From the Associate Dean (Research)

At different forums recently, I have found myself making statements such as, ‘remember, Nursing and Midwifery are comparatively new research disciplines’. This led me to reflect upon how essential it is that we as a School are strategic in the steps we take to ensure we contribute to the efforts being made worldwide to evolve Nursing and Midwifery as independent research based disciplines. I began questioning and reflecting upon where we, as a School, are situated in relation to research. The difficulties of balancing the demands of all areas of academic responsibility and in particular teaching in relation to research have been recognised and the School is now enjoying a very well resourced infrastructure, the HUB, that is designed to assist individuals and foster emerging research teams. But there is a limit as to what can be expected from the HUB, in relation to improving research outcomes and capacity.

Leadership must come from within the School itself. Considerable effort and resources have been poured into developing a research culture within the School? How successful have these efforts been? Can we really claim research is one of our priorities? Is it recognised as equally important as teaching and practice? Do we have strong independent research programs; are we clear about our research strengths? If so are we recruiting to our research strengths? These are some of the questions, and I am sure you will think of many more, that the school needs to consider over the next month before we all meet at our Research Summit at The Grand, in Glenelg on November the 29th. The theme of the Summit is, as you know, ‘Building Research Capacity’.

What’s NEW in the HUB?

City Bay Fun Run

11 of our Academic and General Staff members participated in the Sunday Mail City-Bay Fun Run! Through the participation in this Adelaide’s largest fun run, members took opportunities to raise funds to create a second Hub’s Honours Research Scholarship. This year donations allow us to collect $544.00! Hub team would like to say thank you to all of the participants for taking the challenge and to all of the sponsors for their support, and please start training now for the next year run!

New faces in the Hub...

We would like to welcome two new project research staff - Margaret Southwell who undertaken position of Project Officer for Jan’s Paterson project and Jenny Parker who works for Charmaine’s Power project. Both located in East Wing’s room E230. This room is now a delegated space for project officers and assistants for School’s grant holders.
Hub also welcomes Jeni Jones, PA for Jan Paterson and Trudy Rudge. Jeni replaced Jenny Rickards who retired in July this year.

Research activities

Congratulations

Congratulations to Tracey Siebert and Charmaine Power who, together with John Lawrence, received a $3000 in the recent round of FIHMR Competitive Research Grants to trial a diabetes self-management tool based on ‘knowing your numbers’. The tool empowers people with diabetes to take control of their health and prevent complications through regular monitoring of their clinical indicators.

Congratulation to Martin Caon. Martin and two other team members (Associate Professor Ian McLean of University of Sydney and Associate Professor Albert Lam) won NHMRC grant application for 2006. The title of the project is: ’402657 Accurate Calculation of Patient Dose from CT Examinations for Paediatric Patients' has been funded for 3 years’.

Research events

School’s Research Week

This last section of the year has been busy for the Research Higher Degrees area in the School of Nursing and Midwifery.

Research Week for this year had two visiting scholars. Dr Sean Clarke, from the School of Nursing at the University of Pennsylvania presented his public lecture in the week before Research Week entitled ‘Ben Franklin, meet Arnold Schwarzenegger: Research on nurse staffing and patient safety and its implications for public policy’. Attendees were from the School, research students and Academics and clinicians interested in the health outcomes work done at the Health Outcomes and Policy Research Centre. He also presented a paper to the Clinical Change and Health Outcomes Research Group concerning the concept of failure to rescue as a nursing sensitive outcome. During research week he presented a further paper on the use of quantitative research and a workshop addressing issues in research design for quantitative research.

Our other visiting scholar was made a possibility through her work with Jan Paterson and her teaching in the Continence Program. Professor Christine Norton is a clinical chair with Kings College, London. She presented a paper on clinical research and research capacity building. Her work formed the basis for the workshop on research design in clinical research.

Students who live interstate or locals who cannot get to the regular seminars for students run each week due to work requirements presented their papers on their research projects. A final presentation was done by Kathleen Peters on her work on the decision to cease IVF treatment despite not achieving the birth of a child. Her paper was entitled ‘Misguided Hope: a narrative analysis of couples’ stories of childlessness despite treatment with assisted reproductive technology’.

Dr Julie Watkinson was a completion in this period as well. Julie has a position with the Rural Research Centre at Whyalla at the University of South Australia.

Several students have presented conference papers since the last newsletter. Two students (Mayumi Kako & Ryoko Ohara) presented papers at the Third International Nursing History Conference, “Beyond Professionalisation: Towards a history of practice’. Their papers were called ‘An oral history of nursing education transition into tertiary sector - A senior nurse’s experience’ and ‘Nurses’ experiences at 6th of August 1945 - On first use of Atomic Bomb ever’ respectively.

Jill Mitchell presented a poster at the Drug and Alcohol Nurses of Australasia (DANA) National Conference: Moving Forward, Looking Back conference entitled ‘Out of sight! Out of mind!’

Beverleigh Quested presented a paper at the ‘Culture of the Body Seminar Series’ at the University of South Australia.

There will be Christmas drinks for the PhD seminars on 22 November 2005 (straight after Jill Mitchell’s presentation). Several students have put in requests for adaptations to the way we run seminars next year. We will address these issues at the drinks session as well as congratulating ourselves on an interesting year.

Dr Trudy Rudge

Conference attendance

ARMS 2005 Conference in Canberra
(Australasian Research Management Society Inc.)
14 – 16 September 2005, Canberra, ACT.
Theme : Oiling the Wheels of Change.

Dr Julie Henderson and Ms Gina Kasprzyk attended 2005 Australasian Research Management Society (ARMS) Conference.

The conference created an opportunity for delegates to familiarize themselves with the cutting edge issues that affect research community. For example, the Research Quality Framework - its measurements and how it will influence our future work practices, and International Perspective - comparison of Australian and international research practices.

This Conference also addressed the importance of research institutions working in collaboration with their regional partners in the perspective of different national research assessment strategies recently developed in various country.

An American perspective was introduced by Professor Denis Gray from the Department of Psychology of
North Carolina State University, who highlighted potential benefits and unintentional consequences of moving towards the innovative systems quality framework. The program of the Conference was supplemented with a range of pre-conference workshops to address specific topics relevant to research management. One of them was a workshop prepared for people working in the entry-level research administration position. This particularly focused workshop offered strategies and tips for those who are interested in considering their options for career and professional development. Additionally, this conference provided opportunities for interaction and networking with participants from a wide range of Australian and overseas organizations and enabled them to enjoy the beautiful spring Floriade time in Canberra.

Julie and Gina thank the School’s for its support which allow them to attend the 5th Annual conference of the Society.

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.

Grant/Funding Opportunities

A word from our Research Associate  
Dr Julie Henderson

The central theme of the last three months has been grant writing. I have worked with a number of people, to varying degrees, in preparing grants applications and there are more grants in the offering. Please remember to pass in a copy of any grants that you submit to Gina and complete the form requesting infrastructural support as this is used to allocate space for research assistants. We would also welcome impresses funding bodies so that we can be more competitive.

A number of members of staff have also taken advantage of School’s publishing initiative (SPI) in the last few months. I am keeping a record of those who have undertaken leave, the papers they produce and the outcomes of those papers. I have heard from some you but would like to follow up with others. Please let me know about any publications arising from SPI leave to ensure that the scheme continues and that you can access funding again. By my calculations we are close to last year’s output of category 1 publications with three months in hand. When articles produced by staff on SPI leave complete the review process, 2006 should be off to a flying start.

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  
Cancer Public Education Projects Supported by the Oncology Nursing Society
Two grants of $2,500 will be awarded to projects which enhance the public's knowledge and awareness of cancer prevention, detection, and treatment modalities.
The candidate must be an RN and have an interest in and commitment to oncology nursing. The major focus of the project should be some aspect of cancer public education.
Application Deadline: December 1, 2005
http://www.ons.org/awards/foundsfounds/publicprojects.shtml

Additional funding opportunities for oncology researchers can be found at: http://www.ons.org/

Churchill Trust
Churchill fellowship ($20,000)
Travel funding for overseas research - viewing innovative practices not used in Australia.
Application Deadline: January 1st, 2006

Harold Mitchell Foundation
Program
Art and health (asthma)
Application Deadline: ongoing - notified within 90 days

Sabemo trust
Welfare and development of children 0 to 8 (up to $50,000)
Application Deadline: December 2005
http://www.sabemo.org.au

Sunshine foundation
Seeding grant (up to $5000)
Alleviating human suffering eg; drug and alcohol etc
Application Deadline: 15 December

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
Research - conditions that may affect the health, education and welfare of children in South Australia ($20,000)
Application Deadline: not specified

The CHATA Harry Windsor Australian Research Grants
Asthma, Tuberculosis, respiratory disease arising from smoking ($50,000)
Application Deadline: 12 November 2005

Australian Government, Department of Health and Ageing
Consumer resources for the management of overweight and obesity – tenders.
Closing date: 2pm, 3 November 2005

Australian Government, Department of Health and Ageing
Australian Government dementia health priority initiative – national evaluation project – tenders.
Closing date: 2pm, 18 November 2005

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 (IIF). 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. Further Information:

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
The Office of Research and the FMC Foundation are offering a range of grants to its members. The links will become active when the grants are open.

**FMC Foundation Grants**
(Up to $10,000)

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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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**Current NHMRC Funding Opportunities**
To be updated
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 2005. Round 1 applications close 2 February 2005. Round 2 applications open on 1 June 2005 and close on 1 August 2005. The internal closing date for Round 2 is 25 July 2005.

More information, including the scheme guidelines and application forms can be found on the NHMRC website:
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


Darbyshire, P. 2005, ‘Message from Australia to UK: Think about what you are really gambling with, Guest Editorial,’ Journal of Child Health Care, vol. 9, no. 1, pp. 5-7.


Other recent publication


**Articles in print**


Bennett, P ‘A simple nutrition screening tool for hemodialysis nurses’, *Journal of Renal Nutrition*.


Neill, J. (in press), ‘Health as expanding consciousness: Seven women living with multiple sclerosis or rheumatoid arthritis’, *Nursing Science Quarterly*, vol 18, no.4

Neill, J. (in press), ‘Exploring underlying life patterns of women with multiple sclerosis or rheumatoid arthritis: Comparison of NANDA dimensions’, *Nursing Science Quarterly*, vol 18, no.4


**Recent and future conference presentations and posters**


Rudge, T. & Saunders, L. 2005, ‘Governing nurses from afar: are we regulating conduct or practice?’, Regulation and Globalisation, ICN 7th International Regulation Conference, 20 – 21 May, Taipai, Taiwan.


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

**SONOM 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.

**Mini evaluation of the Newsletter**

Dear Reader

This is the fifth edition of the School’s Hub Newsletter. If you would find a few minutes more after reading this newsletter can you please comment on it and express your opinion about the value and usefulness of it. Your feedback will be greatly appreciated and assist us while considering the future of this bulletin.

Feedback please sends by email to gina.kaspryk@flinders.edu.au

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