from the ANU; Cameron Camp from the Myers Research Institute, Ohio, USA; Roger Dixon from the University of Alberta, Canada; and Denise Park from the University of Illinois, USA.

## PUBLICATIONS

New publication - [Longevity and Social Change in Australia](#) (Edited by Allan Borowski, Sol Encel & Elizabeth Ozanne)

*Longevity and Social Change in Australia* covers a wide range of issues, including health, retirement incomes, aged care, family relations, employment, housing and town planning. Special attention is given to the particular structural disadvantages affecting women, Aboriginal Australians and ethnic minorities. This comprehensive new volume will be an essential reference for policy makers and for students in social policy, sociology, gerontology and public health. It constitutes a distinctive Australian contribution to international debates on the implications of an ageing world.

*Ten commandments for the future of ageing research in the UK: a vision for action* by Franco, Kirkwood, Powell et al. was recently published in BMC Geriatrics. This paper reports on a Workshop where international experts from different disciplines gathered to share their perspectives and to evaluate the present status of ageing research in the UK and provides a detailed assessment of potential improvements, including consideration of prospective secondary gains, which were subsequently distilled into a list of 'ten commandments'. The article is available online at [www.biomedcentral.com/content/pdf/1471-2318-7-10.pdf](http://www.biomedcentral.com/content/pdf/1471-2318-7-10.pdf)

New - *Current Gerontology and Geriatrics Research* is a peer-reviewed full "Open Access" journal. The journal is targeted at scientists, geriatricians and health professionals interested in molecular, cellular, organismal aspects of gerontological research and in diagnosis, treatment, evaluation and educational aspects of geriatrics research. The journal also highlights new discoveries, approaches as well as technical developments in basic, clinical and discovery driven translational research. The journal is available online at [www.hindawi.com/journals/cggr/](http://www.hindawi.com/journals/cggr/) with details of electronic submission and review system located at: <http://www.hindawi.com/mts/>.

## RESEARCH FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

The Faculty of Health Sciences Research Secretariat published a listing of Grant, Fellowship, Scholarship & Tender Opportunities on 18/06/2007.

For this publication: <http://www.adelaide.edu.au/health/research/grants/GrantOpps180607.rtf>

For FHS Grant, Fellowship and Scholarship information: <http://www.adelaide.edu.au/health/research/grants/>

## AGEING RESEARCH ONLINE NEWS

The June 2007 edition of Ageing research Online News can be found at:

<http://www.aro.gov.au/aro/NewsletterFiles/ARO%20Newsletter%20June%202007.pdf>

## **SURVEY PARTICIPATION**

Call for participants for a survey on Successful ageing of Australian baby boom career women:

Lynn Courtney at James Cook University is conducting the above national online survey and is seeking Australian baby boom career women to participate in the survey. Lynn is particularly interested in recruiting participants outside of Queensland. For more information about this study or to complete the survey online please go to [www.soe.jcu.edu.au/successfulageing](http://www.soe.jcu.edu.au/successfulageing)