

HARC UPDATE

Healthy Ageing Research Cluster, University of Adelaide

27th March 2008

NEWS

I have just updated the HARC website especially the pages for upcoming events nationally and internationally. [Click here](#)

At our recent HARC Management Team and Advisory Board meeting we welcomed **Mrs Betty White OAM** to the Advisory Board. Betty is the President of Tea Tree Gully U3A and also chair of the State Alliance of U3As. She has an active interest in positive ageing and the provision of opportunities for retired people to maintain mental and physical health as they age.

19th IAGG World Congress of Gerontology and Geriatrics will take place **July 5 – 9, 2009 in Paris, France**. The **Call for Abstracts (Oral Communications and Posters) is now open** on the congress website at www.gerontologyparis2009.com. The deadline for submission is **31 January 2009**. The congress programme is primarily organised around **four main themes**:

- **Biological sciences**
- **Health sciences / Geriatric Medicine**
- **Behavioural and social sciences**
- **Social research, policy and practice**

When you submit your abstract, you are applying to one of these four themes. The abstract must address scientific issues around a coherent theme of interest to a broad audience. Each oral communication session will have four to five speakers for a total of 60 to 90 minutes. Posters will be presented during the poster sessions. All speakers/presenters are required to register and pay the registration fee. On-line registration and hotel booking will open soon.

APAI Scholarships at the University of Southern Queensland

Associate Professors Jeffrey Soar and Trudy Yuginovich from the University of Southern Queensland are seeking applicants from prospective PhD students for two Australian Postgraduate Award - Industry (APAI) scholarships for an ARC Linkage Grant project on reducing avoidable hospital admission for the frail elderly through internet (IT) applications being conducted in collaboration with Nexus eCare. Two students are being sought, one with an IT background and another with a nursing background with interest in health informatics and aged care.

This research will provide the opportunity for two graduate students (APAI) with knowledge of multimedia software development and the health industry to work with experts to formulate an innovative educational program. This will be the first such program of its type to be developed and offered in Queensland and builds on work undertaken in South Australia and as such will develop important strengths for the student as an active participant in health education reform.

For more information please contact A/Prof Yuginovich on 07 4120 6121 or yuginov@usq.edu.au

Research Associate/Research Fellow position within the Brain and Ageing Program at UNSW

Applicants from suitably qualified backgrounds are invited to apply for the role of Research Associate/Research Fellow within the Brain and Ageing Program of the School of Psychiatry and Brain Sciences UNSW. See the attached flyer for more information. The primary role of this position is to provide scientific and administrative leadership to the Memory and Ageing Study (MAS), a large longitudinal study of Mild Cognitive Impairment. Please email Lauren Norton l.norton@unsw.edu.au or Angie Russell angie.russell@unsw.edu.au to request an information pack. **The closing date for applications is 2 April 2008.**

PhD Scholarship, School of Public Health, University of Queensland

The Division of Epidemiology and Social Medicine, School of Public Health, University of Queensland, in collaboration with the University of Western Australia, has secured funding from the NHMRC and ARC to examine factors related to healthy ageing in men and women. Applicants are being sought for a PhD Scholarship. For more information email Professor Annette Dobson at a.dobson@sph.uq.edu.au. **The closing date for applications is 15 April 2008.**

EVENTS

Health and Wellbeing of Adult Family Carers in South Australia: Discussion of New Research hosted by Carers SA

An opportunity for service providers to hear about the research findings and to discuss their implications for service delivery

Thursday, 3 April 2008: 9.15am – 12.30pm

Ballroom, Fullarton Park Centre

411 Fullarton Road, Fullarton

RSVP to reception on 8271 6288 by Mon 31 March

For more information call Phil on 8271 6288 or email phil@carers-sa.asn.au

ABSA SA 2008 Welcome Event 'Biotech at the Bar' Presented by: AusBiotech Students Association (ABSA) SA ~ Linking Students with Industry 5.45 – 9pm, Wednesday 2 April Seven Stars Hotel, 187 Angas Street, Adelaide

Find out how ABSA is helping bioscience graduates in SA get the jobs that they want. Hear from professionals with diverse biotech backgrounds sharing their experiences and tips. For further information and to register, please click [here](#).

The National Seniors Productive Ageing Centre (NSPAC) will be holding a Productive Ageing Forum Counting on Experience: Preparing for an Ageing Workforce in Sydney on 1 April 2008.

The forum will be held from 9.30am – 3.30pm at the Lyceum, Wesley Conference Centre, 200 Pitt Street, Sydney and will include a presentation by eminent NSW researcher Professor Sol Encel along with summaries of current research activities and discussion sessions on key topics on ageing and work issues. The forum will provide an opportunity for researchers, stakeholders and older people themselves to join together in a discussion on this critical topic.

Dementia Networking Seminar – 7 April, Perth

Lynne Hedley (Program Manager, Dementia Behaviour Management Advisory Service, Alzheimer's Australia WA Ltd) will be presenting a forum on "The effect of environmental change on people with dementia". This free forum is part of the Dementia Networking Series of seminars run by the WA Dementia Training Study Centre and will take place on **7 April 2008** from 5-6.30 pm at the WA Dementia Training Study Centre, Centre for Research on Ageing, (Building 602) Enterprise Unit 4, Suite 2, de Laeter Way, Technology Park, Bentley. For more information, please see the attached flyer

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Research Branch maintains a [listing](#) of all research grant and fellowship opportunities of which they are aware. Details on schemes for specific areas of interest can be accessed through the searchable database SPIN, or other databases, via the Research Branch website (use above link).

[Research Branch Newsletter](#), published weekly, is a source of information on major grant rounds and information sessions, a selection of competitive grants and prizes currently open for application and other research-related tidbits.

[The Faculty of Health Sciences](#) lists sources of funding from the major granting bodies, a myriad of other sponsors and internal University of Adelaide schemes. Most recent publication is for the week commencing 25th March 2008.

[NHMRC Tracker](#) is a fortnightly bulletin with up-to-date information on the National Health and Medical Research Council's major activities and announcements.