From the Associate Dean (Research)

Thank you all for your support throughout the year. We are situated for an exciting year of research opportunities in 2006. Have a wonderful festive season and come back rested so we can make the most of them.

Dr Jan Paterson

Research activities

Congratulations

Congratulations to Professor Philip Darbyshire who, together with Professor Wendy Schiller from the University of SA and Dr Colin MacDougall from the Flinders University, won a Channel 7 Children’s Research Foundation Grant for $38,000, for one year. The study is a collaboration with DECS to look at the experiences of children with chronic illness in relation to sport/play/physical activities at school.

Congratulations to Dr Charmaine Power who, in appreciation of her knowledge of and commitment to the Women’s Health Policy, was invited by the Chairperson, Heather Gray, Chief Executive of Children, Youth and Women’s Health, to join the Women’s Health Action Plan Steering Committee. Charmaine worked with colleagues from CYWHS, other metropolitan and country health regions, Department of Health and other key stakeholders to develop the SA Women’s Health Action Plan which translates the policy into action at the local, regional and State levels. Charmaine was also invited to participate in the Women's Safety Working Group to develop specific actions for the Strategic Plan in relation to Women's Safety.

Congratulations are due to Ms Julian Grant, (School’s PhD Student), who successfully applied for a research bursary to the Australian Federation of University Women, SA Branch. The grant is worth $3,000 and Julian used it to cover the cost of translating participants details into four languages other than English.

Congratulations to Associate Professor Pauline Glover who was accepted as an external assessor for research projects for the Queensland Nursing Council.

Associate Professor Trudy Rudge, Ms Alison Hutton, Dr Julie Henderson and Ms Tess Byrnes are the recipients of Teaching and Learning Innovation Grant, round 2005. This funding will enable 3rd year students to undertake social research in a community, primary health care setting – building upon a collaborative relation between SONM and Noarlunga Health Services. Congratulations!

Congratulations to Ms Jenny Donovan. Jenny is involved in the Family of Origin Parenting Program and was invited to set up a new parenting group on Family of Origin Issues with Child and Youth Health (CYH). For the past two years Jenny has worked closely with Annie Lawless, a social worker of CYH, and they have written, implemented and evaluated a six week course which they have piloted in Glenelg East and Hackham West. Their program has been reviewed by other disciplines and the participants. Topics held within a safe environment challenge current parenting beliefs and actions while building their individual confidence as individuals and parents to undertake significant changes with their young babies and toddlers. Current application for funding to evaluate this program is underway.

Research events

The Research Summit 2005

The second School’s Research Summit was held on the 29th of November at the Stamford Grand at Glenelg. The theme of the Summit was “Building Capacity for Nursing Research”.

For the Summit we invited many interesting speakers representing various areas of health from the industry and academia. Among others they were: Professor Jenny Carryer from Massey University (NZ), Professor Fran Baum from Flinders University and Ms Heather Petty from the Department of Health SA.
A panel of speakers including ASRI leaders (Dr Deb King from the Faculty of Social Sciences, Dr Inge Kowanko and Professor Neil Piller, both from the Faculty of Health Sciences and Ms Stacey Masters from the Repatriation General Hospital) addressed issues in relation to the different aspects of ASRIs – the multidisciplinary, cross institutional, collaborative research programs of Flinders University. A panel session with these speakers was facilitated by Associate Professor Jan Paterson.

The afternoon program included an update of the Australian Research Quality Framework and culminated in a workshop where participants debated the research goals of the School and actions necessary to achieve these goals. The presenters of this session were Professor Chris Marlin, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research), and Associate Professor Jan Paterson, Associate Dean (Research), and the workshop was facilitated by Professor Sandra Dunn. The workshop summary will be released in the new year.

Copies of most of the presentations are available on the School’s web site on the Research Performance page.

During the lunch break participants witnessed the launch of the Renal Society of Australasia Journal. The Editor of this Journal Mr Paul Bennett is a Part-Time Lecturer and PhD Candidate at the School.

Associated with the Summit were poster presentations. This was divided into three sections: posters from Academic Staff, posters from PhD Students and posters of a Social Mentoring Project. Additionally, Undergraduate Nursing Students Mentoring Project’s poster presentations were displayed on the screen during the lunch break.

The Hub team would like to say thank you to all of the participants and those who assisted us in the preparation of this important and exciting day!

Conference attendance

PhD Students on the Move
At the 2nd International Congress of Innovations in Nursing (ICIN) Fremantle Western Australia Donghee Kim, Julian Grant and Jill Mitchell presented aspects of their PhD research. All three papers were particularly well received.

Donghee discussed her results in developing a model which simultaneously examines social, cognitive and behavioural factors of obesity in adolescents, based on findings from a large sample of Korean students.

Julian presented aspects of culture and communication with first time migrant parents and child health professionals.

Jill described the transfer and implementation of an Aboriginal Well Women’s model to Coober Pedy, based on the successfully established Central Australian program. The Well Women’s Health team has identified a high incidence of dental, renal disease and diabetes, mental health and drug & alcohol issues impacting on Aboriginal women in this remote South Australian community.

Grant/Funding Opportunities

A word from our Research Associate
Dr Julie Henderson

The end of the year has given the Hub staff a chance to reflect upon some of the programs we have initiated in the last year and to plan for the future. On the whole we have been pleased (and relieved) to see that our efforts are paying some dividends. We, as a School, are being more strategic in where we are submitting papers resulting in an increase in Category 1 publications. It is also gratifying to see the range of people who have submitted papers for publication this year, including a number of post-grads. Once papers produced during the School’s Publishing Initiative (SPI) leave reach publication stage our publication level for next year should be healthy.
We have also maintained our level of research funding in an increasingly competitive environment but we haven’t as yet, had much impact on Category 1 grants. To this end we are planning a series of five workshops to be run across next year to assist staff in the School of Nursing and Midwifery develop an ARC Linkage, Linkage (APAI) or Discovery grant for submission in the second funding round in November 2006. This will be run in conjunction with an internal grant scheme which will provide seed funding for projects that can be developed into larger grants. We are planning to invite speakers with expertise in writing, reviewing and gaining ARC grants to speak at these seminars and provide hands-on advice on the process of developing a successful grant. If you know of, or can recommend anyone who fits into this category I would welcome the information so that we can finalise the program early next year.

**Grant opportunities**

**Queensland Government, Queensland Health**
Rural Scholarship Scheme ($5,800 - $7,000)
Closing date: Any time
Office of Rural Health, Tel: + 61 (0) 7 4624 2880 Fax: + 61 (0) 74624 2888 Email: QHRSS@health.qld.gov.au
Office of Rural Health, PO Box 1006, Roma, QLD 4455

**The Ian Potter Foundation**
The Ian Potter Foundation provides grants for public charitable purposes in Australia in the areas of: education, scientific and medical research, health, social welfare; arts; environment and conservation. Applications close on the first working day of February, May, August and November.

**Contact details:**
Executive Secretary
The Ian Potter Foundation Ltd
Phone: 03 9650 3188
Fax: 03 9650 7986

**Harold Mitchell Foundation**
Program
Art and health (asthma)

Application Deadline: ongoing - notified within 90 days

**Channel 7 Child’s Research Foundation Grant**
Research - conditions that may affect the health, education and welfare of children in South Australia ($50,000)
Application Deadline: 5 May 2006

**Marie Curie - New Call for Incoming International Fellowships**
On 20 July the European Commission launched a new call for proposals for Marie Curie Incoming International Fellowships (IF). The call has an indicative budget of 22 Mio. €. **Deadline for this call is 18 January 2006.** This action aims at promoting the mobility of excellent researchers from third countries to Europe by providing them with individual training (including complementary skills, e.g. management, ethics, communication) in a research organisation in a EU-Member State or Associated State. This research fellowship can have a duration of 12-24 months and in the case of developing countries a reintegration phase of half that duration in the researcher's country of origin.

Experienced researchers (more than four years of research experience or a Ph.D.) develop individual mobility projects together with the host organisation. The research topic can be chosen by the researcher from all areas of scientific and technological research. All researchers from third countries are eligible for this action, except those treated as being from EU-Member States or Associated States because of their presence for more than four years during the previous five years in the territory of a Member State or Associated State. For more information regarding Australian and European funding and services please visit: http://www.feast.org/

**Forum for European-Australian Science and Technology Cooperation - FEAST**
The European Union is Australia's largest scientific partner, mainly through bilateral collaboration, but also through multilateral projects. The diplomatic missions representing the European Union in Australia, in association with major Australian S&T Organisations, have embarked on a common action to highlight and improve this bilateral and multilateral cooperation. For more information regarding Australian and European funding and services please visit: http://www.feast.org/

**ARC linkage-projects 2006**
The Funding Rules, Draft Funding Contract and Instructions to Applicants are available on the ARC website at: http://www.arc.gov.au/apply_grants/linkage_projects.htm

If you intend to submit an ARC Linkage-Project application or would like to discuss any aspect of the submission process please contact Melissa Hills, telephone 8201 2045, email mel.hills@flinders.edu.au
NHMRC Funding Opportunities

NHMRC - Project Grants
The 2006 Round of NHMRC Project Grants is now open.

NHMRC Development Grants
The NHMRC Development Grant Scheme aims to:
Support the development of health and medical research that has commercial potential and which has the potential to benefit the Australian Community.
Provide funding for research commercialisation at the early proof-of-concept stage
There will be two rounds of applications in 2006. Round 1 applications close 6 February 2006, Round 2 applications closing date to be advised.

NHMRC Equipment Grants
Call for Applications

NHMRC - Fellowships and Awards
The NHMRC supports a number of different Fellowship and Award schemes – please refer to the NHMRC web site.

More information, including the scheme guidelines and application forms can be found on the NHMRC website: http://www.flinders.edu.au/research/Office/grants/NHMRC.html#NHMRC

FMC Foundation Grants, Scholarships and Forms

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Faculty Funded Grants
The Faculty of Health Sciences offers a range of grants to its members. The links will become active when the grants are open.

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2005 Successful Grants
An disciplinary collaborative project designed to ascertain knowledge of the risk of lymphoedema in a rural and urban Victorian population: a comparative case study
Monash University, Faculty LinkAssist
$2,000

Darbyshire, P., Shiller, W. & MacDougall, C.
Investigating physical activity patterns of schoolchildren with chronic illness: Bringing children's voices into research, policy and practice
Channel 7 Children's Research Foundation
$38,000

De Crespigny, C., Cusack, L. & Scott, W.
Clinical Practice Guidelines for the management of alcohol problems in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people
Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing
$190,000

King, L.
Mentoring project and poster workshop support
SARNet Bursary
$2,500
McLean, I., Caon, M. & Lam, A.
Accurate calculation of patient dose from CT examinations for paediatric patients

NHMRC $281,250

Neill, J., Borbasi, S., Belan, I. & Cuthbertson, L.
The effects of Tai Chi exercise on arm lymphoedema and fatigue in women post-mastectomy for breast cancer

SARNet Bursary $5,000

Paterson, J., St John, W., Thorogood, C. & Watt, E.
Consultation, Consensus and Commitment to Guidelines for Inclusion of Continence into Undergraduate and Nursing and Midwifery Curriculum.

National Continence Management Strategy $93,754

Rudge, T., Hutton, A., Henderson, J. & Byrne, T.
3rd year students to undertake social research in a community, primary health care setting - building upon a collaborative relation between SONM and Noarlunga Health Services

Flinders Teaching and Learning Innovation Grant $9,880

Ruszkiewicz, A. R., Moore, J., Bennett, G., Drew, P. A. & Thomas, M.
Impact of methylation of O6 methylguanine-DNA methyltransferase (MGMT) on survival and response to 5FU chemotherapy in sporadic colorectal cancer

RAH/IMVS Research Committee Clinical Project Grant $20,000

Siebert, T., Lawrence, J. & Power, C.
Know your numbers – diabetes self-management: A pilot study

FHIHM Research Grantes $3,000

Tissue arrayer for high throughput immunohistochemical and in situ hybridisation.

NHMRC Equipment Grant $61,194

Watson, D. I., Drew, P. A. & Michael, M. M.
Development and prevention of Barrett's oesophagus - clinical and laboratory studies.

FMC Foundation Project Grants $9,000

Willis, E., Jones, J., Henderson, J. & Walter, B.
Proposal for the development of a workload measure for community mental health nurses: South Australia

Department of Health SA $66,000

Internal deadlines
Grant applications for signing and forwarding to external agencies must be received by the Office of Research by their internal deadlines. These are in the advertisements that come from both the Office of Research and our Research Hub.

Grant/project infrastructure checklist and procedure for submitting grant applications
The HUB has produced a checklist to assist researchers when they are considering infrastructure needs for grant requests. A copy of the checklist is attached to the back of this newsletter. An outline of the procedure for submitting grant applications is also attached.

2005 Publications
Recently published articles


**Other recent publications**


**Articles in print**


De Crespigny, C., Kowanko, I., Murray, H., Ah Kit, J. & Wilson, S. ‘A nursing partnership for better outcomes in Aboriginal alcohol, other drugs and mental health’, Contemporary Nurse.


Grant, J. Luxford, Y. & Darbyshire, P. ‘The article is titled ‘Culture, Communication and Child Health’, Contemporary Nurse, November 8-11.


Thorne, S., Darbyshire, P. ‘Landmines in the field: A modest proposal for improving the craft of qualitative health research, Qualitative Health Research.


**Recent conference presentations and posters**


Grant, J. 2005, ‘Culture, communication and child health: preliminary findings of research exploring how ideas of culture shape child health professional’s communications with migrant parents’, Second International Congress on Innovations in Nursing, 8 -11 November, Fremantle.


**School’s Publishing Initiative (SPI)**

The intention of the initiative is to assist the School’s academic staff with their publishing activities. All academic staff members are invited to take two weeks SPI “timeout” per semester to write peer reviewed papers.

**Process:**

In order to establish this time the following steps should be taken.

- negotiation of the timeframe with your supervisor;
- coverage of teaching and other commitments negotiated with your supervisor; and
• space made in your diary for a dedicated commitment to the SPI during these two weeks.

Further, SPI leave will be depend upon demonstrable outcomes from the previous SPI.

**Expected outcomes:**
- Level B: completion of the draft of the article
- Level C: completion of the article ready for submission
- Level D & E: completion of two articles ready for submission.

At the end of the period of SPI leave contact should be made with Julie Henderson, the Research Associate, who will act as facilitator of this initiative. She will coordinate any mentoring with your nominated supervisor, mentor or critical friend and/or editorial assistance required to complete the paper. If the article is ready for submission it can be lodged with Julie Henderson who will ensure that it is sent on to the journal of your choice.

All staff are strongly encouraged to participate in this initiative.

**SONM Student publications**

This is a message for all of the Academic Staff. If you know about any publications prepared or submitted by nursing students please let us know so we can track them for inclusion in our annual publication data collection for 2005.

The initial contact person for this matter is Dr Lindy King. Lindy, with the Hub assistance, is the patron of an informal network established to assist students with their potential publications.

**Critical Reviewer Group members wait for you!**

Those researchers in the School who are considering writing a new publication or starting work on a research project, are encouraged to approach members of the Critical Reviewer Group. Members of this Group are happy to assist you with your publications, grant proposals or reports.

For your convenience, please find the names of people who volunteered themselves as the reviewers so far:
- Dr Martin Caon
- Professor Charlotte de Crespigny
- Ms Jenny Donovan
- Dr Paul Drew
- Dr Pauline Glover
- Ms Lyn Gum
- Ms Alison Hutton
- Ms Heather James
- Dr Jackie Jones
- Dr Lindy King
- Dr Trish Mitchell
- Dr Jan Paterson
- Dr Steve Parker
- Dr Trudy Rudge
- Ms Linda Saunders

New members are still welcome to join the group.

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**Christmas Greetings**

The Staff from the Health Research Hub would like to wish everyone a Happy and Safe Christmas and a Prosperous New Year 2006!