

Newsletter

Upcoming Events...

- **22 September**
HDA Cultural Awareness & Research session to be run by Mr Roger Thomas.
- **20-23 September**
15th IFOAM Organic World Congress at the Adelaide Convention Centre.
- **25-28 September**
32nd Annual Fetal & Neonatal Physiological Society Conference at the Stamford Grand, Glenelg.
- **20 October**
HDA Thematic Evening on Substance Abuse.
- **20-23 November**
ASMR National Scientific Conference at Couran Cove Resort, Queensland.
- **30 November-3 December**
Nutrition Society of Australia 2005 Scientific Meeting at the Hilton on the Park, Melbourne.
- **7-10 March 2006**
Womb to Tomb International Congress - Human Reproductive Health through the Ages at the Adelaide Convention centre.

For further information visit our events page at:

www.adelaide.edu.au/hda/events

CONVENORS' MESSAGE

We would like to thank the Working Groups for their much valued contributions and planning of the Thematic Evenings, Inaugural Oration & Research Day in 2005 and the student Research Training Program for 2006.

• **Research Synergies Working Group** - Ray Rodgers (chair), Anne Jurisevic, Anne Sanders, Megan Mitchell, Mi-

chael Roberts, Ngairé Naffine.

• **Research Day Working Group** - Margie Ripper (chair), Justin Trogdon, Anne Jurisevic, Rob Norman, Caroline McMillen.

• **Research Training Program Working Group** - Pat Buckley (chair), Heddy Zola, Lisa Kettler, Bernadette Richards, Kirsty Anderson, Anne Jurisevic, Miranda Tripodi.

We would also like to welcome aboard two new members:

Dr Afzal Mahmood from the Department of Public Health.

A/Prof Barbara Pocock from the School of Social Sciences - Labour Studies.

Prof Robert Norman
Prof Caroline McMillen

THINK TANK EVENT - STATE FOCUS WITH BARONESS PROFESSOR SUSAN GREENFIELD

On 28 July, HDA held a Think Tank event focussing on 'Interdisciplinary Research in Healthy Development - the next step'. The event included invited representation from Government Departments, Children Youth & Women's Health Service (CYWHS), University of Adelaide, University of South

Australia, Flinders University, CSIRO, Hanson Institute, Child Health Research Institute, ARC and NHMRC.

The event provided an opportunity to address the 'Big Picture' issues of crossing boundaries, addressing limitations and developing new solutions, collaborations and research trans-

formation in developmental health research for the state. HDA will begin to synthesise the information put forward from the event towards developing a portfolio for healthy development research directions for SA that involve and continue to flourish with our current associations.

HOT TOPIC - OBESITY & LIFESTYLE

An overwhelming response with over 90 people at our last Thematic Evening on Obesity & Lifestyle held in August with representation from Flinders University, University of South Australia, National Heart Foundation, Hospitals, Hanson Institute, CSIRO, Cancer Council of SA and Government. Speakers

highlighted four different perspectives in the area of Obesity research and potential collaborations for the future, followed by a moderated discussion with the audience and speakers.

Next Thematic Evening on Substance Abuse - 20th October.



MEMBER PROFILE — PROF GARY SLADE

AUSTRALIAN RESEARCH CENTRE FOR POPULATION ORAL HEALTH

Gary Slade is Professor of Oral Epidemiology at the University of Adelaide and Director of the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare's Dental Statistics and Research Unit. He undertook dental training at the University of Melbourne, Australia (BDSc, 1982) and completed the Diploma in Dental Public Health at the University of Toronto, Canada (DDPH, 1988). He obtained his PhD in dentistry at the University of Adelaide and subsequently was recruited to the University of North Carolina at

Chapel Hill, where he was Assistant Professor and later Associate Professor in the School of Dentistry. Professor Slade returned to Australia in October 2002 as Professor of the newly-created chair in Oral Epidemiology located within the Australian Research Centre for Population Oral Health (ARCPOH) at the University of Adelaide.

His principal research interests within ARCPOH centre on population assessment of oral health related quality of life,

epidemiological studies of relationships between oral and systemic health, and public health interventions to prevent oral disease. Professor Slade teaches epidemiology and dental public health to undergraduates in the Faculty of Health Sciences, and he supervises graduate students in PhD programs at the University of Adelaide.

Prof Slade also provides patient care to patients in the South Australian Dental Service.



Prof Gary Slade

HDA MEMBER RESEARCH SUCCESSES

The NHMRC Development and Enabling Grant Schemes with two successful applications from this State both from Obstetrics & Gynaecology:

• *Prof Caroline Crowther* for the Enabling Grant:

"Interdisciplinary Maternal Perinatal Action on Clinical Trials Collaboration"

• *A/Prof Sarah Robertson* for

the Development Grant "Cytokine Diagnostics in Human Semen"

The ARC recently announced the 2005 Linkage Projects scheme with 6 Grants being awarded to the University of Adelaide.

• *Dr Rob Gilchrist* and *Dr Jeremy Thompson* for the Project:

"Improving the efficiency of bovine oocyte maturation in vitro"

• *Dr Tahereh Ziaian*, *A/Prof NG Procter*, *Prof Michael Sawyer* and *A/Prof Peter Baghurst* for the Project: "Refugee children and adolescents in Australia: Issues of mental health and well-being and equal access to mental health services"

Inaugural Premier's Science Excellence Award winners: *Prof Peter Rathjen* was the winner in the Research Leadership category with *Prof Robert Norman* as one of the finalists of this award. *Prof Don Robertson* was a finalist in the Excellence in Research for Public Good category.

MEMBER PROFILE — MS BERNADETTE RICHARDS

LAW SCHOOL

I come to the Academic world via teaching in High School and then life as an RAAF Officer.

My PhD thesis is focussing on the outer limits of consent in the medical context and challenging the accepted legal definition and practical application of the doctrine of consent. In exploring this notion I am considering consent in the context of organ donation and storage and disposal of embryos. The latter research em-

bracing the notion of the 'virtual person.'

My broader research interests focus on the law of negligence and defamation. I am also interested in Media Law and currently an active member of the Ethics Centre.

I am currently the President of SIDS & Kids South Australia which is expanding its charter and now provides support for families who experience any sudden and unexpected death

of a child under the age of 6. SIDS & Kids are also interested in research - not just in the area of SIDS but in broader areas reflecting the expanded charter of the organisation.

I have delivered lectures on negligence to Physiotherapy students at the University of South Australia and will soon be delivering a series of three Lectures (The Dr and the Law) at the Medical School here at the University of Adelaide.



Ms Bernadette Richards