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MINISTERIAL APPOINTMENTS FOR INDIGENOUS WOMEN

The Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs maintains a database of highly qualified professionals interested in Ministerial appointment to positions on boards and committees under its portfolio. The Interested Persons Register is used to provide the Minister with a selection of candidates for consideration as vacancies arise. The Australian Government is now calling for expressions of interest from Indigenous women to be placed in this register with the intention to increase the number of Indigenous women in representative and leadership positions on key boards and committees. Download a Candidate Information Kit from <www.fahcsia.gov.au>. For further information, T: 1300 883 460 or E: <ijpr@fahcsia.gov.au>. Applications close on Friday 28 May 2010.

LOWITJA INSTITUTE WEBSITE AND e-BULLETIN DISTRIBUTION

Please look at our updated website at <www.lowitja.org.au/> containing staff contact details, Congress Lowitja presentations, news and events, and publications as well as the CRAH website archive (the CRAH website will be taken offline and redirected to the Lowitja Institute website midyear). This e-

Bulletin will be available in PDF format at www.lowitja.org.au/newsletters. If you have queries, please contact Johanna Monk, E: monkj@unimelb.edu.au.

CONFERENCES

The inaugural National Indigenous Policy and Dialogue Conference 'Indigenous Policy and Dialogue: New Relationships, New Possibilities', in Sydney, 18–19 November. The conference will be hosted by the Indigenous Policy and Dialogue Research Unit at the University of New South Wales. The Unit is engaged in a nation building research agenda to support the work of the Australian Dialogue in developing new narratives, institutions, practices, philosophies and opportunities for a more just and inclusive Australia, where Indigenous rights and interests are at the centre of Australian nationhood and embedded in the institutional fabric of the country. For more information: <http://nipdc.arts.unsw.edu.au/> or E: nipdc@unsw.edu.au.

2010 'Are You Remotely Interested?' Conference, in Mount Isa, Qld, 20–22 August. This event aims to bring together people involved in all aspects of health in remote Australia with a particular focus on clinical practice in remote areas; population health including Indigenous health; workforce supply, education and training; and research outcomes such as innovation in health service delivery: <http://micrrh.jcu.edu.au/conferences-workshops/2010-remotely-interested/>.

Just a reminder that applications for the **Australasian Evaluation Society (AES) International Conference 2010** support grants close on 4 June: <http://www.aesconference2010.org.nz/drupal/node/41>.

Financial Assistance to Attend the Healing Our Spirit Conference to be held in Hawaii, on 3–10 September 2010. The Lowitja Institute invites Indigenous researchers involved in Lowitja Institute and CRCATSIH research to apply for financial assistance to attend this conference. Applications close on 26 May: <http://www.lowitja.org.au/announcements/crcatsih-funding-healing-our-spirit-worldwide-conference>.

The Pacific Region Indigenous Doctors Congress 2010 'Sharing Our Stories: Building Strength through the Circle of Knowledge Translation', in Whistler, British Columbia, Canada, 26–29 August, 2010, hosted by the Indigenous Physicians Association of Canada: <http://www.pridoc.org/>

JOBS

Research Officer: Trust in Research Practice, in Melbourne, 0.6 fixed-term (2.5 years). Trust in Research Practice is funded by an Australian Research Council Discovery Project grant examining the role of trust in human research ethics practice. The Chief Investigators A/Prof. Marilys Guillemin, A/Prof. Lynn

Gillam, Prof. Doreen Rosenthal and Paul Stewart, Melbourne School of Population Health. This qualitative research project will examine the role of trust from the perspective of researchers and research participants. Position 0023885 description: <<http://www.jobs.unimelb.edu.au/>>. Closing date: 30 May 2010.

MEDIA

Australia Tops World in Child Pneumonia, by Danny Rose, AAP, 16 May 2010, Sydney Morning Herald. 'Indigenous communities in central Australia have ranked the worst in the world for rates of severe pneumonia among young children. Dr Kerry-Ann O'Grady, from the Darwin-based Menzies School of Health Research, studied communities in central NT and found the "highest incidence" of pneumonia ever detected using methods set by the World Health Organization (WHO)...': <<http://news.smh.com.au/breaking-news-national/australia-tops-world-in-child-pneumonia-20100516-v5yd.html>>.

Eye Testing Boost for Indigenous Communities, ABC News, 17 May: Optometrists will be sent to remote Aboriginal communities under a \$6.5 million federal program. A report from Melbourne University has found substantial problems with Indigenous eye health care. It says Indigenous Australians are six times more likely than other Australians to be blind. More than one-third of Indigenous adults have never had an eye examination...': <<http://www.abc.net.au/news/stories/2010/05/17/2901232.htm>>.

PUBLICATIONS

Medical Journal of Australia, volume 192, issue 10:

'After the Intervention. Health impacts of the Northern Territory intervention – Editorial', P. O'Mara, pp. 546–8:
<http://www.mja.com.au/public/issues/192_10_170510/oma10307_fm.html>.

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'Impact of Income Management on Store Sales in the Northern Territory', J K Brimblecombe, J. McDonnell, A. Barnes et al., pp. 549–54:
<http://www.mja.com.au/public/issues/192_10_170510/bri10090_fm.html>.

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Ross Ingram Memorial Essay Competition: **'Healing Our Communities, Healing Ourselves'**, J. Harrison, pp. 556–7:
<http://www.mja.com.au/public/issues/192_10_170510/har10069_fm.html>.

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'Clinical Oral Health Outcomes in Young Australian Aboriginal Adults Compared with National-level Counterparts', L. M. Jamieson, S. M Sayers & K. F. Roberts-Thomson, pp. 558–61.
<http://www.mja.com.au/public/issues/192_10_170510/jam10356_fm.html>.

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'Incidence of Type 2 Diabetes in Two Indigenous Australian Populations: A 6-year follow-up study', R. A. McDermott, M. Li & S. K. Campbell, pp. 562–5.
<http://www.mja.com.au/public/issues/192_10_170510/mcd11163_fm.html>.

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'Two Nations: Racial disparities in bloodstream infections recorded at Alice Springs Hospital, Central Australia, 2001–2005', L. J. Einsiedel & R. J. Woodman, pp. 567–71:
<http://www.mja.com.au/public/issues/192_10_170510/ein10732_fm.html>.

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'An Education Intervention for Childhood Asthma by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Workers: A randomised controlled trial', P. C. Valery, I. B. Masters, B. Taylo et al., pp. 574–9:
<http://www.mja.com.au/public/issues/192_10_170510/val11325_fm.html>.

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'Acute Rheumatic Fever in Indigenous People in North Queensland: Some good news at last?', J. N. Hanna & M. F. Clark, pp. 581–4:
<http://www.mja.com.au/public/issues/192_10_170510/han10150_fm.html>.

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'Hospitalisation of Indigenous Children in the Northern Territory for Lower Respiratory Illness in the First Year of Life', K-A. F. O'Grady, P. J. Torzillo & A. B. Chang, pp. 586–90:
<http://www.mja.com.au/public/issues/192_10_170510/ogr10736_fm.html>.

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'Rates of Radiologically Confirmed Pneumonia as Defined by the World Health Organization in Northern Territory Indigenous Children', K-A. F. O'Grady, D. M. Taylor-Thomson, A. B. Chang et al., pp. 592–5:
<http://www.mja.com.au/public/issues/192_10_170510/ogr10852_fm.html>.

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'Assessing the Quality of Maternal Health Care in Indigenous Primary Care Services – Letter', A. R. Rumbold, R. S. Bailie, D. Si et al., pp. 597–8:
<http://www.mja.com.au/public/issues/192_10_170510/rum11095_fm.html>.

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'Enduring Dilemmas of Indigenous health – Editorial', E. E. Kowal & Y. C. Paradies, pp. 599–600:
<http://www.mja.com.au/public/issues/192_10_170510/kow10342_fm.html>

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'Emerging Themes in Aboriginal Child and Adolescent Mental Health: Findings from a qualitative study in Sydney, New South Wales', A. B. Williamson, B. Raphael, S. Redman et al., pp. 603–05.
<http://www.mja.com.au/public/issues/192_10_170510/wil10001_fm.html>.

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'Doing more to Improve Indigenous Health: The new NHMRC Road Map – Editorial', W. P. Anderson, pp. 610–11:
<http://www.mja.com.au/public/issues/192_10_170510/and10143_fm.html>.

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‘Strategies for Increasing High-quality Intervention Research in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health: Views of leading researchers’, J. M. Stewart, R. W. Sanson-Fisher, S. J Eades et al., pp. 612–15: <http://www.mja.com.au/public/issues/192_10_170510/ste11519_fm.html>.

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‘Disproportionate Impact of Pandemic (H1N1) 2009 Influenza on Indigenous People in the Top End of Australia’s Northern Territory’, S. M. Flint, J. S. Davis, J-Y. Su et al., pp. 617–22: <http://www.mja.com.au/public/issues/192_10_170510/fli10103_fm.html>.

World Health Statistics 2010, WHO – World Health Organization - May 10, 2010. Available <<http://www.who.int/whosis/whostat/2010/en/index.html>>.

‘A Population Study on Indigenous Hospitalisations for Interpersonal Violence’, L. B. Meuleners, A. H. Lee, D. Hendrie, M. Fraser, *Australian Health Review*, 2010, vol. 34, no. 1, pp. 123–6: <<http://www.publish.csiro.au/index.cfm?paper=AH09666>>.

Through APO:

Population Characteristics, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians, 2006 (Reissue), Australian Bureau of Statistics:

<<http://www.apo.org.au/research/population-characteristics-aboriginal-and-torres-strait-islander-australians-2006-reissue>>.

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Indigenous Temporary Mobilities and Service Delivery in Regional Service Centres, S. Prout & M. Yap, Centre for Aboriginal Economic Policy Research:

<<http://www.apo.org.au/research/indigenous-temporary-mobilities-and-service-delivery-regional-service-centres>>.

RESOURCES AND WEBSITES

The Lowitja Institute News and Events page:

<<http://www.lowitja.org.au/announcements/crcatsih-funding-healing-our-spirit-worldwide-conference>>.

Live Strong: Closing the Gap on Chronic Disease DVD by the Rural Health Education Foundation. It emphasises the need for a comprehensive approach to the prevention, treatment and management of chronic disease. It also looks at Indigenous concepts of health and explores how these might shape more effective intervention programs. The program showcases some of the particular projects that are making a difference. To order this free DVD:

<<http://www.rhef.com.au/>>, or T: 02 6232 5480, or E: <support@rhef.com.au>.

For more information: <http://www.rhef.com.au/programs/program-1/?program_id=426>.

Go to the HealthBulletin <http://healthbulletin.org.au/> and click on 'Links to Australian Government Budget 2010-11: information of relevance to Indigenous health'.

SCHOLARSHIPS, AWARDS, FUNDING, GRANTS & TENDERS

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Funding to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Well Women Workshop: Breast awareness and early detection. The National Breast and Ovarian Cancer Centre will be offering grant funding to support organisations to run a Well Women Workshop. Successful applicants will receive resources to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health workers and non-Indigenous health workers to promote and encourage breast awareness and early detection of breast cancer in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women at local community locations: <<http://nbocc.org.au/breast-cancer/about-breast-cancer/aboriginal-and-torres-strait-islander-health-professionals>>. Applications close 25 June.

SEMINARS, COURSES AND SYMPOSIA

Issues in Indigenous Health Research, in Darwin, 19–22 July 2010, offered by the Menzies School of Health Research. **Indigenous people seeking assistance with airfares: please contact Catherine Richardson, T: 08 8922 7873, F: 08 8927 5187.** This course will be co-facilitated by Robyn Williams and Paul Stewart. Robyn's fields of include cross-cultural curriculum development and program implementation, evaluation of community-based programs and qualitative research in Indigenous issues. Paul Stewart is a Taungurong man from Central Victoria whose research focuses on health research methodologies and ethics in Aboriginal Communities. Flyer and registration form: <<http://www.menzies.edu.au/education-and-training/short-courses/workshops>>.

Indigenous Entry Stream, Graduate Entry Medical Program in the Northern Territory (NTMP). Applicants must have completed or be in the final year of an undergraduate (Bachelors) degree and priority is given to applicants who meet the NT residence requirements. For more information and application forms: <<http://www.flinders.edu.au/medicine/sites/medical-course/domestic-applicants/indigenous-applicants.cfm>>. For guidance in completing the application, please contact Dr Della Yarnold, T: 08 8922 8043, E: <della.yarnold@flinders.edu.au>. Applications close 11 June 2010.

Menzies inaugural research skills training fortnight, in Darwin, from 30 August to 9 September 2010, offered by the Menzies School of Health Research. Please find attached a program flyer outlining the sessions on offer and the speakers and a registration form. This course is fully optionable: register by the day, week or for the whole fortnight. More information is available at: <<http://www.menzies.edu.au/education-and-training/short-courses/workshops/research-skills-training>>. Direct queries and registration forms to <Kalotina.Halkitis@menzies.edu.au>.

Seminar: **Chomping into Reform: Improving the Delivery of Oral and Dental Health**, in Melbourne, on 3–4 June 2010. This seminar will include presentations from key public sector figures in dental care, summarising the Australian Healthcare and Hospitals Association recommendations and future implementation of major oral health reform. For more information: <http://www.changechampions.com.au/seminar/chomping-into-reform-improving-the-delivery-of-oral-and-dental-health_53>.

Indigenous Health Forum, in Sydney, on Tuesday 1 June, presented by the Sydney University Medical Society. This year's theme is "Breaking the Barriers" with guest speakers from AIDA, AIME, POCHÉ centre, Filling the Gap and others. RSVP to the Indigenous Health Officer at <<http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=117574121613174>>.

and REMINDERS

4th International Indigenous Traditional Knowledge Conference 'Kei muri i te awe kapara he tangata ke – Behind the tattooed face a stranger stands: Recognising, engaging, understanding difference', Auckland NZ, 6–9 June: <http://www.traditionalknowledge2010.ac.nz>.

Inaugural National Indigenous Drug & Alcohol Conference (NIDAC 2010) 'Listening, Learning and Leading', Adelaide, 16–18 June: <<http://www.nidaconference.com.au/>>.

Australia's Health 2010 Conference, Canberra, 23 June 2010: <<http://www.aihw.gov.au/eventsdiary/index.cfm#ah10>>.

2010 PHC Research Conference (formerly GP & PHC Research Conference) Primary health care research and health reform: Improving care, Darwin, 30 June–2 July: <www.phcris.org.au/conference/2010>.

Aboriginal Health Conference, in Perth, 3–4 July 2010, Rural Health West: <http://www.healthinfonet.ecu.edu.au/health_resources/conferences?cid=414>.

SNAICC National Conference: For Our Children – Ampe Anwernekenheke, in Alice Springs, 27–29 July 2010. Registrations are now open; early bird rates

available until 31 May: <www.snaicc.asn.au/policy/conference> or Ian Sweeney, T: 03 9489 8099.

9th World Indigenous Women and Wellness Conference, hosted by the Larrakia Nation Aboriginal Corporation, Darwin, 22–25 August. More information from Jodie Farrow, Danila Dilba HS, E: <jodie.farrow@daniladilba.org.au>, T: 08 89435100, F: 08 89435101, W: <www.daniladilba.org.au>.

Australasian Evaluation Society (AES) International Conference ‘Reflecting on Evaluation’, Wellington NZ, 30 August–3 September, conference grants for emerging Indigenous evaluators are available (closing 4 June):

<<http://www.aesconference2010.org.nz/drupal/node/41>>.

British Sociological Association Medical Sociology Group Annual Conference 2010, Durham University, UK, 1–3 September 2010:

<www.britsoc.co.uk/events/medsoc> and <bsamedsoc@britsoc.org.uk>.

Participatory Action Research and Action Learning: Appreciating our Pasts, Comprehending our Presents, Prefiguring our Futures: 2010 Action Research World Congress, Melbourne, 6–9 Sept. 2010:

<<http://www.alara.net.au/worldcongress/2010/objectives>>.

14th Chronic Diseases Network (CDN) Conference – ‘Health Literacy: Opening doors to health and wellbeing’, Darwin, 9–10 September. More information T: (08) 8922 8280, E: <chronicdiseasesnetwork@nt.gov.au>.

ARMS 2010 Australasian Research Management Society, 12th Annual Conference, in Freemantle WA, 22–24 September:

<<http://www.promaco.com.au/2010/arms/index.htm>>.

2nd Australian Rural and Remote Mental Health Symposium, Canberra, 20–30 September: <<http://www.anzmmh.asn.au/RMH10/Default.ASP>>.

The Sixth World Conference on the Promotion of Mental Health and Prevention of Mental and Behavioral Disorders, in Washington DC, 17–19 November 2010: <<http://wmhconf2010.hhd.org>>.

Australasian Professional Society on Alcohol and other Drugs (APSAD) 2010 Conference, Canberra, on 28 November–1 December:

<<http://www.apsadconference.com.au/program/call-for-abstracts/>>;

Archives of the CRCIAH and the new CRCATSIH e-Bulletin are available at <<http://www.lowitja.org.au/newsletters>>. If you have difficulties opening any links, contact <cliley@unimelb.edu.au>.