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NEWS

Fresh Science 2008

Nominations are now open for [Fresh Science 2008](#) and HARC is offering assistance with your nomination and application. Fresh Science is a national competition that identifies new and interesting research being done by early-career scientists around the country. The stories are released to the media before, during and after National Science Week in August. Sixteen scientists are flown to Melbourne for a day of media training after which they present their work to the media, school students, the general public, scientists, government and industry over the course of three days in what's described by some as a boot camp in science communication. Fresh Science 2008 will be held in **Melbourne 16-19 June 2008**.

Nominations close **5pm Thursday 1 May 2008**. Those wishing to obtain assistance from HARC in their nomination and application should forward their application draft to be received before **Friday 19 April 2008** to susan.gravier@adelaide.edu.au.

ASMR 2008 First Call for Abstracts

[ASMR SA Annual Scientific Meeting](#) will be held on **Wednesday June 4, 2008** at The Adelaide Entertainment Centre, Port Road, Hindmarsh. This year's theme is "Celebrating Research in SA" and **there will be a HARC-sponsored session and HARC Award**.

Abstracts are now being accepted from all areas of Basic Science, Health & Medical Research for Oral and Poster Presentations. Honours and PhD students in particular are encouraged to submit abstracts. **Closing date for Abstracts and Early-bird Registration: 5pm Friday 2nd May, 2008**

This year's awards include:

- * The Annual Ross Wishart Memorial Award
- * Honours Student Awards
- * Early Career Researcher Awards
- * **Healthy Ageing Research Award**

ERA 2008 First Call for Abstracts

PhD, Professional Doctorate and Masters Students are invited to participate in the 7th National Conference of [Emerging Researchers in Ageing](#) to be held on **Tuesday, 18th November 2008**. The conference also welcomes new researchers working within research roles in areas of ageing. The theme for the conference is "**Shaping Research Landscapes**" and will explore a wide range of ageing-related topics.

SA Science Excellence Awards 2008

Nominations are now open **until Friday 9th May 2008** for [SA Science Excellence Awards 2008](#).

The South Australian Science Excellence Awards were first held in 2005 to assist in raising the awareness of the importance of science, technology and innovation throughout the broader community as well as recognise the best and brightest in the science community. The Government of South Australia has made a commitment to science, technology and innovation through its Ten-Year Vision for Science, Technology and Innovation, STI10 and the South Australian Strategic Plan. It is this commitment as well as a greater focus on strategic alliances that will continue to heighten the awareness and importance of the Awards.

EVENTS

[Health, Disability and Lifespan Development \(HDLD\)](#) next meeting will be **Friday 11th April 12.30 – 1.15 p.m.** Room P1-39, Playford building UniSA (City East campus) Speaker: Ms Vikki Knott (PhD candidate, University of Adelaide School of Psychology)
Helping patients cope with cancer

Summary:

In the cancer-coping literature, very little emphasis has been placed on the context within which cancer patients experience their illness. Semi-structured interviews with 20 cancer patients (mixed diagnoses) focussed on understanding the nature of communication and support offered by health professionals and family and friends in a patients' social network. Interviews were transcribed and analysed according to Glaser's (1992) grounded theory model. Two core areas of substantive inquiry emerged from the analysis: i) health provider-patient interactions/quality of health services, and ii) coping with cancer. Several of the findings in this study challenge dominant views concerning effective doctor-patient communication and coping. A full account of these results and their implications is provided and recommendations for helping patients cope with cancer are discussed. *Note: this presentation also forms part of the School of Psychology UniSA Seminar series.*

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 FHS publication](#) of funding opportunities is for the week commencing 24th 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.

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