**Flinders Professor elected as President of International Association**

At the recent International Conference of Legal Ethics, held at City University Law School, London, Professor Kim Economides, Dean, Flinders Law School, was elected President of the International Association of Legal Ethics (IAOLE). He takes over from the inaugural President, Professor Deborah Rhode of Stanford Law School.

**Members of the IAOLE Board**

During the 2010 International Legal Ethics Conference it was overwhelmingly agreed by the conference attendees that a new association be created. Professor Rhode was elected as the first president. Membership is free to join the association and they aim to promote teaching, research, vocational training programs, and policy initiatives concerning legal ethics.

The Officers and Directors of the Association draw from universities in Germany, Australia, New Zealand, the United Kingdom, Canada and the United States of America.

**Professor Economides,** with Mr Mark Rankin, Flinders Law School, co-hosted the Australia New Zealand Legal Ethics Colloquium (ANZLEC 4) at Flinders in the City in November last year.

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**News from the RSO**

**ERA 2015 Update**

Dr Ula Alexander has joined the Research Services Office as the ERA Project Officer. She will be in the office from Wednesday to Friday each week.

Preparations for the 2015 Excellence in Research for Australia (ERA) submission are progressing well. Thank you to staff for entering their publications into RePortal so far. Over the coming weeks academic staff members will be contacted via email to provide information on Applied and Esteem Measures which are also part of the submission. The Research Services Office encourages staff to help with providing this information for a timely preparation of the overall ERA submission.

**Arc Linkage Presentations Now Available**

The presentations from the recent ARC Linkage workshop are now available on the Research Services Office Past Presentations page. A FAN and password are required to access the page.

**Research Integrity and the Australian Code for the Responsible Conduct of Research**

**Dr Peter Wigley,** Manager, Research Ethics and Integrity - Research Service Office, will present on the Australian Code for the Responsible Conduct of Research for central university staff and any other interested staff and students. For further information on this seminar, see the Seminars, Conferences and Workshops section on page 4.
FLINDERS ENGINEER LEADS ASIA MISSION

Distinguished Australian biomedical engineer Professor Karen Reynolds, Medical Device Research Institute (MDRI) will lead a group mission to Singapore at the end of this month to broaden Flinders University’s international research and development horizons. Professor Reynolds – who was named a finalist in the recent Women in Innovation Awards SA – will lead the Flinders delegation in the Australian Future Unlimited Research Mission 2014: Medical Technology and Devices, from September 30 to October 2.

Facilitated by the Australian Trade Commission (Austrade), Flinders is one of five Australian universities participating in the mission and the only university to represent South Australia. Professor Reynolds said the aim for Flinders is to strengthen existing relationships and form new collaborations with Singapore research institutions. She said the University is also interested in exploring cotutelle PhDs with several Singapore universities and building commercial links with business and industry.

“The main purpose of the Austrade mission is to showcase innovative Australian research in the high-tech field of medical devices; to highlight opportunities for new and enhanced research collaborations; and to facilitate connections between Australian and Singapore researchers,” Professor Reynolds said.

“The ultimate aim is to transform the research partnerships that emerge from the mission into commercial technologies that bring benefits to industry, governments and end-users. As a world leader in the development of medical devices, it’s only fitting that Flinders has been invited to show to Singapore our strengths in this area.”

Members of the Flinders delegation are Professor Mark Taylor, Strategic Professor in Biomedical Engineering, Professor John Arkwright, South Australian Premier’s Professorial Research Fellow in Biomedical Engineering, and Carmela Sergi, Manager of the MDRI.

NEW MANUAL TO IMPROVE GENERAL PRACTICE PATIENT SAFETY

A world-first patient safety manual is being developed to improve safety in Australian general practices. The Greater Green Triangle University Department of Rural Health Centre for Research Excellence (GGT UDRH CRE) is developing the manual, which aims to create a systematic approach to detect errors and incidents, and provide data to track problems and make improvements.

Researcher and Adelaide hills based GP, Dr Mark Morgan, said there were more than 700,000 avoidable hospital admissions each year in Australia. “This number could be reduced by fewer medication errors, particularly with frail and elderly people, improved communication between general practitioners and the wider health care community, and improved recording systems,” Dr Morgan said.

The manual will be used by the Australian Primary Care Collaboratives Program run by Improvement Foundation Australia and supported by Medicare Locals. For the first time in Australia, up to 100 participating clinics will engage in open and systematic identification of internal safety incidents, with the aim of developing and sharing solutions to reduce patient harm. “The Collaboratives Program is an effective way for practices to be supported to incrementally improve quality of patient care with monthly monitoring of outcomes and quarterly meetings to exchange ideas,” Dr Morgan said.

The research is one of 14 projects featured in the Snapshot booklet showcasing primary care research in Australia. The Snapshot was launched by Minister for Health at the Primary Healthcare Research conference in Canberra. The research team included Dr Mark Morgan, Dr Amr Abou Elnour, Dr Paresh Dawda, Professor James Dunbar and Dr Dale Ford, from Improvement Foundation Australia. The GGT UDRH is funded by the Australian Government Department of Health and is a partnership between Flinders and Deakin Universities.

A NEW JOURNEY WITH THE MAGGIE BEER FOUNDATION

A new partnership between Flinders University’s Discipline of Nutrition and Dietetics and the Maggie Beer Foundation to improve nutrition in Australia’s aged care facilities is officially underway, with staff and students heading to the Barossa Valley last week to begin the crusade. The Flinders team, led by Associate Professor Michelle Miller, met with the high-profile cook and author at her farm last Wednesday, September 17, to brainstorm ways to promote, acknowledge and facilitate excellence in food and nutrition in residential aged care facilities across Australia.

“The Foundation’s campaign to serve beautiful, fresh and nourishing food in aged care facilities across

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Australia is commendable; Flinders is very excited to be part of this wonderful initiative,” Associate Professor Miller, Head of Nutrition and Dietetics, said.

The recent Barossa visit has resulted in several ideas and actions, some of which Flinders Nutrition and Dietetics staff and students will be involved in, Associate Professor Miller said, “We are looking forward to our first student dietitian commencing a placement with the Maggie Beer Foundation as early as next month. Our students will also be invited to spend an evening with Maggie in December to hear about her vision for food and nutrition in residential aged care and how they – as future leaders in nutrition – can make a meaningful contribution.”

Associate Professor Miller said the goals and aims of the Maggie Beer Foundation support recent research by the Nutrition and Dietetics team. “Our research has demonstrated that a less restrictive diet in older adults does not necessarily translate into the same increased risk of chronic disease that we observe in younger adults. In contrast, it appears that it may decrease the risk of frailty.”

For more information on the Maggie Beer Foundation click here.

Article sourced from Marketing and Communications Office

ANZORS MEETING HOSTED BY FLINDERS

The 20th annual Australian New Zealand Orthopaedics Research Society (ANZORS) meeting was held at Flinders in the City on 21-23 September 2014, hosted by Flinders University. ANZORS represents a stream of basic and applied scientists ranging from molecular biology to biomechanics and bioengineering, orthopaedic surgeons, rheumatologists and industry scientists who have passion, dynamics and motivation to pursue orthopaedic research.

The 3-day program featured oral presentations in biomedical imaging and biomechanics by Medical Device Research Institute (MDRI) members Professor Mark Taylor, Dr Egon Perilli and Dr Saulo Martelli, whilst Dr John Costi and Dr Egon Perilli were session chairmen. MDRI PhD students Melissa Ryan, Rosidah Ab-Lazid, Bryant Roberts, Dhara Amin and Isaac Lawless presented their research.

Event host, Dr Egon Perilli said that this year’s event was the biggest so far for the society, with a record number of abstracts received and delegates registered. “We received more than 80 abstracts from Australia and NZ which is fantastic for this growing conference,” Dr Perilli said.

Earlier this year Flinders University’s MDRI hosted an International Orthopaedics Workshop, bringing together leading experts from Austria, the UK, Italy, the Netherlands and Australia.

Article provided by Kelly Knight, Medical Device Research Institute

NEW OPPORTUNITIES

NEW DATASET RELEASES FROM THE ABS

The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) / Universities Australia agreement allows researchers from Flinders to apply for access to various confidentialised datasets. Over the last six months a number of new datasets has been released by the ABS. A sample of these have been listed below:

- Census of Motor Vehicles, 2014
- Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Survey, 2012-13
- Australian Health Survey, Nutrition and Physical Activity, 2011-12
- Personal Safety, 2012
- Preschool Education, 2011-12
- Australian Health Survey, 2011-12
- Crime Victimisation 2012-13

OFFICE OF LEARNING AND TEACHING GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

The University strongly encourages its staff to consider these opportunities. OLT Grants and Fellowships awarded under these schemes are recognised as Category 1 Research Grants under the national rules for the recognition of research funding.

2015 OLT Innovation and Development Grants - Call for Applications: Round 1, 2015

These grants aim to “support research, development and innovation related to the enhancement of learning and teaching in higher education. The applications can address a wide range of priority areas, including academic standards, the contemporary PhD, and improving access and outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in higher education”. Key dates, guidelines and information on how to apply are available here.

2015 OLT Seed Grants - Open for Application in Round 2, 2015

Seed Grants “support pilot projects which test and evaluate an original idea, or stand-alone, small-scale project, or projects which build the capacity of early career academics”. Applications for Seed
Grants will only be accepted in Round 2, 2015 (June 2015). More information is available here.

2015 OLT National Teaching Fellowships - Call for Nominations

The aim of the fellowships programme is to “advance learning and teaching in higher education by supporting a group of leading educators to undertake strategic, high-profile activities in areas of importance to the sector. Through their fellowship activities, Fellows have a positive and lasting influence and impact on higher education practice in Australia.” Information on the types of fellowships and how to nominate is available here.

More Information/Contact Details

The Project Officer: Teaching Awards and Grants is available to provide Faculty-specific sessions to assist staff (particularly early career staff) to develop a grant and/or award trajectory from local (Faculty) to institutional and on to OLT funding. For information, guidance on application, or to request a tailored information session, please contact: Anna Smith, Project Officer: Teaching Awards and Grants 8201 5552 / anna.smith@flinders.edu.au.

SEMINARS, CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

DISCOUNTED WORKSHOPS ON OFFER

Approximately 100 recoded, high quality lectures are available free of charge for staff and students that address the various aspects of undertaking research. This has been made available by the extension by the Library of the initial trial of the university-wide access to quantitative and qualitative online research methodology training provided through the International Video Library Program (IVLP). The IVLP is conducted by the Center for the Advancement of Research Methods and Analysis (CARMA).

In order to register, enter your full flinders email address and follow the steps listed in http://carma.wayne.edu/AccessingVideoLibrary.asp

Participation in IVLP also allows our researchers to obtain 50% discount for CARMA’s short courses. Two 3 day-long workshops Longitudinal Data Analysis & Content Analysis are scheduled to be conducted in Adelaide in the middle of November. For more detailed information about both courses - http://carma.wayne.edu/ShortCourses2014AdelaideFall.asp

Any additional questions about the Video Library Program or courses can be directed to pawel.skuza@flinders.edu.au.

CUSAPS LECTURE

The Centre for United States and Asia Policy Studies (CUSAPS) will be hosting a lecture by Ms Lies Marcoes-Natsir on A Journey Against Defeat: Narratives of Women’s Rejection of Poverty.

Ms Marcoes-Natsir is a leading gender expert and researcher with the Indonesian civil society organisation Rumah Kita Bersama. She will present on her research of women’s experiences of fighting poverty and gender discrimination across the Indonesian archipelago, with photos by award winning Indonesian photographer Armin Hari.

Where: Science Innovation Learning Centre (SILC) Room 5
When: Wednesday, 15 October
Time: 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM
RSVP: ali.lehman@flinders.edu.au

Refreshments will be provided.

Share your research successes and/or information regarding upcoming research related events in your area. Contact Nikki Johnson for article submissions or further information.

RESEARCH INTEGRITY AND THE AUSTRALIAN CODE FOR THE RESPONSIBLE CONDUCT OF RESEARCH

Dr Peter Wigley, Manager, Research Ethics and Integrity - Research Service Office, has been presenting to individual Schools on Research Integrity and the Australian Code for the Responsible Conduct of Research, but this seminar is designed for central university staff and any other interested staff and students.

Research integrity involves the responsible conduct of research, and the handling of research misconduct. In this country, the prevailing guideline for research integrity is the Australian Code for the Responsible Conduct of Research (‘the Code’), published in 2007 by the ARC, NHMRC and Universities Australia (the national Vice-Chancellor’s organisation).

In addition to the general requirement for all researchers to conduct and report their research responsibly, it is a condition of funding from the ARC and NHMRC that institutions comply with the Code. Therefore, the University must ensure that all researchers (staff and students), and relevant research support staff, understand their responsibilities under the Code.

This seminar will provide an overview of the Code and the relevant policies, procedures and support within Flinders University.

For enquiries please phone Dr Peter Wigley, extension 15466

Where: Health Sciences Lecture Theatre 1.09
When: Wednesday, 22 October
Time: 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM