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HEAD OF SCHOOL

Hi everyone

Recent appointments

Congratulations and welcome to the following who have joined the staff in the School of Health Sciences in the last few weeks: Dr Michelle McDonnell (Lecturer Physiotherapy: Rehabilitation); Claire Baldwin (Lecturer Physiotherapy: Acute Care FTE 0.7); Dr Ashleigh Smith (Post-Doctoral Research Fellow, Exercise, Health and Human Performance research group), Linda Dirkzwager (Lecturer Occupational Therapy); Rebecca Stanley (Research Assistant, Cancer Australia Grant, working with Jim Dollman) and Danny Camfferman (Full time Post-Doctoral Research Fellow, Body in Mind). Also, congratulations and welcome to Lauren Graham who will join the School in a few weeks as the first appointed full-time Lecturer in Clinical Exercise Physiology.

Staff Movements

There have been two significant staff movements in the last few weeks. As announced earlier by Professor Allan Evans, Dr Alison Coates has taken over from Professor Peter Howe as research ethics advisor (REA) in the Division of Health Sciences from January 2013. Thank you to Peter who has been an REA since the role was established in 2010. Research ethics advisors play a significant role in the Division, by providing ethics advice and assistance to researchers and reviewing E2-level applications (i.e. those research projects in which the only foreseeable risk is one of discomfort) with the Chair of the Human Research Ethics Committee. Peter has been an excellent REA in this capacity. He has also periodically brought together REAs from across the university to discuss and share their approaches to the role, and give talks to Honours and postgraduate students about ethics in research.

I am also delighted to announce that Mr Scott Polley has been appointed as the new Program Director for Human Movement, with immediate effect. Scott will work closely with Dr Maarten Immink (Program Director: Clinical Exercise Physiology) to ensure a smooth handover over the next few weeks and to prepare the foundations for some exciting initiatives and academic pathways within the Human Movement Program. Future developments of the Human Movement Program, in conjunction with the launch of the new Clinical Exercise Physiology Program and the 2012 ‘Excellence in Research for Australia’ (ERA) audit, which endorses the quality of Human Movement and Sports Science research at UniSA to be 4 .... “profile characterised by evidence of performance above world standard...”, sets the scene for further continued success and opportunities for students in the School of Health Sciences. Congratulations to both Alison and Scott on their appointments.

We say goodbye and thank you to Dianne Wilson, lecturer in physiotherapy who has chosen to retire. Dianne began clinical tutoring in the musculoskeletal area of the undergraduate program in physiotherapy in 1983, and since 1995 Dianne has been employed as a lecturer in both the undergraduate and post-graduate programs in musculoskeletal physiotherapy. We wish her every success for the future.

John Petkov

We were all very shocked and saddened by the passing of John Petkov. He was a good man who will be missed by all who had the pleasure and privilege of his friendship and mentorship. It is difficult to express the impact of this sad news. His good friend, Professor Tim Olds captures the sentiments on behalf of his friends, staff and students in the School of Health Sciences below.

Kind regards to all,
Professor Roger Eston

Kind regards to all,
In Memoriam: John Petkov 1951-2013

Staff and students of the School of Health Sciences were devastated to hear of the sudden death of their colleague, mentor and friend, Mr John Petkov, of a heart attack, on Tuesday 15 January. John was known to us all as a brilliant statistician who was infinitely generous in giving us his time, and infinitely patient in his explanations. Perhaps some will not know that he was also a gifted pianist and polymath who could discourse intelligently on just about any subject, from history to poetry. Over the years, John taught thousands of students and won many teaching awards. He salvaged the research projects of hundreds of doctoral and Honours students from statistical ruin with his patient and innovative mathematics. He collaborated on papers and research grants with dozens of staff.

In particular, John was a great friend of the Health and Use of Time Group. Doctoral students visited John in Mount Gambier to sit with him as he worked through their stats, and we have had the pleasure of John’s company at many dinners when he visited Adelaide. Accompanied by vast quantities of extremely good quality wine, John would regale us with stories of his background. A son of a minister in the last pre-war Bulgarian government, his parents escaped to Munich after the war, where his mother worked incognito as a chef for the American occupying forces. They emigrated to Australia in the early 1950s. John went on to study with the Jesuits, play Australian Rules, and start a medical degree before switching to maths.

Five members of the HUT represented the School and the University at John’s funeral in Mount Gambier on 24 January. John is survived by Sylvia, his wife of more than 30 years. Sylvia has requested that in memory of John, who was a great animal lover, donations be directed to the Guide Dogs Association of SA and the South East Animal Welfare League.

John’s death leaves a gap which will never be filled.

Professor Tim OLDS
BA(Hon) BAppSc PhD(Syd) PhD(UNSW)

Dr Grant Tomkinson and Mr John Petkov
STAFF NEWS AND APPOINTMENTS

- Congratulations to **Tim Sawyer** on his recent appointment as an Apple Distinguished Educator. Apple Australia has recognised Tim’s educational excellence and leadership and invited him to become an [Apple Distinguished Educator](https://www.apple.com/education/au/about). Apple Distinguished Educators are members of a select group of Education professionals around the world possessing an identified expertise in educational technology leadership. The ADE program seeks to recognize educators who integrate technology into the curricula and their learning environments in meaningful ways and enhance the professional development of these exemplary educators.

- Congratulations to **Professor Karen Grimmer**, **Dr Steve Milanese** and Jessica Stanhope (Honours Student) who were awarded a School of Health Sciences Conference Scholarship to present at the Australian Society of Performing Arts Healthcare Conferences, 1-2 December 2012, in Sydney. Presentation title ‘Investigation of the beliefs of university woodwind students regarding playing-related musculoskeletal disorders, using the Health Belief Model’.

- **Dr Kade Davison**, Lecturer in Human Movement, has been appointed as Chair of [Exercise and Sports Science Australia](https://essa.org.au)’s Exercise Science Implementation Group (ESIG) to assist ESSA and the profession in general to adopt and implement a professionally relevant definition of an Exercise Scientist. ESIG has been formed to advise the process of demonstration and assessment of the new ES standards for individuals and for academic programs. **Professor Roger Eston** has been appointed to the committee to represent the Heads of Schools of Exercise and Sports Science Programs.

- **Professor Roger Eston** has been appointed to the organising committee of the ESSA annual scientific conference to be held in Adelaide in 2014.

- **Namita Mehta** (Research Assistant with iCAHE) has been awarded an F1000Prime associate faculty member travel grant, to enable her to attend a scientific conference of her choice. F1000Prime is an in-depth directory to the top articles in biology and medicine, as recommended by a Faculty of over 5,000 expert scientists and clinical researchers, assisted by 5,000 associates. Each recommendation is accompanied by a critical appraisal and/or a summary of the article. The travel grant scheme was established by F1000 as a thank you for those who contribute six or more published evaluations to the F1000. In 2012 the F1000 Editorial Directors selected the winners from eligible associate faculty members based on the evaluations they judge to be most noteworthy.

- **Dr Richard McGrath** has recently been invited to join the SACOSS Healthy Workers Healthy Futures (HWHF) Reference Group. The HWHF initiative is an SA Health strategy funded by the Australian Government under the National Partnership Agreement on Preventive Health. The HWHF initiative is to support organisations – for SACOSS this will be in the non-government health and community services sector - to improve the health and productivity of staff. Other members of this Reference Group include Ross Womersley (SACOSS), Jane Mussared (ACH), Kathryn Knaggs (Community Living Project), Helen Connolly (SACOSS), Tony Ross (AC Care Mt Gambier) and Andrew Cockington (Uniting Care Wesley Country).
TEACHING AND LEARNING

DIVISION OF HEALTH SCIENCES – MOBILE HEALTH CLINIC

Jo Willis

The Division of Health Sciences have recently taken ownership of a Mobile Health Clinic which has now been branded for use across the Division.

The new Mobile Health Clinic can provide our students across the Division with endless opportunities to enhance their learning either through projects within their course/s or through additional work experience.

If you would like a tour of the new Division Mobile Health Clinic or have any questions or suggestions around use or activities for 2013, please contact Jo Willis via email jo.willis@unisa.edu.au or phone 8302 2887.
DIVISION OF HEALTH SCIENCES MOBILE HEALTH CLINIC – TOUR DOWN UNDER: PENNY HILL WINERY

Jo Willis

PhD students Gavin Tempest and Harrison Evans attended the Tour Down Under - Penny Hill Winery event on Saturday 26th January taking the Division of Health Sciences Mobile Health Clinic to its first event for the Division.

As part of their ongoing projects with the Exercise for Health and Human Performance research group they demonstrated how to measure metabolic data (breathing) to understand how hard people are working during exercise, and how we measure cerebral (brain) blood flow to understand the effects of exercise on brain activation. Gavin and Harrison discussed the impact of people's perception of exercise, looking at how hard and how good or bad the exercise feels, and the impact this may have upon whether people participate and adhere to exercise.

The set up looked impressive with laptops showing measurement and analysis of metabolic and blood flow data and a screen showing a slide show of their research group conducting their work.

If you would like to hear more about the research, please contact Harrison.evans@unisa.edu.au. If you would like to participate in a Mobile health Clinic activity, please contact jo.willis@unisa.edu.au
MOBILE ALLIED HEALTH CLINIC – TOUR DOWN UNDER

Jo Willis

Over 40 students across Podiatry, Physiotherapy, Health Sciences and Human Movement disciplines attended various session times over the 8 days at the Tour down Under.

Podiatry students were supervised by Dr Sara Jones, Hayley Uden and Ryan Causby while they gave advice on cycling footwear and cycling pain of the lower limb.

Physiotherapy students were supervised by Dr Maureen McEvoy and Dr Steve Milanese while they assisted participants with hamstring length testing, abdominal testing, individual stretch classes and massage.

Health Sciences students were supervised by Dr Caroline Adams, Dr Janette Young and Dr Richard McGrath while they conducted a study seeking to develop an understanding of mental health and wellbeing factors associated with tourism.

Human Movement students were supervised by Dr Carmel Nottle and Adam Hewitt while they assisted with health screening and aerobic and anaerobic capacity testing.

Thank you to all the staff and students involved, particularly those that gave up part of their Australia Day long weekend to participate.

If you are interested in participating at some of our future activities in April such as National Youth Week, Ride for Pain or Head of the River Regatta please contact me jo.willis@unisa.edu.au
SCHOOL TEACHING AND LEARNING COMMITTEE - PEER REVIEW OF COURSES AND TEACHING
Shylie Mackintosh, Jane Coffee, Brad Stenner and Cristina Blefari

Want to improve your teaching? Interested in teaching awards? Applying for Promotion?
Perhaps a peer review of your teaching can help you!

STALC are currently developing a Peer Review Evaluation Tool enabling feedback to be provided on all key aspects of Teaching and Learning. The introduction of this program is planned to occur for a limited number of courses during Study Period 5. The aim of the peer review tool will be to promote and enhance quality teaching and learning in our school, provide feedback that supports good practice and suggest areas for improvement. As a guide, the tool being developed will aim to evaluate broad categories such as Course Aims and Objectives, Curriculum Design, Resources (including online), Assessment and Teaching within the course. The review process will be implemented so that Course Coordinators can choose to have their entire course reviewed or alternatively select only particular aspects of a course or teaching for evaluation.

The feedback from the review process will be returned to the Course Coordinator which may be used for subsequent course delivery and may also be used by the staff member for promotion or staff appraisal process. Those that choose to have their courses reviewed can rest assured that it will be conducted in a professional and sensitive manner. To launch this exciting tool, we are currently seeking expressions of interest from Course Coordinators who would like a course (or an aspect of a course) to be reviewed in Study Period 5 this year. There will only be a limited number course reviews possible so please ensure you send your interest to the STALC Executive Officer, Gillian Carr via email Gillian.Carr@unisa.edu.au including the name of course and a brief description of which aspects of the course you would like reviewed.

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA PODIATRY CLINIC
Hayley Uden

Appointments for 2013 now available.

The Podiatry Clinic is a community based clinic available to the general public. A standard consultation with a podiatry student is only $10 and referrals are not required. We can help with foot complaints, including the following:

- Foot pain
- Corns/callus/warts
- Ingrown toenails
- Diabetes
- Orthotics/insoles
- Difficult nails

A special child specific clinic (0-18yrs) is also available and will be offering a free children’s foot assessment day on Saturday, 23 February by a team of podiatrists and students in a fun and relaxing environment.

To book in your child’s free assessment, or for a standard consultation, please call the Podiatry Clinic on 8302 2269.
RESEARCH NEWS

MYANMAR VISIT – JANUARY 2013

Associate Professor Susan Hillier

Representatives from the Schools of Pharmacy, Nursing and Health Sciences, University of South Australia were invited by the Ministry for Health in Myanmar to visit to discuss possible collaborations. Assoc Professors Bob Milne and Susan Hillier joined a wider team from the University of Adelaide and Flinders University to spend a week in Myanmar meeting firstly the Minister for Health and then to spend time with people from the Ministry and from the relevant universities and hospitals. A full report will be available for people interested but in summary there seems to be many possibilities for collaboration in order to help the people of Myanmar bring their health system into current standards of practice.

PainAdelaide 8th April 2013

If you are interested in pain and its treatment, don’t miss the opportunity to hear a quartet of international experts, from Oxford, King’s College, Leuven & Milan, and a host of Adelaide’s world class pain researchers. PainAdelaide is an interdisciplinary cross-institution collaborative initiative to develop a synergistic and highly-visible pain research community. Numbers are limited to 150 so register early by emailing tracy.jones@unisa.edu.au for a form.
iCAHE VISITING STATISTICIAN

Kate Beaton

iCAHE is currently hosting a visiting statistician from the University of the Philippines, Alvin Atlas, who has a physiotherapy and public health biostatistics background. Alvin has been consulting on a number of student and staff projects, which has helped answer a number of troubling questions. He is going to the Menzies Institute in Tasmania for 2 weeks in Feb to work with Professor Leigh Blizzard, the senior epidemiologist. Professor Blizzard is an Adjunct in the School of Health Sciences.

RESEARCH UPDATE – PhD INQUIRIES

Associate Professor Susan Hillier

Inquiries from potential PhD candidates arrive at the School in various ways. The most common is the gambit email from international origins that is sent randomly to almost every academic that is warm and upright in Australia. At the other end of the spectrum are very targeted inquiries directed appropriately to particular supervisors, from people who have done their homework around the requirements for a PhD and what they are needing in a supervisor. Graduate Studies, the Deans office and our School Office/RDC also receive a significant number.

Whatever the strength or merit of the inquiry we want to institute a consistent, transparent approach to the inquiries. To achieve this we are trialling a triage process where the clearly scattered inquiries are sent an email informing them of key processes they need to follow if they are serious (including a polite look at the areas of research in our school). This should weed out the budding molecular scientists looking to cure cancer. If they respond and are in the ball park of research in the school, we will post their details on a website accessible to staff in the School. We are investigating ways of sending alerts. (Please see screen shot below to assist with setting up an alert when a new item is added to the Sharepoint site PhD Inquiries). But at its most basic we would expect anyone interested and able to supervise to keep an eye on the site. In the future we will try to code the postings with key words that we are pulling out of your responses to the School research register.

From this site it will then be up to individuals to contact the inquirer (and cc us in).

So if you receive an inquiry please direct them to the HLS Research Health.Research@unisa.edu.au email address. If you are interested then please remember it is best to make a time to discuss a potential applicant with me to ensure the application is as strong as possible (particularly if a scholarship is being considered).
RESEARCH GRANTS / FUNDING

- Congratulations to Rachel Wong, who was recently awarded a payment under the School Student Publication Incentive Scheme for her publication “Chronic consumption of a wild green oat extract (Neuravena) improves brachial flow-mediated dilation and cerebrovascular responsiveness in older adults” which was published in Journal of Hypertension.

- Congratulations to Sjaan Gomersall, who was recently awarded a payment under the School Student Publication Incentive Scheme for her publication “Testing the activitystat hypotheses: a randomised controlled trial protocol” which was published in BMC Public Health.

WHS INNOVATIVE PRACTICE GRANT PROGRAM – JANUARY 2013 CALL

The main purpose of Work Health and Safety (WHS) Innovative Practice projects is to support South Australia’s Strategic Plan Target 21: A 50% reduction in workplace injury from 2012 to 2022, through the Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) Strategic Framework* for South Australia (the Framework), by undertaking projects aimed at preventing work-related injury and illness. The Framework is available on the ‘WHS / SafeWork SA Grant Programs’ page of the SafeWork SA website www.safework.sa.gov.au.

Funding
$130,000 of funding is available each financial year for new projects under the WHS Innovative Practice Grant Program. The funding requested for a single project cannot be more than $50,000.

Duration
An innovative practice project should be completed within one year.

The Application Process
The call for applications for innovative practice grants opens on Monday, 7 January 2013. The call closes on Friday, 22 February 2013. Below are the priorities listed in the Framework.

Priorities
- Reduce high incidence/severity risks
- Improve the capacity of workplace partners, stakeholders, government and community to manage OHS effectively to improve and influence outcomes
- Prevent occupational disease more effectively
- Eliminate hazards at the design stage
- Protect young and new workers

Our Priority Industries
- Construction
- Transport and storage
- Manufacturing
- Community services
- Agriculture, forestry and fishing
- Wholesale and retail trade
- Recreational, personal and other services
- Finance, property and business services

Our Priority Risks
- Body stressing
- Falls, trips and slips of a person
- Being hit by moving objects
- Hitting objects with a part of the body
ALPORT FOUNDATION OF AUSTRALIA

The Alport Foundation of Australia invites applications for its funding for research awards. These are for Australian researchers to support all areas of research relevant to Alport syndrome and related disorders. Projects must meet the objectives of the foundation, which are:

- to support Australian patients with Alport syndrome and their families;
- to support quality research which provides a better outcome for those with Alport syndrome and their families;
- to raise awareness of Alport syndrome in Australia.

Funding
Funding is available for projects undertaken in Australia and grants are worth up to AU$20,000. The scheme is exempt from university indirect costs. [http://www.alport.org.au/HOME.html](http://www.alport.org.au/HOME.html)

Applications close 31st March 2013

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Applied Research Program

DVA’s Applied Research Program (ARP) commissions research that contributes to the development of improved policies and service delivery, and/or enables the Department to better identify the health and wellbeing needs of the veteran community.

The next ARP funding round will open on 1st February 2013 and close on 1st March 2013. Research outlines received for any individual ARP Round may not be considered to be fully developed and ready for submission in that round. Advice about next steps will be provided if this is the case.

Suitable proposals will address one or more of DVA’s research priorities which are detailed in the Information Sheet. Preference may be given to proposals that also address one of the listed Specific Topics of Interest.

The ARP is not a grant scheme. It is an applied research program where the research must have a direct use to DVA policy or service delivery.

DFEEST – Premiers Research and Industry Fund - Collaboration Pathways Program

This program facilitates connections between the public and private sectors, encourages cross-sector interaction to develop innovative, high quality, collaborative research activities that improve efficiency in the use of intellectual capacity and the pooling of knowledge, expertise and resources.

Funding for the Collaboration Pathways Program is open to all South Australian-based public or private research, educational organisations to support both established and early stage South Australian-based collaborations that undertake leading-edge and potentially transformational research and development which directly aligns with, and addresses the State’s strategic priorities.

Two funding categories are available:
Category 1 – Collaborations-in-Development

This category provides financial support to organisations that may be pursing funding from the Commonwealth Government for a collaborative venture which is at an early stage of its development. This can include business case or proposal for a collaborative program or Centre.
Category 2 – Leveraging Support

This category provides financial support for established South Australian collaborations where State Government support can demonstrate increased ability to leverage funding from a specific Commonwealth funding program, for example the Australian Research Council (ARC) Centre of Excellence, ARC Industrial Transformation Research Hubs, National Health and Medical Research Council Centres of Research Excellence.

PRIF will provide up to $100,000 per annum for a maximum of three years, subject to annual review of performance against agreed objectives.

Applications can be submitted throughout the year.

Application received prior to 8 March 2013 will be considered for the current financial year. Those received after this date will be considered in the 2013/14 financial year.

Cooperative Research Centre Assistance Program

The Cooperative Research Centre (CRC) Program was established in 1990 as an industry-led, collaborative medium to long-term research program. To date, the Federal Government has committed more than $3.4 billion.

Under the Collaboration Pathways Program, the CRC assistance program aims to optimise the strategic benefits of CRCs to the State, adopt a consistent approach to merit based assessment and minimise administrative effort throughout government.

DFEEST will provide up to three years of funding at the following rates:

- $100,000 for a CRC node located in South Australia
- $200,000 for a CRC headquarters located in South Australia

DFEEST funding under this program is aligned to the Commonwealth CRC Program and it is anticipated the following dates will apply.

The application closing date is 5 April 2013
   2 year IF = 0.512; (67/85 Sport Sciences).
   Abstract

   Impact Factor not available
   Abstract

   5 year IF = 3.79; 2 year IF = 4.144; (4/85 Sport Sciences).
   Abstract

   5 year IF = 2.772; 2 year IF = 2.664 (Not listed in Web of Science).
   Abstract

   5 year IF = 5.77; 2 year IF = 5.155 (1/85 Sport Sciences).
   Abstract

   Impact Factor / Abstract not available.

   5 year IF = N/A; 2 year IF = 1.152 (15/33 Education: Scientific Disciplines).
   Abstract

   2 Year IF = 2.123, 5 Year IF = 2.693 (21/85 Sports Science; 17/65 Orthopedics) ERA Rating = A
   Abstract

   2 Year IF = 1.6.92, 5 Year IF = N/A (Journal Ranking not available)
   Abstract

    2 Year IF = 1.428, 5 Year IF = 1.586 (Journal Ranking not available)
    Abstract

    Impact Factor Not Available
    Abstract
12. Walters, J., Crockett, A., McDonald D. Does my patient have chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) and does it matter? *Medicine Today* 2013; 14(2): 32-40
Impact Factor / Abstract not available.

Impact Factor 0.677
Abstract

**PRESENTATIONS / UPCOMING CONFERENCES**

- **Professor Karen Grimmer** travelled to Japan in November to give invited lectures on Evidence Based Practice and iCAHE activities to students and staff at Tokyo Metropolitan Institute of Gerontology, Tokyo Koka University and Heisei Teikyo University. Over the course of the month, Karen also worked with UniSA alumni Dr Bebet Gonzalez-Suarez and Dr Janine Dizon in Manila on the next phase of the implementation program of Filipino-contextualised guidelines for stroke and low back pain, including giving workshops, writing protocols and developing audit tools. Karen then visited allied health schools at the Californian Baptist University in Riverside, Loma Linda University Ontario and the University of California (San Francisco campus) to discuss possibilities for linkages regarding Allied Health Evidence-Based Practice and teaching.

- **Dr Coralie English** has been invited to be a Keynote speaker at the South Australian Rehabilitation Research Forum, Friday March 15th, Adelaide (sponsored by SA Health Statewide Rehabilitation Clinical Network) and the National Keynote speaker at the Australian Physiotherapy Association Conference Week (Neurology Stream), 17 – 19 October, Coralie has also been invited to Melbourne to contribute to a workshop at Smartstrokes 2013 (22-23 August, Brisbane).

- **Associate Professor Susan Hillier** was invited to give the first “Prestige Lecture” for 2013 at the School of Health Science, University of Canterbury, New Zealand on 22 January 2013.

- **Dr Kade Davison** travelled to Boston in December to present a seminar on the Cardiometabolic Effects of Cocoa Flavanols to the USDA Human Nutrition Research Centre on Aging at Tufts University. He also met with Professor Jeff Blumberg, Head of the Antioxidant Research Group, about potential collaboration with NPRC on future research and took part in a roundtable forum of international postdoc researchers on future directions of exercise and nutrient interventions on health. While in the US Kade also established ongoing links with Exercise Scientists at NYU and Harvard Athletic Departments and a number of health service delivery centres in New York City and Boston.

- **Dr Grant Tomkinson** was recently invited to deliver a Lecture at the Cooper Aerobics Institute in Dallas, Texas, USA, 10 December 2012. Grant gave a presentation entitled “Has there been a decline in children’s ability to perform long-duration exercise in recent decades?” He also delivered this presentation for staff and post-graduate students at the University of Houston, St Mary’s University and the University of the Incarnate Word, as well as ran a fitness practical session for students at L.V. Hightower High School in Missouri City, Texas.
OT AUSTRALIA SA STATE CONFERENCE AND COUNTRY FORUM (OCTOBER 2012)

Hugh Stewart

150 people attended the State OT conference in Murray Bridge for 2 days of learning and networking. UniSA staff members have always played a big role in the conference organisation and this year was no exception. Mandy Seyfang was the Conference Chairperson, and Angela Berndt (chair of the SA division of OT Australia), Hugh Stewart and 3 students were on the committee, and 9 of the 36 papers presented were from UniSA staff and students. This conference was remarkable in that it had a strong commitment to fun as well as learning and the organisers received overwhelming feedback about the warmth, the fun and the engaged tone of the event. Canoeing, group singing, TaiChi, jigsaw puzzles, photo booth, and an unforgettable dinner at Monarto Zoo including a visit to the giraffes, all contributed to make the two days a wonderful experience.

The keynote speaker was an OT from Chile, who presented on her work with people with chronic mental health issues and of their re-engagement in life. Memorable papers included a review of research into a program on sleep disorders for children with Autism, a play group for fussy eaters, and a workshop on treatment for hand injuries as a result of arthritis.

UniSA OT staff presented –

- a workshop called ‘Apps for OTs’ where people shared their use of smart phone and tablet technology in their workplace;
- a paper on the Early Years Learning Framework and its application to work with children;
- a paper on designing playgrounds to involve parents in play with their children, and
- a joint paper with Kobie Boshoff on collaborating with teachers;
- a live interview with a person who survived cancer;
- a paper on implementing the research findings on loneliness;
- a paper on parent-infant therapy for dysregulatory disorders.

Two honours students presented on their work

- prescribing motorised scooters;
- the evidence for the ‘brushing program.

THE JOANNA BRIGGS INSTITUTE SYMPOSIUM

“The heart and science of healthcare: translating, transferring, transforming’

Friday, 1 March 2013

Napier Building, Level 2, Room 209, North Terrace

To register - joan.ologhlin@adelaide.edu.au


INTERNATIONAL WOMEN’S DAY BREAKFAST – CELEBRATING 20 YEARS

Friday, 8 March 2013

Adelaide Convention Centre

For more information – please email adelaidbreakfast@unwomen.org.au or www.unwomen.org.au

DR DAVID SWANSON

Vice President (Program Development and Special Projects in the International Programs Unit (National Board of Medical Examiners, Philadelphia)

25 March 2013 (Flinders University)

Lecture – “Different alternatives of national assessment”

For more information - lambert.schuwirth@flinders.edu.au

12th NATIONAL STUDENT RURAL HEALTH CONFERENCE

“Strong Commitment. Bright Future”

7 – 10 April 2013

Adelaide Convention Centre

To register - http://nrha.org.au/12nrhc/

For more information - conference@ruralhealth.org.au
THE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES CONFERENCE
20-23 August 2013
Melbourne Convention Centre
For more information – www.themhs.org

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

DIVISION OF HEALTH SCIENCES – MARKETING TEAM
Michelle Tyndall (Senior Publications and Advertising Officer)

As part of the Division Marketing team, I have been invited to be the School of Health Sciences’ marketing contact. I am here to make it simpler for the School to directly access marketing services without the confusion of navigating the marketing services/teams across the University. My responsibilities will go further than just promoting the School; I’ll be acting as the first point of contact for all things marketing. Being part of the University wide marketing community means I’m well placed to advise you on all media, web, promotional and event opportunities that may arise throughout the year. I have also been asked to coordinate the roll out of the Division’s 2013 Marketing Plan in the School, where many of its programs will be a major focus this year in the Division’s marketing.

Since joining the Division of Health Sciences marketing team eighteen months ago, I have met and worked with many of you already, so I am really looking forward to working even closer with the School this year. My background in communications means I will be particularly interested if you hear of a student, graduate or staff member involved in something exciting. Those are the stories I love to see and welcome you to send through the details – it might be just the thing the Media team and I are looking for to inspire prospective students.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss any potential marketing opportunities, please feel free to visit me in P6-27, give me a call on 29945 or email michelle.tyndall@unisa.edu.au.

AN INVITATION TO PROVIDE FEEDBACK ON SUPERVISING@UNISA

Read on if you have participated in the one-day UniSA supervisor induction program Supervising@UniSA between 2009 to the present.

You are invited to participate in an anonymous survey seeking feedback on the longitudinal impacts of participation in the University of South Australia supervisor induction program Supervising@UniSA. While induction programs such as Supervising@UniSA are mandated by national codes of practice and individual universities in many parts of the world, there is very little research on the subject in the academic literature on doctoral education. Your response to this survey will be helpful in further developing and revising the content and structure of the Supervising@UniSA program at the University of South Australia. Your responses will also help contribute to knowledge about the significance of supervisor induction for the ongoing professional development of supervisory staff.

It is estimated that the survey should take between 10 and 15 minutes to complete. As specified, the survey is voluntary and anonymous. It is asked, however, that you complete the survey in one sitting. This is because the survey will not save or recall data if left incomplete.

Survey Access

1. To participate in the survey click the hyperlink Survey: the longitudinal impacts of Supervising@UniSA.
2. This hyperlink is also available on the Research Education Support Activities (RESA) Supervisor Development webpage.
3. Once you have clicked on the hyperlink, you will need to click the Login button on the top right hand of the page to commence the survey.
GLADYS ELPHICK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Value: $5,000 for the year (once-off payment)

Gladys Elphick MBE was a highly respected member of the local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community of South Australia. She was particularly active in the development of services in the areas of lobbying which culminated in the establishment of the first Aboriginal community controlled health service in the Adelaide region, which continues on today in the form of Nunkuwarrin Yunti of SA Inc. An anonymous donor has provided a bequest to the University of South Australia, School of Health Sciences, to allow a scholarship to be awarded in memory of Gladys Elphick. This bequest has been used to fund a scholarship in support of an Indigenous student undertaking studies within the school, to a total value of $5000. Applications for this Scholarship close 5pm, 31st March 2013

For extended criteria and application details, please contact: Raewyn Todd (Raewyn.todd@unisa.edu.au)
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (India)
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In December 2012 I was fortunate to receive the opportunity to travel to Malavli, India to participate in an International Development Program with the India Study Abroad Centre (http://indiastudyabroad.org/).

I spent three weeks travelling to numerous rural Non-Government Organisation’s that were involved in a range of activities from HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment to women empowerment. I was able to see firsthand how such organisations in the developing world run and the many struggles they attempt to overcome. The opportunity to be involved in such a program enabled me to draw on my previous study experiences at UniSA to help contribute to their goals and objectives. Overall, it was a fantastic experience that I would highly recommend to all. I feel I gained invaluable experience that I will be able to apply to any career I choose in the future.

A doctor working with a disabled child for corrective surgery. This child had TB as an infant and uses a plank of wood with two wheels to move.
Developing a Preventative Health Strategy in the Civil Construction Industry

The CCF SA and the School of Health Sciences at the University of South Australia have, for the past four months, been collaborating to develop a strategic plan that identifies a sustainable men's health programme that has the ability to evolve to meet the needs of our Members.

The primary focus of the project is in relation to drug and alcohol use within the civil construction industry. Research has shown that drug and alcohol abuse has a significant impact on overall health of employees as well as work productivity. The initial objective of the project was to develop a long-term strategy that could be implemented by CCF SA in collaboration with its Members in respect to addressing the issue of drug and alcohol use within the earthmoving and civil construction industry.

The research team was made up of six, year three Health Science students. The project involved an extensive literature review of relevant research surrounding the issue of workplace health as well as reviewing programs and strategies currently in place in Australia and overseas.

In addition, the team completed a survey with a sample of CCF SA Members to ascertain their views and perceptions to assist in the development and implementation of the strategy.

The students presented their final report in November at a formal ceremony at the University's City East Campus.

The CCF SA would like to thank Richard McGrath from the Uni SA's School of Health Sciences, the team of students that worked collaboratively on this research project and those Members that volunteered their time and thoughts.

The CCF SA is currently reviewing the findings & recommendations, and how future activity or programs may evolve from the initial project. One such event is an Information Session about the use and impact of cannabis and other drugs.

A free 2 hour session, Cannabis & Drug Use: Harm in the Workplace, will be presented by the National Cannabis Information and Prevention Centre. Delivered on February 12th, 2013 by Donna Bull Specialist Consultant – Alcohol & Other Drugs (NCIPC), the workshop will discuss the impact of cannabis and other drug use in the workplace and examine ways to appropriately respond to substance use incidents. Attendees will gain an understanding of issues such as work-related risk factors, organisational culture, the pros and cons of drug testing, and where to obtain information and support.

To book your place contact CCF SA on 08 8111 8000

Left to right: Simon Braithwaite, Emma Gale, Angela Favilla, Jessica Watts, Annie Galvin.