

Cooperative Research Centre for Aboriginal Health Bulletin – Monday 16 February 2009

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Job: Research Fellow at the University of Western Sydney, School of Medicine Ref No: 043/09

The School of Medicine is seeking an experienced researcher to work on a three-year NHMRC-funded research project that will explore factors influencing Indigenous health outcomes. The Research Fellow will coordinate a project team led by the UWS Professor of Population Health. The successful applicant will possess relevant postgraduate qualifications with demonstrated high level research experience, including the management and analysis of large administrative data sets. A proven ability to build successful relationships with project stakeholders at all levels is also required.

For full details on this position and how to apply, please visit the University of Western Sydney website: <<http://www.uws.edu.au/vacancies/>> Closing date: 18 February 2009.

Reducing Indigenous Imprisonment Forum: ANTaR Qld and the Bridge Network are seeking to establish a coalition of interested organisations and

individuals who want to reduce the shocking over-representation of Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders in Queensland prisons. As part of the coalition building process they invite all human rights and social justice supporters, and the associations or organisations with which you are connected, to a Forum on Saturday 28 February, in Brisbane. The Forum will be held in the Undumbi Room, Parliamentary Annexe, in Alice Street. Pre-registration by Thursday 19 February is essential. Cost: \$20 non Coalition-members / \$15 members / \$10 Concession. Contact email: office@antarqld.org.au; telephone 07 3844 9800; or mailing address 10/27 Cordelia Street, South Brisbane, Qld 4101.

2009 General Practice & Primary Health (GP&PHC) Care Research Conference: Driving Change

This conference will be held in Melbourne from 15–17 July 2009 at the Crown Promenade Hotel. Abstracts are now invited. Closing date is on 3 April 2009. For more information please see <http://www.phcris.org.au/conference/2009/index.php?promoid=210&stk=re>

Showcasing Australian primary health care research that can demonstrate tangible benefits to the community. PHC RIS is asking for outstanding examples of primary health care research to highlight in the next edition of its magazine *Snapshot*. This edition will be launched at the 2009 General Practice and Primary Health Care Research Conference. Submissions by 23 February 2009. Submissions template is available at <http://www.phcris.org.au/phcred/snapshot/>

International Collaborative Indigenous Health Research Partnership (ICIHRP) Grants UPDATE

ICIHRP Grants is a joint initiative of the NHMRC, the Health Research Council of New Zealand and the Canadian Institutes for Health Research. It supports research in the area of Indigenous peoples' health, with the aim of making a contribution to the reduction of chronic disease in Indigenous populations. The Request for Applications (FRA) will invite applications that have actively sought to engage community participation for research. Expressions of Interest will close on 11 April 2009. More details can be found at <http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/grants/apply/strategic/icihrp.htm>.

Indigenous Adolescent Health Meeting: Research now and into the future. The Centre for Early Origins of Health and Disease at the University of Adelaide and the Menzies School of Health Research are hosting a meeting in order to bring together researchers, providers and policy makers interested in the study of Indigenous adolescent health in Australia; to provide a forum to present research findings; to prioritise and map out opportunities for future research; and to provide an opportunity to develop research partnerships. Contributions to the program are welcomed. The meeting will be held on Sunday 19 April at the Darwin Convention Centre. For more program information and RSVP dates contact Alice Rumbold: alice.rumbold@menzies.edu.au. This is a satellite meeting to the 13th Annual Congress of the Perinatal Society of Australia and New Zealand. More information on the Congress available at <http://www.psanz.com.au/news-events/upcoming-conferences.aspx>.

CRCAH sponsorship to attend the PHAA Justice Health in Australia Conference to be held in Melbourne from 6–7 April 2009 REMINDER. For more information go to <http://www.crcah.org.au/communication/news.html#sfa>

10th National Rural Health Conference, Cairns, 17–20 May 2009.

The conference themes include conquering Indigenous disadvantage and bringing health equity to the people of rural and remote areas, resilience to political and environmental climates, consulting with communities, collaborating on health care teams and service models, and celebrating the sector. For more information, go to <http://10thnrhc.ruralhealth.org.au/>

Rural Health Education Foundation launches Indigenous programs and programming framework

The Rural Health Education Foundation yesterday launched two new television documentary programs that address and offer positive solutions to health issues for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youth – **Stay Strong** and **Strong and Deadly**. The Foundation also launched its new *Strategic Framework for Indigenous Programming 2008-2012*. For more information about the programs and/or the *Framework* go to <http://www.rhef.com.au/> or contact the Foundation on (02) 6232 5480.

International Society for Equity in Health (ISEqH) 5th International Conference in partnership with the Greek School of Public Health and the Canadian Society for International Health. To be held from 9–11 June in Crete, Greece. The meeting will bring together researchers, policy-makers, practitioners and others concerned with equity in health to develop and international health agenda for governments, universities and organisations all over the world. Its theme is ‘Social and Societal Influences on Equity in Health’. Abstract submission has closed (on 30 January), but if you are interested in more information, please email information@iseqh-conference2009.com

Measuring Health Workforce Inequalities: methods and applications 16–22 August, Durban, South Africa.

The World Health Organization's Department of Human Resources for Health (WHO/HRH), in collaboration with the International Statistical Institute (ISI), is inviting submissions of original statistical research results and/or experience focusing on the topic of ‘Measuring health workforce inequalities: methods and applications’. Selected submissions are to be presented at a Special Topic Meeting of the 57th Session of the ISI to be held in Durban, South Africa in August. Four travel awards are available. Closing date for abstracts and funding requests: 13 April 2009. More information available at [2009.http://www.who.int/hrh/events/2009/inequalities/en/index.html](http://www.who.int/hrh/events/2009/inequalities/en/index.html)

Publications:

Measuring the Social and Emotional Wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples, Cat. no. IHW 242009, Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, Canberra. This publication provides a picture of the social and emotional wellbeing of Indigenous Australians using data from the 2004-05 National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Survey (NATSIHS) and a range of administrative datasets. The report also assesses the interim module

that was developed to measure social and emotional wellbeing used in the 2004-05 NATSIHS, and makes a number of recommendations to improve measures of social and emotional wellbeing. Available at <http://www.aihw.gov.au/publications/index.cfm/title/10685>

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